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& present who have served this
country.



Ken Warren delivering The Last Post



Shana Evers & Mark Smundin.
The lowering of the flags

Club News

A warm welcome to the Club.



Antoinette Daubney



Soula Robinson

mother's day LUNCH

SUNDAY 12TH MAY

3 Course Meal - 3 x 3 menu
 includes a glass of sparkling on arrival
 Cost \$65 per person

Choose one item from each:
 One selection from a choice of 3 entrees.
 One selection from a choice of 3 mains.
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From the Commodore's Deck

Dear Members,

As we draw to the end of the Club year, it brings around the closure of my tenure, second time around as Commodore.

It has been an absolute privilege to serve alongside another hard working, passionate and dedicated Committee. Our strategy and focus from the onset, was to steady the ship in the pursuit of ensuring financial stability, whilst working on continual improvement on member service, boating events and the provision of best-in-class day to day hospitality. I would like to thank the Committee for all their hard work and support. There is an enormous amount of work that goes on behind closed doors and sometimes it can be a time consuming, challenging and thankless job, so for that, I say a huge thank you!

As you know there were some hard decisions made throughout this process, however I am pleased to advise that we have managed to see this to fruition, whilst still having the funds to spend over \$220K

on maintenance to sure up the existing marina. We are continuing to pursue the renewal of the Club Lease, which I know appears to be dragging on, however we are making significant steps in the right direction with a solid plan moving forward for the new Committee to pilot.

With the commitment of the Committee and Members in our Sub-Committees, we delivered some extraordinary events over the past year. In particular, being part of the Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour, which was an absolute highlight and attracted a record member attendance at any Club event. Not only did it spotlight the Club, we are now a part of history, whilst also managing to make a substantial donation to our local charities, Western Health and the Naval Cadets.

I would also like to thank the administration and hospitality staff for their continual dedication and constant commitment, which sometimes moves them in and out of different roles, so their

adaptability and professionalism doesn't go unnoticed. They are a real asset to our team.

Finally, on behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank each and every Member of the Club for stepping up and helping when needed, your patronage and enthusiasm at Club events and your friendship, which makes the job so much easier.

On a personal note, I'd like to give a special mention to my family who not only committed themselves to this journey for a second time, but Susan especially, who spent many hours contributing to member services and the success of the Club, whilst supporting me to no end. I wish the incoming Committee every success and I am very confident that they will bring new and exciting initiatives and I look forward to the Club moving onwards and upwards. It's been a pleasure.

Have fun and safe boating,
Simon Mills

Seafood Night meets Easter break-up

Friday 22nd March saw the re-invigorated Seafood Night at the RVMYC. John and his hospitality sub-committee co-ordinated with Gem Pier Seafood Williamstown to ensure only the best and freshest seafood was on the menu. Petar and his team did an amazing job preparing to serve over 60 platters on this night.

There were plenty of smiles all round as members tucked into their platters. There were two crayfish up for raffle, one of which was won by Darren Keast, and the other by Steve McKenzie. And if that wasn't enough, there were some Easter delights raffled too. Great food, great company, great night!





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RVMYCHAT!

with David Catterall

David has been a Clubhouse member since 2017, and takes an interest in the social activities at the Club, as does his wife Janine. David is also a member of the Hospitality Sub-Committee.

He says you don't have to be a "boaty" to enjoy being involved with the RVMYC and would like to see more Clubhouse Members around the Club. Because of illness, David has become rather sedentary and the club has filled a big void in his life. It's all about frequently attending the club and participating in the social activities. His introduction to boats was when he returned from Vietnam and his army unit had a Corsair yacht which they used for recreation purposes and sailed on the Brisbane River against the Navy and Airforce (and others). While he was a Major, he sailed with junior ranks who enjoyed telling the boss what to do. He says he wasn't very good!



What is your connection to



RVMYC and Williamstown?

I was in a similar Army unit as Barry Chambers and met up in Williamstown and sometimes we would go for a beer at Stags Head Hotel. Barry said "Why don't you join up at RVMYC, you don't need to have a boat". And here we are!!

Favourite holiday

Last holiday was a European Cruise.

What might we not be aware of about you?

Swimming or Football??!!

I reached the swimming state finals a few times in my teens but at 16 yrs old I chose football and played in Fitzroy under 19s and reserves. I loved footy and wanted to

make it a career but I wasn't good enough, so at 19 my dad reluctantly signed to allow me to go to Portsea Army Officers School. I loved the Army life but it was difficult particularly being moved to different places with a young family. I stayed in the Army till 1984 and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.



Favourite restaurant?

Probably Porters in Williamstown. Delicious food, great location.



Tell me something about you that might surprise

In 2008, I was giving a talk to a group of Vietnam Vets about the Battle of Coral, Balmoral in 1968 at Vietnam. For the first time since WW2, Australian tanks were being used to support infantry and intense fighting went on for a few weeks. I was in charge of ensuring the tanks were supported and supplied logistically. One of the tanks needed a spare part for its gun, so I commandeered a helicopter, flew to the front line,

identified the part, helicoptered back to base then returned with the part. The attack took place that night.


After the talk, this fellow came up to me and said if it wasn't for the tank support in the battle he definitely would not be here. This is something I rarely talk about but the three weeks we were involved is remembered in precise detail even down to each hour. Years later, I was confirmed as having PTSD, but was able to go on and work in logistics in several large companies

including Toyota, ICI and Ajax Fasteners - which I enjoyed. 50 years, almost to the day, after the Battle of Coral Balmoral each member of our unit was awarded a Citation for Gallantry. It took a while didn't it?!

What motivates you?


Because I have had several health problems in recent years, I am concentrating on being more healthy and mobile and recently started a course in exercise physiology.




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Wine & Cheese Afternoon

Member engagement is what we aim for at the Club, and what better way to engage our members than an afternoon of wine and cheese. We were lucky to have Andrew Nankervis from Unique Wines running

through the various wine offerings and Calendar cheeses accompanying the wine. This was an afternoon that left taste buds tingling, and judging by the wine orders that followed that will continue for some time!





TASTING NOTES

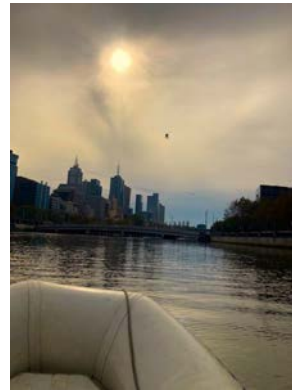
Brand	Variety / Vintage / Region	Case size
Eldredge	Spring Gully Riesling 2023 (Clare Valley, SA) The fruit has come from the famous Clare Valley, Eldredge vineyards in Spring Gully. The colour is pale straw with light green hues, the bouquet is elegant with floral notes, along with citrus and a hint of lime and mineral. On the palate there is an exciting persistence and depth of varietal fruit flavours enhanced by the crisp, dry finish. This is a style that can be enjoyed young and fresh however with cellaring it becomes an indelible treasure! This wine compliments all styles of cuisine.	12
Rosilly	Chardonnay 2022 (Margaret River, WA) Certified organic. Brilliant pale straw colour with highlights of green around the edges and a watery hue. Aromas of nectarine and dried honey intermix with biscuity oak, almond and gun flint notes. Nicely fleshed the mid weighted palate features white peach, nectarine and dried honey flavours over roasted almond and citrusy nougat characters. Finishes dry with a subtle cream-tinged mid length aftertaste. Drink over the next 3-4 years.	12
Morin Pere & Fils	Pinot Gris 2021 (Languedoc, FRA) Bright pale straw colour with a watery hue. Pear and Jonathan apple aromas intermix with hints of honeysuckle and musk. Nicely rounded mouthfeel with pear and green apple fruits overlaying lime and wet stone characters. Finishes dry with a lick of brisk acidity enlivening the aftertaste. Drink now.	12
Buller Wines	The Nook Pinot Noir 2022 (King Valley, VIC) Dark red core with black shaded edges and dark red hue. Dark cherry and ripe strawberry aromas mix with vanillin cedar, subtle earth, and spice. Rich fleshy dark cherry and strawberry fruits decorate the medium bodied palate with notions of vanillin cedar, earth and spice lying underneath. Velvet smooth like tannin structure with a ripe juicy finish. Drink over the next 2-3 years.	6
Lake Cooper Estate	Heathcote Shiraz 2020 (Heathcote, VIC) Matured for 12 months in French oak puncheons. Impenetrable inky black heart with a bright dark red, black tinged hue. Elevated red to dark plum, liquorice and ripe blueberry scents meld into some lightly toasted vanillin cedar and pepper notes. Medium to full in body spicy dark plum and liquorice fruits show good flesh with notions of vanillin cedar, clove and pepper lying underneath. Polished tannins with a bright well fruited mid length finish. Drink over the next 5-6 years.	6
Eldredge	Louie Cabernet Sauvignon 2020 (Clare Valley, SA) First released in 1991, the 'Louie' Cabernet has been a consistent performer around the globe. The wine is dark brick red in colour with magenta hues. A bouquet of dark berry fruits with a hint of smokiness and spice is evident on the nose, whilst complex aromatics of wild sage, tobacco, cassis, blueberry, and sweet cedar excite the palate, along with aniseed and cinnamon from the well-seasoned oak. It is full and round in the mouth, with no hard edges. Vanilla weaves through the flavour profile and it has a good character. The wine will cellar well for 8-10 years.	6



Keeping Up with the RVMYCians

March and April was a hive of activity at the RVMYC with so many club events keeping our members busy.

The Club hosted the Heritage Open Day, Williamstown Cup boating event, sponsored by Greg & Alison Miles, and this was followed with the Taylor Time Trial. The Taylor Time Trial's namesake Justin & Helen Taylor graced us with their presence, bringing with them a crew from the South of Perth Yacht Club. There was entertainment at the club with the Kurt and Rose duo being accompanied by our very own Rear Commodore Ben. The jury is still out on whether Ben should join and make this a Trio. Other events run included the Herring Island Cruise, and the Anzac Day Commemoration.



Williamstown Cup

Sponsored by Greg & Alison Miles and Darren & Tracey Keast



Sam Cutajar and the Patton boys
3rd Place



Chris & Kylie Ackerman
1st Place



Ken Warren & Ben Koutoukidis
2nd place

ANZAC DAY 2024



Commodore Simon Mills



Ken Warren plays the Last Post



Commodore Simon Mills,
Rear Commodore Ben Koutoukidis &
Marco Sampaio preparing to lay the
wreath



"To the courageous souls of the RVMYC who answered the call of duty and sailed into the tempests of war, including those of the honour roll and all members who have served, we salute you.

Your selfless sacrifice and unwavering dedication inspire us to uphold the principles of honour, courage, and camaraderie that define our club."
Words by Ken Warren



Diary update & classifieds

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Fishing Licences

Fishing licences are available from the Club office: 3 year licence \$108.10

1 year licence \$39.90;

28 day licence \$22.70

3 day licence \$10

Members can use their accounts to pay.

NOTE: Seniors cardholders do not require a fishing licence

MEMBERS BAR TRADING HOURS



Wednesday - Bar open 5.00pm
Bistro open 6.00pm
MEMBERS NIGHT

Friday - Bistro open 5.30pm dinner
Jag the Joker/STEAK NIGHT - \$27.50

Saturday - Bar open 12.00pm
Bistro open 12.00pm to 2.30pm
Bistro open 5.30pm dinner
PARMA & POT - ONLY \$20

Sunday - Bar open 12.00pm
Bistro open 12.00pm to 2.30pm.
ROAST OF THE DAY - \$30

Calendar of Events

May

Sunday 5th - Whalley Cup

Sunday 5th - Show 'n' Shine

Saturday 18th - RVMYC Cup Final Leg

June

Saturday 1st - Gala Night

Wednesday 5th - QGM/AGM

Saturday 22nd - Gin High Tea

BE SURE TO CHECK THE WEDNESDAY WRAP,
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FOR UPDATES

RVMYC OFFICE HOURS

Mon & Tues 8-3

Wed, Thurs 8-5

Friday 9-5

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2024 MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Bar & Bistro Open from 5pm	2	Jag the Joker	Bar & Bistro Open Lunch & Dinner.
Whalley Cup	6	7		9		
12	13	14		16	Bingo every 2nd week from 3rd May	RVMYC Cup
19	20	21		23		25
26	27	28	29	30		

2024 JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Bar & Bistro open for dinner	Gala Night
Sunday Roast of the Day	3	4	QGM/AGM	6		8
	10	11	Bar & Bistro Open from 5pm	13		15
	17	18		20		Gin High Tea
23	24	25		27		29
30						

DUTY OFFICER

May

Saturday 4th - Ron Mulholland

Sunday 5th - Richard McKay

11th-12th - Sam Cutajar

18th-19th - Danny Brigham

Saturday 25th - Ken Watkin

Sunday 26th - Alan Latta

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