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From the Commodore:



Christmas and the New Year saw the usual influx of members and their boats and a resultant hum of activity as our members began to enjoy the holiday atmosphere at QCYC. Thanks to the extra space provided by the new wharf all boats were accommodated comfortably within striking range of new club buildings. I suspect those up at the end of the North Wharf wish to keep secret the peace and privacy which that end of the wharf offers, but beware the word is out!!!

Thanks to the wonderful rains all the new plants around the club have thrived without the need for watering and hopefully by the end of this winter even the new lawn will be firmly established.

Those of you who have tried it, I expect will agree that sitting on the western veranda for coffee or simply cogitation is now far more peaceful without the dust and fuss of vehicles passing between the club and the wharf.



It was with great gusto that we announced that this year our New Year's celebrations would be a "New Year's Eve Pizza Party". Unfortunately Friday 31st December 2010 was the only total fire ban day for the summer and CFA regulations prevented the lighting of the Pizza oven. My congratulations to the Social committee for not only arranging a New Year's Eve sausage sizzle at

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the last minute but also for rescheduling the Pizza Party for the following night.



For those of us who were able to stand back and enjoy the relaxed social occasions which result from self catering like this, it is important to note that there were a number of members and their associates who willingly gave up much of their precious holiday time to provide the pizzas, the sausages, the salads AND the pavlovas for the rest of us to enjoy.



Squeezed in between the two evening functions on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day was the now legendary "Prawns and Oysters Luncheon".



This year's attendance at the P&O luncheon was a record. In excess of 120 members and guests consumed almost 50 kilos of prawns, 1200 oysters and a very large bath of the sauce whose "secret recipe" continues to complement the fabulous standard of the fresh seafood.

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Despite these temptations to over indulge in eating, a number of boats and crews managed to emerge on Sunday morning January 2nd to participate in the Ross Farrow Memorial Cruise to Blairgowrie where we were able to enjoy the hospitality of the Blairgowrie Yacht Club overnight before going our separate ways. Many wisely returned to QCYC to continue the holiday break through January.

As a consequence of visits from several other clubs around the bay over the New Year Racing/Cruising period we have received application for new memberships at QCYC from members of several of those clubs and were able to welcome these new members at an Orientation Day in March.

Not all visitors to the club arrived quite in the state they expected with Bacardi returning from the Sydney Hobart race for some R&R at QCYC after three plus days of motoring from Gabo Island somewhat worse for wear .



This year's Clean Up Australia Day working bee on Sunday March 6th was wonderfully successful with about 60 members and visitors contributing to a massive clean and polish of the club house and its surroundings.



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The clean up extended to rabbit island and to the bushland to the North and the East of the club and there was an extensive campaign to remove all non-indigenous weeds from the QCYC site to maintain its integrity as an example of the native environment.

I noted that not only QCYC members but also a number of crew from boats visiting the club in mid cruise were to be seen busily weeding and painting along with the rest. I was amazed at how much painting, sorting, cleaning and clearing that 60 folk could achieve in one morning. My thanks to all of you for contributing to the club in this way.

My thanks also to all those behind the scenes who provided the catering and preparation for all these events. New Years Eve, New Years Luncheon, New Years night, Orientation day luncheon and working bee morning teas and lunch represent many hours of labour by our selfless volunteers. All I can say is the results of their efforts were fabulous. Detailed report www.qcyc.org.au.

Cruising Report:

For a report from Cruising Director Mal Billings on the Cruise from Queenscliff to Lakes Entrance Sunday January 23rd to Wednesday February 9th please visit the website www.qcyc.org.au. All participants owe Mal a vote of thanks for the many hours of careful planning which went into the safe conduct of this event.

Causeway and Road Access to the Club

As will be documented in the annual report the club has recently spent a great deal of time and money in upgrading the road access to the club. The construction of the new road came in under budget , at a very reasonable cost and produced a road which is all-weather and strong.

Additional work was undertaken to similarly stabilize the surface of the causeway leading in from the boundary of our property at significant extra cost.

All these roads however are built to only withstand vehicles travelling at limited speeds. The club cannot afford to keep repairing the damage already re-occurring to our access roads which I am advised is a direct consequence of exceeding the speed limit of 10 Km/h set for our access roads. Whereas the roads near the clubhouse are coping well presumably because it is difficult to speed close to the club, you will all notice the rapid development of potholes in the causeway where there is the temptation to exceed the 10Km/h limit.

So be reminded the speed limit of 10Km/h is to be adhered to by all users at all times – remember it is your membership fees that get used up unnecessarily if you don't.

The Club Website

The Club Website is now being regularly updated and is now being used as the main notice board for reminders of coming events.

Please check the home page of the QCYC Website regularly.

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A summary of Coming Events is included below. Please check the Coming Events Calendar and make sure that you send in the relevant booking/application details as soon as possible for all events over the Mid Year period.

I hope that this sailing season continues to bring us favorable weather and fair winds and we see more members visiting and enjoying our great club.

Ken Gayler
Commodore

Coming Events Calendar

Friday April 22 – Tuesday April 26th Easter @ QCYC

**Sunday April 24th, 2011 – Peter Timms Memorial Trophy
incorporating Coles Channel Picnic**

Two events – one for Sail – the other for Power Craft.

XMAS IN JULY

Bookings Required

Date: Sunday July 10th

Place: QCYC clubhouse

Time: 1200hrs

New Caterer !!! New Menu !!!

Bookings form at end of Newsletter

For further details on any of the above on land events contact Events Coordinator: Bill Stubbs, for sailing matters please contact Cruising/Racing Coordinator Mal Billings.

Gate Closing Times –From May 1st 2011

Gate Operating times for the Swan Island Security Gate: **Sunday-Friday:0700 -1800 hours**
Saturday and Public Holidays: 0700-1900 hours

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QCYC CHRISTMAS IN JULY BOOKING FORM

Sunday 10th July 2011

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| All bookings to: Bill Stubbs 1 Foam Street Hampton VIC 3188 | Phone:0417 507 563 Email: wstubbs@bigpond.net.au |
| Member's Name: _____ | |
| Phone: BH: _____ AH: _____ Mobile: _____ | |
| Email: _____ | |
| Christmas in July Dinner: No. Of Guests ____ X \$30.00 \$ _____ Children (under 10) ____ X \$15.00 \$ _____ Total \$ _____ | |
| Please enclose Cheque | |
| Note: Please return to the above address by Friday 1st July 2011 All Cheques payable to QCYC Strictly Limited to 100 people – Book Early See you there!!!!!!!!!!!!!! | |

Club Address

Please note that the Club's address for general correspondence is:

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