

# Q.C.Y.C. Newsletter 80

## From the Commodore:

Well here is our club's newsletter just prior to our Opening Day on Sunday November 20 with all the news that we can savor which bought us here through winter.

Welcome to our latest newsletter as the new Commodore to QCYC and with a big thanks to all members of the committee, flag officers and members generally for their efforts in the past year and with their confidence in the new committee for 2011-12.

I wish to thank our members retiring from the committee in John Gleeson and Ken Gayler, for all their work in the past, and give a big welcome to Sheryl Gray and Noel Essex on the new committee whilst congratulating my fellow flag officers in Roger Bennett as Vice Commodore and Naomi Wilbraham as Rear Commodore. Special thanks to the other members of the committee continuing into 2011/12 for their advice and support.

(As can be seen following the AGM, the flag officers looking forward to a big year with QCYC, VC Roger Bennett, myself and our Rear Commodore in Naomi Wilbraham.)



## Xmas in July!!

Xmas in July was something that all who attended were impressed with, thanks to a new caterer and lots of laughs, prizes and hilarity, mostly at the hands of Bill Stubbs and his lovely wife Gill. Over 100 people attended and stayed well into the afternoon enjoying the beautiful internal atmosphere given that the worst rain and wind seen for many a day at QCYC prevailed outside. No wonder we needed all the plum pudding etc that we could get our hands on!!



The bar was the place to be earlier in the day!!



Bill Stubbs doing his salesmanship to the throng!



Commodore Ken Gayler presented a burgee from Royal Singapore Yacht Club to QCYC after his visit earlier in the year.

## Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held at Royal Yacht Club in Williamstown on Tuesday evening October 4 in the convivial surroundings of their dining and lounge with a big turnout again to celebrate a big year in cruising and sailing generally.

Immediate past Commodore Ken Gayler conducted the meeting and reminisced over 2010 – 2011 whilst conveying thanks to his committee and all members for participation and part in celebrating a year of change and improvement, particularly over the Strategy and Business Plan securing the Club's future.

The improvements to the general club house and environment have been substantial with road works, plantings and maintenance amongst the high points of the work apart from the lovely cruising that our cruising group have achieved and growing rapidly.

Finally with dredging of the basin alongside the club, the clarification of fairway and berthing by Parks and the Pile Mooring installation to the west of the club wharf have made our club one of the most available and picturesque places around the bay. Larger yachts can now berth without any fear or worry as we now have a depth of 2.3 metres at low tide throughout the basin.

## Honorary Life Members appointed

Lastly the Commodore and committee installed three (3) new Honorary Life Members to our club in Graeme Chapman, Rex Prosser and John Gleeson for their long and dedicated work,

support and enthusiasm to the club over many years. All three were completely surprised by the generosity and award from the club members and enthralled with their recognition. Please congratulate them when next you see them!



Past Commodore Graeme Chapman and past committee/treasurer Rex Prosser being congratulated by Immediate past Commodore Ken Gayler after the AGM. John Gleeson will appear in next edition...apologies to John!

## Working Bee

Our working bee on Sunday October 23 was highly successful and in excess of 50 members and families turned up to provide over 200 hours of work in painting the wharf fenders, clubhouse, cleaning, patching plaster, electrical connections and accessories combined with gardening and planting some

150 new plants, clearing the bush of hazards and rubbish, painting all outdoor furniture and ensuring much of the hard work was completed before opening day on November 20.



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## Club Visits

Club visits continue to grow in popularity and the use of facilities has been fondly mentioned in dispatches by many members and by officials and flag officers of our sister clubs.

Amongst those visiting are Geelong Trailable YC, Blairgowrie YC, Royal Brighton YC, Royal Yacht Club of Vic, Royal Geelong YC, Sandringham YC and Lagoon YC.

Additionally we are expecting a big weekend visitation by members and clubs to our facility as part of the Queenscliff Music Festival Weekend....(25 thru 27 Nov)

## Cup Day Cruise...

Our club Cruise Director Mal Billings, has been very busy putting together a great weekend of cruising over the Cup Weekend with some 65 people and over 25 boats involved.

Everyone set off from around the Bay to arrive at Royal Geelong on the Saturday in somewhat turbulent weather conditions. After some relaxation, all enjoyed a beautiful dinner and extravaganza of fun and frivolities around our committee man Bill Stubbs, accompanied in support by his lovely wife Gill.....raffles and prizes together with a "no win" trivia quiz made for a great night.



Our thanks to RGYC for their hospitality, and especially to Paul and his team on the berthing arrangements.



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Sadly, Sunday turned on worse weather and RGYC took pity on us with providing berthage until Monday when the fleet split to either head home or as some did, arriving at QCYC to spend a night of enjoyment. Thankfully, Cup Day was relaxing in the serenity of Queenscliff before the cruisers headed home and despite the weather, all those participating commented positively on the involvement of all and fun in getting together.

Well done Mal and company!

## Orientation Days

We recently held another Sunday morning when we had 20 new members and partners attend our relaxed orientation days.

We outlined the club mission and objectives with a quick run through the many facilities and policies of our club essentially to ensure that all members understand the nature of the club culture and the voluntary methodology that we follow.

Amongst the other issues we cover are security, emergencies, housekeeping, fire prevention, after hours needs, wharf management, family activities, car parking, maintenance, supplies, kitchen and recreational facilities, etc

A fire cart demonstration is included, with a walk around the grounds for familiarity.

## New Members

Welcome to the following recent new members:

Mr. I. J. Baxter	Mr. P. Roberts and Ms. L. Telfer	Mr. D. W. Smart
Mr. P. J. Climas	Mr. R. Lloyd	Mr. P. N. & Mrs. J. Crofts
Ms. S. Darling	Mr. C. H. Walton	Mr. A. E. Farman
Ms. K. H. De Garis	Mr. P. G. & Mrs. J. Watson	Mr. A. Hall
Mr. S. R. Davis & Ms. G. J. Fowler	Mr. G. Pettigrove	Mr. J. W. G. Tiller
Mr. P. G. & Mrs. S. Gray	Mr. J. A. Dusting & Mrs. S. Taylor	
Mr. R. Moore	Mr. R. & Mrs. M. Murphy	

## Access and security times

With daylight saving now in force .....

Gate Operating times for the Swan Island Security Gate:

**Sunday-Friday:** 0700 - 2000 hours

**Saturday and Public Holidays:** 0700 - 2100 hours

## Road durability and care

Our roads are built to only withstand vehicles travelling at limited speeds.

The club cannot afford to keep repairing the damage already re-occurring to our causeway access road which a consequence of exceeding the speed limit of 10 km/h set for our benefit.

The roads near the clubhouse are coping well because people observe slower speed close to the club.

We are continually fixing potholes in the causeway where there is the temptation to exceed the 10 km/h limit.

Please observe the speed limit of 10km/h – remember it is your membership fees that get used up unnecessarily on such maintenance.

## Car Parking around QCYC

Some will have noticed that a new and expanded car park behind the work shed opposite the Dinghy Ramp been completed. This is due to the hard work of John Gleeson and his friendly "Bob Cat" working tirelessly to upgrade amenities for members.

Use of this car park is primarily for dinghy users and mooring holders as club members.

If you are visiting the club in the normal course of events please continue to use the major southern car park which will now spread the load and allow longer term visitors to keep their cars away from busy traffic spots!! AND whilst on the subject....please do not leave dinghies on the Dinghy Ramp....there are cleats along the wharf to assist you in tying up and leaving them for a while if you are coming back. Thank you,



## Expanded and improved shed space.

Over winter a number of volunteers headed by Brendan Lee have given the shed more space with an enclosed open annex housing all our outdoor equipment and outboard motors/ fuel tanks. This has given us much needed space and work area but allowed improved OH&S with regard to fuel, motor and liquid storage. Thanks to the lads for their assistance and expertise!

## Orphaned Dinghies!

Unfortunately we have a number of dinghies for which we have no owner...this presents a problem to us with storage and management of the racks etc. If you have a dinghy at the club and don't want it or have not taken care of it recently...we want you to contact the Secretary urgently!!! Space is an issue and others may want to take ownership if you are willing to pass the asset onto another boat owner. **Please!!**

## The Club Website

Remember:

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

Please check the home page of the QCYC Website regularly.

## Sailing at QCYC

Well....it is so special sailing westward to QCYC.....

But sailing eastward is not what the doctor ordered...

...as can be seen!

**Please come again and stay longer!!**



## Up and Coming Events

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 Christmas New Year period. In particular, put the following in your diary or register:

Goorangai Memorial Race: Saturday 19 November  
Opening Day: Sunday 20 November  
December 31: paella night at the club  
January 1: prawns and oysters new year's day lunch  
January 2/3: Ross Farrow Memorial Cruise  
March 3-12: Apollo Bay and King Island Cruise

and **watch out for special events to celebrate the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary during 2012**

## Club Address

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

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Please also make sure that you notify the Hon. Secretary of any change in email or mailing address. Remember, if we have your email address it makes communication much easier.

Fair winds and smooth seas to you all,

*Brian*

**Brian Golland  
Commodore**