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Ebb & Flow – Autumn 2019



Our new club standing proud at the official opening.

Photo courtesy of Cranbourne Star News.

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Commodore's Report:

Well, we have our new club rooms, and I have to say that since opening in December, we have had many successful events. A tremendous amount of work has been done by some of the committee and members in order to make this happen, and I want to take the opportunity to thank you all. I am sure the founding members of the club back in 1952 would be amazed at our current facilities. We still have a few things to tidy up, such as the lift and 3 phase power, but the wheels are in motion and we should get a result in the not too distant future. The new clubs rooms have generated a lot of interest, and I'm happy to say we have seen a spike in our membership numbers. For those of you who have not yet been down to see us since opening, I invite you to come down and join in the fun. We have raffles and BBQ's on Fridays, Open Mic days on the first Sunday of every month, and just recently we have been having Movie Nights on a Saturday. We will continue to offer our on water events and cruises, and hope you will be available to join us. Clubs like ours are run by volunteers, and there is a lot to do on a weekly basis in order to keep the doors open, so if you have some spare time / RSA / or a skill you think we could use, please give me a call.

Cheers and hope to see you soon.

Cameron Brown

Rear Commodore's Report:

Our Sailing started with our Flagship event WAFIR (Warneet Around French Island Race) on October 6 2018. This iconic yacht race has attracted over 10,000 participants in 45 years it has been running and isn't showing any signs of slowing down. It was a testing race with very light conditions at 7am when the first of the 39 entrants crossed the line, we had a few early retirements however those that pulled through certainly thanked the wind gods when the Sea Breeze gave the fleet a great kite run back to home base. Although we didn't have a club house, we were able to use the Boat Shed and still put on a BBQ tea on Friday night before the 2000hrs briefing, 0500 breakfast and a sumptuous Spit Roast meal at the Trophy presentation with decadent country trifle!

We've enjoy various cruises around the bay and there's no signs of slowing down in the cooler months. Further in the newsletter, you'll see the calendar of upcoming events with a couple of cruises planned. I have also arranged a couple of working bees to get the Cadet Dinghies up and running for the 2019/ 2020 Sailing Season.

Nick Piper and myself have been flying the flag for WMYC at a couple of Trailable events. Including Geelong, Docklands, Port Albert, and world famous Marlay point overnight race (the Sydney to Hobart for Trailable!) keep up the good work Nick and see you at the next event!

Many thanks to all who assisted in the running of our recently held Discover Sailing Day we had an ideal day with 46 participants trying out sailing. (See pic below)

See you all on the water, if not before.

Cheers
Alex



WMYC Upcoming events

May – August:

May

Saturday 18 May Boat Shed Working Bee

Saturday 25 May Trivia Night

June

Saturday 1 June – Soup & Movie Night

Saturday & Sunday 15 – 16 June Cadets Working bee

Saturday 30 June Chicory Lane lunch

July

13 July Soup and Movie Night or Cruise – weather permitting

20 July WMYC AGM 2pm in the club rooms.

27 July Christmas in July

August

10 August Cadets working bee

17 August Soup & Movie Night

24 – 25 August Blake's Channel Overnight Cruise

ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT!

Know your Trivia? Get your mates together and make a night of it!

BYO Table snacks

Door Prizes

Winning Table prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd

Light Supper provided

Silent Auctions

Single tickets are available for \$10 each - and we will allocate you a table

Tickets \$80 per table (up to table of 8)

Bookings required Contact Abi on 0414 827 250

Further details will be sent out as each event get closer.

Keep an eye out for club emails and the notice board for up to date information.

Abi, our social secretary is always looking at ideas for social events. If you have an idea or would like to assist with the planning and set up of an event, please get in touch with her on 0414 827 250



Vessel's anchored off Sandy Pt.

On the Waterfront:



*Top left WAFIR entrants ready to depart.
Top right WMYC at the Warneet CFA Car Boot Sale
Upper left Abi, Alex & Will enjoying an afternoon sail to Cannons Creek
Upper right Chris Everett on Red Roughie at WAFIR
Middle Left Debbie & Guy on Tectonic enjoying a 15 knot cruise (anything less than 10 knots is slow!)
Middle Right Nick on Aurnia at WAFIR
Bottom Our recent lunch cruise to Hastings.*

History of Rebuild:

Warneet Motor Yacht Club – Public Hall rebuilding history. Eight years hard work by many people.

2010 Community Building Initiative identified residents of our Coastal Villages experience significant disadvantage due to geographic isolation and lack of access to services and facilities.

2011 The newly appointed WMYC Commodore and Vice Commodore (Darren Short and Sue Arnold) letter box dropped all residents in Warneet to ask for volunteers to have a say in the redevelopment of the Yacht Club and Town Hall. Ten people responded and formed a Steering Committee. They were; Thelma Wakelam; Emmy Van Nimwegen; Darren Short; Brian Shaw; Kevin Moore; Joseph Millward; Peter Lewis; Tony Lawman; Ken Drane.

Council informed Yacht Club that the building was about to be condemned and demolished due to concerns for public safety. Many members of the Yacht Club took part in working bees to make the building safe.

2012 Steering committee successfully secured Vic Govt funds to hire town planning group “St-Wise” to develop a Strategy for the Future through community consultation.

City of Casey assisted by commissioning an asbestos audit and a condition survey of the building.

The Steering Committee disbanded after endorsement of the Strategy for the Future and its recommendations by the Yacht Club and Warneet Association.

A new lease agreement was made transferring ownership of the building to WMYC and declaring the ground floor of the Yacht Club building to be a Community Hall.

2013 A delegation of residents led by Emmy Van Nimwegen, including Tom Lloyd, Liz Davis and Ken Drane, made presentation to Councillor Geoff Ablett on the importance of this facility to our community in terms of sport, social interaction, music and art.

Warneet Association fulfilled their pledge by providing funds for concept drawings.

After receiving the drawings, Geoff Ablett undertook to seek funds through council.

An allocation of funding was made in the 2013 – 2014 City of Casey budget and work started on the building. Further funds would be provided by City of Casey over the period 2013- 2016.

After spending \$40,000 City of Casey informed WMYC that the remaining funds had been transferred to “revenue” and no further spending would occur. Representation had been made to Council CEO arguing there was no benefit to the community, but only to an elite few members of the Yacht Club.

2015 A presentation to Council by WMYC led by Brian Shaw (Yacht Club Commodore) in conjunction with Yachting Victoria resulted in Mayor (Cr Ablett) announcing that City of Casey had allocated funds to be spent over the period 2016 -2018 to rebuild the WMYC and Community Hall.

2016 At the time of budget approval in June 2016, the allocations were deferred to 2017 – 2018, since consent for planning had not been obtained from DELWP.

June of 2016 – After progress being stalled, Clem Stroud and Ken Drane were appointed as a Sub-Committee by WMYC to progress the refurbishment to completion.

2017 February – WMYC funds removed from 2017 – 2018 draft budget.

Intervention by Councillor Ablett, resulted in funds reallocated to 2017 – 18 draft budget.

2018 January – Tenders called. April – Work started.

Acknowledgements;

Mark Watson- Architect over 7 years.

Steve De Wit- City of Casey- negotiation of design

Steve Robinson- City of Casey- project manager

Emmy Van Nimwegen- Colour and internal fittings consultant



'Farewell old friend'

In the Galley:

Ken Drane our Secretary shares his favourite BBQ'd Duck recipe

Fellow members, are you subject to barbeque bullying?

Do you have friends or neighbours who do more than sausages with onions on bread with tomato sauce?

Do you have a secret desire to be the Supreme BBQ warrior?

Here is the recipe for you.

DUCK BREAST WITH WALNUT & POMEGRANETE SAUCE.

200g Walnut meat

2 tablespoons olive oil

2 red onions - sliced

4 duck breasts

100g pomegranate molasses - Cranbourne market.

200ml chicken stock

4 tablespoons flat leaf parsley

2 pomegranates (also from Cranbourne market) worth of seeds. Cut them open and bang them against something to make the seeds fall out.

Slash the duck breast fat diagonally. BBQ. Tender not cinders.

Fry off onions and walnuts, add pomegranate molasses and stock. Simmer gently.

When sauce is reduced, (about a third or maybe half) add parsley to sauce.

Slice duck, pour sauce over. Sauce could be presented in a jug for extra wanker points.

Scatter with extra pomegranate seeds, walnuts and onions.

Gloat.



Sunrise crossing the starting line at WAFIR

Photo courtesy of Lorie Norton

Brass Monkey:

Patricia, our treasurer shares a bit of trivia she recently found.

We've all heard the saying 'cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey' but did you know it actually has a nautical history...

It was necessary to keep a good supply of cannon balls near the cannon on old war ships. But how to prevent them from rolling about the deck was the problem. The storage method devised was to stack them as a square based pyramid, with one ball on top, resting on four, resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem -- how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding/rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate with 16 round indentations, called, for reasons unknown, a Monkey. But if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it.. The solution to the rusting problem was to make them of brass - hence, Brass Monkeys. Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannon balls would come right off the monkey. Thus, it was quite literally, "cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey". And all this time, folks thought that was just a vulgar expression?



New Members:

The Committee would like to welcome the following new members to WMYC.

Neale Burgess, Andy Farmer, Daniel Latcham, Devek Padlie, Michael Hearn, Steve Conder, David Olthof, Keith Williams, Noel Langhans, Darren Zaina, Glenn Harvie, Graham Dodd, Anna Poore, Chris Lane & Phillipe Patacca



Above: Anna enjoying her 70th Birthday at the club recently



*Above: Phillipe's Norwalk Island Sharpie "Wireless"
- This will be the boat to beat at WAFIR!*

Book Review:

The Unlikely Voyage of Jack De Crow

Mirror Dinghies, (we all know them) they are highly recognisable with their pram bows and red sails. But would you consider ever crossing the English Channel in one or passing through in excess of 280 locks throughout Europe? Join A.J. Mackinnon, your charming and eccentric guide, on an amazing voyage in a boat called Jack de Crow. Equipped with his cheerful optimism and a pith helmet, this Australian Odysseus from Geelong in his Mirror dinghy as he travels from the borders of North Wales to the Black Sea - 4,900 kilometres over salt and fresh water, under sail, at the oars, or at the end of a tow-rope - through twelve countries, 282 locks and numerous trials and adventures, including an encounter with Balkan pirates. Along the way he experiences the kindness of strangers, gets very lost, and perfects the art of slow travel.

A must read for all!

Hall Hire:

The down stairs hall is actually the "Warneet Public Hall", and therefore available to the community to use for all manner of activities and events. WMYC, are the managers of the hall for maintenance and hiring out.

All profits from the hall hire are used to provide WMYC members with better facilities and equipment.

Please promote the availability of the hall to all and sundry.

Community groups are entitled to a discount. Weekday events welcome.

Hall Manager: Ian Gale 0407 855 244

A Thousand Tides:

Westernport Artist Vera Möller is currently showing her works at Bunjil Place Gallery, Narre Warren. The work is based on her observations of Flora and Fauna within Westernport. Vera works with plasticine and lots of imagination has been able to create a wonderful exhibition called A Thousand Tides. The exhibition is on until 9th of June and well worth a visit.



Above: The beginning stages of the rebuild

For Sale:

Mooring at Cannons Creek \$1500

Double ended drying mooring to suit vessel up to 35 ft / 5.5 tonne
Contact Brian 0408 724 577

If you'd like to advertise please contact Alex with a brief article and a photo

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We hope you have enjoyed reading the first edition of "Ebb and Flow" we'd love to hear all about your sailing stories, adventures around the bay and any other article of interest.

Next edition will be in winter, if you'd like to contribute please send Alex an email

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*Above:
Rutherford inlet at High Tide*