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MMYC Newsletter – Winter August 15 2022

Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club Inc. A0034091Y

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MMYC

Hi Folks. The Commodore, Flag Officers and Committee members wish you a hearty hello from the warm embraces of the open fire on the second floor.

We are slowly emerging from wintertime and for us that means a great deal of activity as the Annual General Meeting (September 6) takes place to herald in the 2023/2023 Committee and the boating season Opening Day (October 23) does the same in Opening the Boating Season for all our active boating members, Navigation Trial crews, fisherman or yachts folks and their crew. The Opening Day is our biggest event each year so we hope you will put this date aside and come along for this wonderful day of pomp and ceremony. Personally, I find the blessing of the fleet the most poignant part of the day with its very real reminder of the foibles of the sky, wind and sea. (a fine touch added to this day by former Commodore Des Fullarton some years ago).

There is much going on in the Latest News section of the web site. Some of this activity includes you so make sure you check it out and respond where needed.

—- Kingston Draft integrated water strategy

—- Personal Watercraft Usage on the Bay

—- Community Online Petition. Dredging of the Mordialloc Creek. This is of great importance. Our club should be able to add at least 250 names to this petition. If you haven't responded, then please do so. Our boating future and the longevity of the MMYC depends on this petition being heard and accepted.

—- Working Bee. Many thanks to Terry O'Leary of Rhino bins for the supply of bins for the working bees. Standby to receive notice of the forthcoming working bees.

—- The August General Meeting was a great night where our members and special guests from Mordialloc Sailing Club and the Mordialloc Boating and Anglers Club joined for a fascinating night learning of the existence of the Great Southern Reef and the mysteries of the annual congregation of thousands of Spider Crabs. At the same meeting we received some very important re training on the use of the Automatic External Defibrillator from Heidi Chalmers and her three assistants. This was greatly appreciated by all: starting with the location of the defib (AED): which is in the foyer of the club, to the function of the unit. Check it out Thanks to Commodore Jamie Dorrity and Elodie Camprasse for an excellent and educational evening.





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COMING SOCIAL EVENTS

1/ Aug. 26 - An evening at the Sutton Lounge.

2/ Sept 6—AGM

3/ Sept 30—Open Mic Night. Not to be missed. Besides we need your talents on the night.

4/ October 23—Boat season-Opening Day - event of the year.

Sailing events .

**Power Boating
events**

**Fishing Competi-
tions**

**Navigation Trials
and, of course,
Armchair Sailors**

The team at the Anchor News Letter thank the incumbent Committee for their relentless work over the past 12 months. Equally we wish the individuals making up the new 2023 Committee calm and peaceful conditions for the duration.

"The cabin of a small boat is truly a wonderful thing; not only will it shelter you from a tempest, but from the other troubles in life, it is a safe retreat.

" L. Francis Herreshoff



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Notice of Annual General Meeting

Dear Member,

In accordance with the Constitution of Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club Rule 22, notice is hereby given that the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held in the clubrooms on Lambert's Island at 8.00 pm. sharp on Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

Confirmation and adoption of Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting.

The presentation of the Annual Report.

The receipt and adoption of the Balance Sheet, Income & Expenditure Statement, and the Auditor's Report of the past Financial Year.

The election of Committee Members and Ex-Officio members.

Nominations are invited from all financial members to fill vacancies.

The vacancies are:

Commodore, Vice Commodore Rear Commodore Secretary Treasurer Assistant Secretary Three Committee Members (including Immediate Past Commodore)

The nomination form is to be signed by the proposer and the seconder, both of whom must be financial members that are eligible to cast a vote at general meetings. It is imperative that the acceptance be signed by the nominated member to validate the nomination. We hereby nominate:

..... For the position of:

..... Proposed by:

..... Seconded By:

..... I hereby accept this nomination Signature of

Nominee: Date: Completed nomination forms – must be in the



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hands of the Hon. Secretary by 5:00 pm. Friday September 2, 2022

MMYC Opening Day – Sunday October 23, 2022

The last time we all enjoyed an Opening Day on the island was October 2019.

Until then the Opening Day was the club's largest and most important event each year on the Island. Indeed, as many of you are new members, you may have little idea of what Opening Day is all about. **Below we offer the program for the past but it will give you an idea of what happens on this action packed day. It really should not be missed.**

In a nut shell; many boating clubs close down their boating activities during the winter. (MMYC continues year-round). Closing down during winter was followed by the Opening Day in Spring when the boating activities began again.

The Opening Day is an opportunity for members to catch up, races and regattas organised, clubs to communicate with clubs and health and safety issues revisited. Many clubs, at this point, have long held rituals to bless the fleet and all those who make passage on the ships and boats within the fleet. In some clubs the young members dive for important objects, others pray to a range of Gods that determine our weather and our safety at sea. We have, for a long time, welcomed Reverend Graeme Disney who blesses our fleet and sends us on our way safely to sea.

During the day we enjoy the company of visitors from sibling clubs, local traders, past Commodores and Flag Officers, local politicians, councillors, and emergency services.

All our fleet are asked to take part in the on water “**Sail Past**”. An experience not to be missed and will never be forgotten. Prizes are for best dressed boats and crews.

Back to the Island for Lunch, music by live bands, dancing and a joyful opportunity to just be part of the Island Community.

Example of OPENING DAY PROGRAMME

10:30am Arrival on Lambert Island (Finger Food available)

11:00am Welcome BY Vice Commodore 11:10am National Anthem—

11:15am: Commodores address—11:30am - State MP Mordialloc

11:35am Official Season Opening— Kingston Mayor

11:40am Blessing of the Fleet - Reverend Graeme Disney

11:50am Sail Past Instructions - Rear Commodore

12:00pm Sail Past - Fleet departs Island

1:30pm Lunch is served , Band begins to play and the best dressed boats and crews are

Awarded hard earned prizes.

The rest of the afternoon is dedicated to entertaining our guests, drawing a raffle or two Raffles, enjoying the music the dancing and just having a Jolly Good Time.





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Last time at the Sutton Lounge.

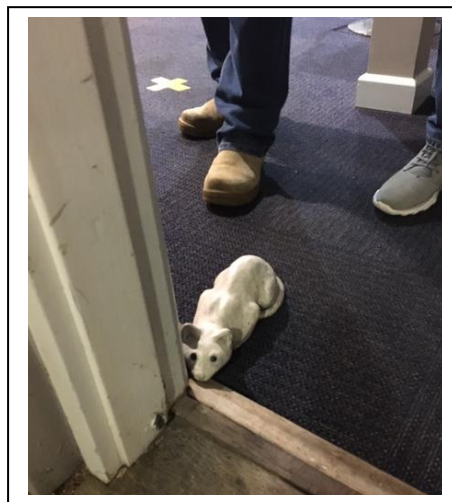
—Friday July 29 The Sutton lounge of 29 July was again a popular evening with two waves of attendees.

The first wave enjoyed the great company and some warming snacks. The monthly 'name the MMYC cat' again attracted some great submissions, with Wayne's being the first name drawn out, followed by Lorraine's, each receiving a monthly draw prize. All monthly entries will be included in the final draw at the AGM.

The second wave of attendees brought along their musical abilities with some guitars and ukuleles. It made it a fun night with Stuart, Noel and Graham on guitars, and Shirley and Helen playing ukulele, all showing some impressive talent. Mario led the rest of us in the singing (for want of a better word).

Next time at the Sutton Lounge – August 26 - 7.00pm

The Sutton lounge is a regular event on the last Friday of every month. So do come along and enjoy a relaxing evening with other members and friends. Seems like many members are migrating North for some warmth so there will plenty of room for everyone. If you haven't visited the Sutton Lounge yet, then now is the perfect time. Don't forget to 'name the cat' while you are there.





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Bunnings Bangers

Well done the entrepreneurial abilities of our Christine French and helpers at the Bunnings sausage sizzle recently.

The Club ran its first sausage sizzle at **Mentone Bunnings** on 6th of August.

Although the weather bureau predicted rain, we had a sunny day which helped bring the crowds.

Our cooks Wayne Imlach, Graham Jones, Michael Ruhsam and Mario Barbieri had to work hard to keep up orders. Sue Halliwell, Claire McConnell, and Graham Owens served up the sausages and onions, while Noel McConnell and Howard Bishop kept the orders coming and handled the money. Helen Ruhsam and Kaye Musgrove were our charming greeters keeping the people coming and directing the flow of foot traffic.

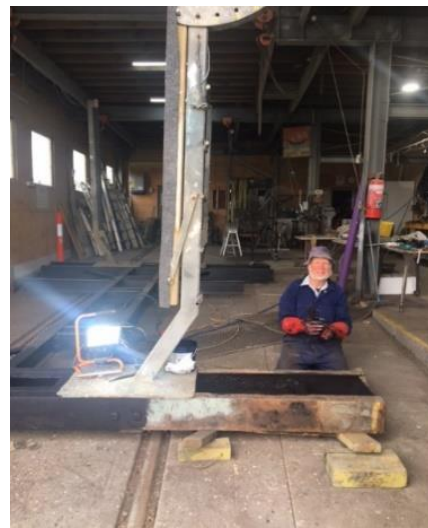
Many thanks to our volunteers who worked so hard to make the day a success. A lot of preparation occurred prior to the day, which Helen, Michael and Dennis handled, ensuring the day went smoothly.

All in all, a great day with the benefit that we made \$2154 for the club. Well done and thanks to all involved. Next opportunity to try and help the club will be the forthcoming working bee. Date yet to be advised.

Slipway News – Thanks John

Long time member John Druitt has taken on the messy and herculean task of rust removal on the slipway cradle. More than 1.8 tonnes of rust and steel have been removed and the new coatings will keep the slipway in business for a while yet. However not forever. The thought of the club without a working cradle and slipway is unimaginable and would have a huge effect on the club. Maybe it's time to determine the end-of-life date of the current cradle and start planning towards a new cradle that would, at the same time, comply with all modern requirements.

Murray Parsons (Yacht sailor. RL 24). and John Druitt (Hereschoff H28) are now taking bookings and managing the logistics around running the slipway. Please use the online slipway booking calendar to book your dates and supply the insurance details.





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Mordialloc Juniors and parents visit the MMYC

The Island was abuzz last weekend when the Mordialloc Sailing Clubs junior sailors broke away from their overnight camp at MSC and made their way to visit Lamberts Island and the MMYC. It was indeed refreshing to see the 20 or so youngster's faces replacing the usual sun-dried, parched faces of the normal Island population. With parents in tow clambering over the "big yachts" and learning about the MMYC Island facility this was another great initiative by the ever-progressive MSC and MMYC to form closer relationships between the two clubs. Great work.

Jenny Holter does it again - For many years we enjoyed the smiling face of long time MMYC Secretary Jenny Holter. Jenny and husband Mark (Former Commodore of MMYC) then took a sea change to Paynesville on the Gippsland Lakes. It's only taken a few years for Jenny and Mark to put their stamp on the Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club, both on and off the water, in their mighty Noelex 30, Silver Cloud.



News has come to us that Jenny has been awarded the club person of the year. Congratulations Jenny.