

MMYC Newsletter - Christmas edition - December 2022

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COMMODORES MESSAGE

Well like usual its been a busy time down at the MMYC.

To keep everyone in the loop I thought I would update you all on a few of the key topics.

OPENING DAY

To be finally back on the island in large numbers to celebrate the official Opening of the season was a great feeling . The weather held out allowing everyone to spread out and enjoy the day . Unfortunately we had planned a wet and windy timetable when we met on the Tuesday which meant there was no sail past . Holding with tradition I did however offer myself up to the crowd for a lap around the island which ended up in a soaking and a few cheers from the Doyle deck patrons. There was great support shown to our Club from neighboring clubs and local politicians and as expected they were all super impressed with our Island and the way it presented .



DREDGING UPDATE

Wayne Imlach has done a great job to get the petition to over 1000 signatures and along the way exposing our issues to the broader Mordialloc community.

We had James Newbury and local Liberal member attend the island a few weeks back to announce that if they were to be elected they would commit to \$10 Million dollars to dredge the creek . This was a huge announcement and the biggest breakthrough to date in Government bodies recognizing the need to act .

This news of course filtered through to Tim Richardson tweaking the pressure on the current Government . On opening day Tim announced that the Labour Government would contribute \$2 Million to get the dredging process underway . This is not a wait and see who gets elected commitment; this is money in the bank which will now be allocated to get things underway . This announcement is hot off the press so stay tuned as we work with them to find out exactly how the \$2 Million will be used and what benefit it has to our members .

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MOORINGS

We are just waiting for the licence to be issued from DEWLP so we can issue new mooring licences and invoices. NB no one in the creek has been issued their mooring fees or licences yet so no need to panic, they are on their way.

Our moorings are currently full with a waiting list. The mooring map and waiting list is currently being updated and will be published once the licences have been issued. If you have a boat in a mooring and you want to request a relocation in fairness to all mooring holders you need to fill out the relevant forms and send them in to the club email

SHEET PILING WORKS SOUTH WALL

On behalf of the Club we would like to thank all mooring holders affected by the sheet piling works on the South wall. It was a necessary project that comes with disruption and we appreciate your co operation and patience throughout the process.

Special mention to Wayne Imlach who took the project on as an overseer / advisor to the contractors on behalf of the MMYC and MSC. Wayne's knowledge of the area and advice was invaluable and made for a much better outcome to the finished project.

SEE YOU OUT THERE.

Jamie Dorrity. Commodore Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club.



On behalf the Flag Officers and Committee we would like to thank all members for their input and participation within the Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club. Please keep up the good work, care for your vessels, and care for the club and it's members in general. We wish you all a safe and joyful Christmas and holiday season. Compliments of the season.

Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club "Christmas Party"

Tuesday December 6th— from 6.00PM Hi all. Christmas is just around the corner with our party scheduled for

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\$10.00 per head, (under 16s free), covers quality BBQ, Chef's pantry salads, general nibbles, water, soft drinks, ice creams and face painting. Santa will be there too.

BYO or purchase alcoholic drinks from the Sutton Bar.

So put this date aside and we'll see you there.

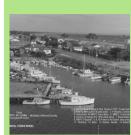
Bookings (for catering purposes) close at 6pm 2 December.



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Mordialloc Motor <u>Yacht</u> Club

OPENING DAY



Fortunately, the predictions of the weather bureau did not come to pass, and Opening Day stayed fine, although somewhat blustery.

Proceedings began with the formal part of the day, and Steve Beashel performing the MC role. Commodore Jamie Dorrity welcomed everyone, and daughter Georgia gave us a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem. We also heard from invited guests Tim Richardson MP and Cr Tamsin Beardsley. Mr. Richardson announced a very popular commitment to \$2 million for dredging. Reverend Graeme Disney performed the annual Blessing of the Fleet. Part of the ceremony was the unveiling of a plaque to well known identity and Club member Peter Allnutt on the flagpole by the Creek. A lovely tribute.

As the weather did not permit the sail past, Jamie was taken around the Island by boat, receiving the ritual soaking to the delight of all.

With the formalities over, the more relaxed part of the day began, with music provided by the Dene Ford Trio, and a hearty lunch.

The theme of the day was Under the Sea. Paul Tozer won the best dressed boat, a \$200 Bridge (formerly Doyle's) Hotel voucher and a bottle of wine. Carol Flanagan was runner up, receiving an \$80 Bridge Hotel voucher and bottle of wine. The best costume was won by Helen Ruhsam in her creative jelly fish costume which won her an \$80 Bridge Hotel voucher and a bottle of wine. The children's prize was won by Harriet (13), Georgina (10) and Isabel (7) who all looked gorgeous in their costumes. As it was impossible to choose between them, they will share the two \$50 Westfield vouchers and boxes of chocolates.

The much anticipated raffle was drawn. Helen won the fabulous prize of the helicopter flight, with Nadine and Sheryl winning second and third prizes.

A big thank-you to the army of volunteers who gave up their Saturday to set up the Island, which looked bright and festive with all the bunting. The upstairs area was welcoming with fresh flowers on all the tables. On the day, volunteers made sure that the day ran smoothly, and all guests were looked after. As usual the Island looked fabulous. Thanks in particular to Greg who works so hard to keep it looking that way.









MMYC OPENING DAY

































Liberals Pledge \$10M to dredge Mordialloc Creek

It was a great pleasure to host the Liberal Candidate for Mordialloc Phillip Pease and Shadow Minister for Environment, James Newbury on Lambert Island this week to announce \$10M to fund the dredging of Mordialloc Creek!

Cleaning away the years of environmental damage done to the creek bed from the run-off of soil and rubbish upstream will immediately breathe new life into this unique waterway.

Both Phillip and James have previously visited the Mordialloc Creek and have come to understand the complexities to not only dredge the creek but to maintain a regular dredging program.

This investment will not only ensure the ongoing health of the creek but also maintain a safe maritime environment for the thousands of boat users that use this historic waterway each year Phillip and James have also announced the formation of a properly constituted Committee of Management that will ensure a coordinated and informed approach to the ongoing management of this unique and important resource

Representatives of MMYC, The Mordialloc Boating and Angling Club, Mordialloc Sailing Club and the Mordialloc Creek Community were at the announcement and both Commodore Jamie Dorrity and Mordialloc Creek Community Chair, John Wilson were on hand to hear the great news and to thank Phillip and James for their wonderful commitment.

COMMODORE CLUSTER DETECTED IN PAYNESVILLE !!!

Speaking of Commodores !!!!! it's interesting to note that a Commodore cluster

appears to be taking place in Paynesville.

1st. *Mark and Jennie Holter* moved to Paynesville.

2nd. Peter and Cheryl Sutton moved to Paynesville.

3rd Then *Peter and Gerry Banham* dropped by on their way to Lady Dorothy in Paynesville

And — they all congregated in *Fullarton* Rd. Paynesville

(a la Former Commodore Des Fullarton)



From the Editor ... Peter Banham and helpful others.



Hi everyone, . Merry Christmas and holiday season to you all. From the Anchor crew

What a great but changeable year it's been. From the general public point of view there are still many worries. It seems that the last two years of worry of Covid have simply been replaced by strange weather patterns causing flooding, wind damage and great concern for our farmers, retailers, manufacturers, the environment and ecosystem in general. Wow. I worry that we all have to worry so much.

However I know of about 150 people that choose to live outside this worry; even if only for the shortest of times. These folks have the ability to escape to an Island hidden in the boisterous environs of Mordialloc/Kingston. An island that boasts green lawns, native vegetation, a humble club house, slipway facilities and boats. Yes boats. On this Island one can relax and ponder in the shade of the trees, unwind in the shelter of the clubhouse, catch up with acquaintances over the BBQ or with friends in the Bar. Or get on a boat. As our Armchair Sailing Captain has been heard to quote on many occasions," Believe me my young friend, there is nothing – absolutely nothing – half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats". (Wind in the willows).

And so, it is. None the less even our beautiful Island and Club need a few people to continue to worry. This time the worry comes over the bridge, sneaks in through email, stalks via SMS to pursue these good folk that dedicate themselves to preserving our worry free escape. These people are the committed numerous folk who just love to love Lambert Island. We can all help, of course, as many of you have at working Bees, attending functions, activities and events. And thanks for that. Most of us are aware of the silting of the creek problem. For your information the Labour Party are offering \$2M . The Liberal Party are offering \$10M for reparation. Think carefully as the next opportunity is a long way away.

Have a look at the pictures of the Opening Day Ceremony in this issue and I think you may notice some faces that have gone above and beyond to maintain our privileged Island occupation. Thanks to all those shielding us from worry. For the rest of us let's stay dedicated, positive and do something for the club regularly.

History—Lots of things happen on this Island. Recently we had a book launch to celebrate the publication of Wayne Imlach's fantastic rendition of the history of Mordialloc Creek to Lambert Island. 1871–2021. Other than the fantastic works of Peter White (Mordialloc Sailing Club) we haven't seen a work such as this since 1986. A lot of water has flowed down the creek since then. Thank goodness we have some members dedicated to our history. Each new member should receive a copy of the older publication "History of the MMYC 1925—1986". Hopefully the Committee will make both the new and old publications available to all new members when their membership is accepted. It is pleasing to hear there is a budget to update our own history via the Honour Boards and the Office Historic Photo Wall . History happens fast. People and things come and go quickly. Certainly there are new members who look quizzically at the mention of the Scout Hall on the Island. They know nothing of it; but it was there just a year ago, before that it was there for 60 years!!! Let's not let history pass us by without a salute to those folk with the energy to drive and maintain the culture and momentum of this unique Island and the existing club that remains the MMYC. We can all then take our turn, one day, to also be part of the history of this great place.

See you at the Christmas Party. December 6. (Ed. And friends.)

Just a thought ????

"Any damn fool can navigate the world sober. It takes a really good sailor to do it drunk." Sir Francis Chichester



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Mordialloc Creek to Lambert Island. 1871—2021

Every now and then someone puts a huge amount of work in capturing the history and magic of Mordialloc, the creek, the seaside, the uniqueness and the then and the now.

Wayne Imlach, along with help from many others, has compiled the most recent coffee table book looking at Mordialloc from 1871.

Recently Wayne held a book launch at the MMYC where people from all walks of life were present to celebrate the book but mainly to celebrate the fact that Mordialloc still exists today as a vibrant seaside town that people can visit and enjoy in the same way as they did more than a hundred years ago.

The central character in this book is the Mordialloc Creek . After all ,there would be nothing special about Mordialloc if there was no creek. Lambert Island, was created by straightening a bend in the creek. It then developed a life of it's own giving birth to a number of boating, angling, sea scout and water borne clubs. The wellbeing of the creek has been mainly represented by the boating clubs.

The creek starts in the Dandenongs and meanders all the way to Port Phillip. Along the way it has been relentlessly tampered with, changed with areas of concrete 'lining', vegetation destruction, wetland drainage, and pollution of all types by the humans who habitate near and Far. Many Government bodies have been responsible for the upkeep of this beautiful waterway. Few have ever accepted this responsibility. You see , from above the creek everything looks tranquil and happy. Underneath however there is just sadness. Few people care about what is happening under the surface.



The book, with which so many people have assisted over time, points out the evolution of the Mordialloc Creek; within Mordialloc. It makes you sit up and take notice. No matter what we

do to ruin the creek it just keeps on giving. Take a walk from the sea to Wells Road to enjoy what is still a beautiful stroll along the heart of Mordialloc.

Thanks for your dedication Wayne and friends.







Sailing Yachts—Our yacht fleet activities on both Thursdays and Sundays during winter and spring have remained strong. Presently there are four new yachts entering the fleet and all seem keen to compete.

(pictured is the new Farr750 of Belinda and Tim Williams) We will hear more of these as the season progresses. There are, however still many yachts languishing with skippers perhaps uncomfortable to enter the races. Some forthcoming training sessions might get some extra boats out on the water.

Our 2 x training vessels are now fully operational and the local school children are on the Island each Thursday to undertake practical as well as theoretical sail training.

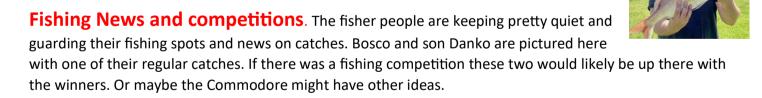


Tim reports the MMYC V MSC challenge is upon us soon. MMYC will challenge MSC on the Saturday in the Pacer dinghies then the MSC will arrive on the Sunday to take over our trailer sailors. Please everyone check their insurance policies and have a great time in this annual CHALLENGE.

Motor Yacht News. (Power Boats) - We've been running a little behind on the Navigation program with our main trainers and motivators being interstate. With the sun starting to shine and calm morn-

ings on the water we foresee some extra activity coming on. We will keep you posted on this one.

It's good to see the power boats starting to return to their moorings after the upheaval on the South Wall. Thanks for your patience everyone.



SLIPWAY AND MOORING NEWS

Slipway—The Slipway is operating smoothly and has been very busy over the spring session. The slipway is being left in pristine condition and we thank all that spend the time cleaning up before they leave. Most folks appear to be using the calendar system and forecasting the length of stay accurately. Please remember to not overstay your visit as the knock on affect can go on for months.

Moorings— We farewell Rangi Saluni from the Mooring Officer position as he makes the move to Port Macquarie. For Mooring enquiries please contact moorings@mmyc or speak to a Committee member for assistance.



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MELBOURNE CUP DAY AT MMYC

Cup Day at the Club was a fun day even though the weather could have been better. We were in the barbecue area and Sutton lounge so it was quite warm and comfortable. People brought their own food and snacks to share, and a good time was had by all.

Two sweeps were run. In the \$5 sweep the winner was Mich, with yours truly coming second, Anna third, and wooden spooner Sue getting her money back. For the \$2 sweep, Sue was first, Kaye second, Stuart third, and last place, having her money returned, Helen.

Michael (sax), Graham (guitar), Helen (ukelele) and Stuart (guitar) provided some great music. The rest of us joined in a singalong, perhaps with more enthusiasm than actual singing talent.



Many thanks to Stuart for running the bar, Helen for organising the sweep, and Sue providing food and flowers, including some very popular chocolate cake with strawberries and cream.







Mordialloc SailingClub Book Presentation.

MMYC Secretary Dennis O'Hara was pleased to accept a set of books titled The Members and Events That Shaped The Mordialloc Sailing Club. As most know that sailing club originated on Lambert island.

Peter White has written these issues over many years and they pair beautifully with the launch of the 'Mordialloc Creek to Lambert Island'. Members will be able to borrow these books via Armchair Sailor



A Night At TheSutton Lounge. Open Mic. Night Mayhem 2022.





After a long hiatus, courtesy of Melbourne's record long lockdowns, the **Open Mike night** returned.

The Sutton lounge was positively jumping, and celebrations went on into the early hours of the morning, with guests dancing and enjoying the talent.

A large crowd attended so the Sutton lounge was filled to capacity.

There were many and varied acts, with Club members showing a wide range of "skills and talents".

The night started with Lyndon and Mark singing and playing guitar. At one stage, Lyndon was sounding very like Bob Dylan. (Is that a compliment ? Ed.)

Other acts included Deidre, Kathy and Mandy who played ukuleles and sang, Helen (ukulele) and Michael, (saxophone) with support from Stuart on guitar.

Carolyn sang and Noel (channeling Fred Dagg) played ukulele.

Noel 2 played a beautiful rendition of Moon River on cornet.

Special Guest Lincoln had the entire lounge in full song (Apologies to the neighbors Ed.) as he sang and played guitar; plucking the songs from long forgotten memories.

Neil's lovely Caroline read her moving poem, which was a hit with the audience.

Peter delighted us with his banjo, not to mention his entertaining soliloquy.



Steve Beashel was a wonderful MC, or perhaps Ringmaster is a more appropriate title (!) while Stuart, Sue and Geoff looked after us with liquid refreshments, working very hard to serve the crowd. Many thanks also to Gerry and Clare who helped with the food preparation and serving.









IMPORTANT NOTICE

Next Friday Nov 25 is the last Sutton

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few drinks and snacks. Be there.

BOAT OF NOTE—MOONBIRD—Circa 1940

David Smith

We've got two stories here—one boat and two people. The old text is from a newspaper article long ago.

STORY ONE

The story is difficult to read but tells the story of Bill Studd and his 30 Ft. Couta Boat 'Moonbird' built at Cayzers Boats, Queenscliff. Moonbird was built in the 1940s and was a well known working boat in Bass straight until the late 1950s. Bill purchased the boat in 1979. Bill was active in all aspects of the club and tested "Moonbird's" sea worthiness by sailing her to Wilsons Prom. Every year until 2002. By and By Bill Studd aged, found boating difficult and used the boat more for Saturday roasts than actual boating. He became famous for his instruction to guests aboard, of which there were many. "Don't forget to wipe your feet before you get off". An indication, perhaps, of the sanitary conditions aboard.

Moonbird (Bill Studd)

Bill Studd joined the MMYC in 1969 and became active in all aspects of Club highlighted by winning the Commodores Shield in 1978/9 in his boat "Balboa Star

Bill then purchased the beautiful 'Couta boat "Moonbird" from the Robinson ' family who had her moored at St Kilda. Moonbird was built by Kaisers at Queenscliff and was a well known working boat in Bass Strait until the 1950's.

Moonbird has been on the same mooring in the creek since 1979 and the only modifications by Bill are a ntr forward extension of and the stern cabin

Bill cruised Moonbird to Wilsons Promontary every Year until 2002 and now Enjoys outings and cruises on the Bay. We all await the great site of Moonbird on the Bay soon under full sail With the greatest respect.



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STORY 2—Garry Black became one of the Saturday Roast clan and, to some extent, Bill's minder as Bill entered his 90's. The boat by now had deteriorated and was in need of some considerable effort to bring her back to her former glory. The open decked Couta Fishing Boat had long ago had a rag tag cabin attached, ceramic tiles in the galley and all sorts of strange chattels and artifacts had accumulated over the years. Garry took on the task, purchasing the boat in 1998 and beginning 6 years of hard slog and clever wood work. At this point the knowledge of our club shipwright, Peter Delahay, was of great assistance

By 2004 Moonbird was back to her former glory sporting a brand new cabin, timber gaff rigged mast and cutter rigged sails. She has been transformed to cruising status and, while she hasn't returned to Wilsons Prom., she can be seen sailing regularly from the south wall of the Mordialoc Creek. "Moonbird" is at her happiest under full sail and pushing 7 knots in a sou'easter on a summers morning. While we are lucky enough to have a number of beautiful couta boats at MMYC, "Moonbird" is the Grand Queen of them all and unmistakably in her current livery a stand out yacht of the MMYC

Moonbird. 30 feet + bowsprit. — Gaff rigged cutter

Bass Straight Barracouta fishing boat built 1947.

Built by Cayzer Boats Queenscliff from 1/18th thick Kauri planks.

Modifications at different times but open fishing boat until the 1959. Cabin added around 1980.

Yanmar Diesel 20 hp and 60 years old.







WOMEN ON WATER (WOW)

Sunday the 9th of October was our first Women on Water sailing event; this coincided with the first Points Race for the 2022-23 season, the global Steering the Course week to encourage and engage greater female participation both on and off the water in Sailing and Leadership roles.

The Sun shone, the wind blew (a little bit less would have been nice) 12 competing yachts and 10 ladies participating, some helming, some crewing. It was a very busy and hotly contested starting line, a few interesting moments to be seen as all 12 yachts jostled for first across the starting line and best position to lay a course to the first mark, before spreading out over the course as the race progressed.



There was a real buzz around the Island, as we gather after racing, exchanging stories, enjoying the sunshine, good company, food and drinks while awaiting the all important results.

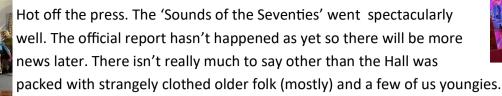
Many thanks to the Committee, to all the fleet skippers, the volunteers who made this event possible, Helen and Michael for arranging catering, Stuart for looking after drinks, and a special thanks to all of the ladies who got on board, tried a new role, or just had a go.

Next year we will be looking at growing the event as we had a few yachts without female crew or helm participants. We won't talk about results as I don't like to brag too much; after all it was only one of many yet to come.

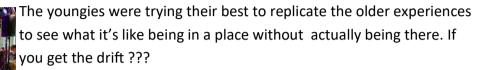
Below are a few photos of the day that have been sent to me to share.

Carol

SOUNDS OF THE SEVENTIES



The older guests were trying to remember why it is said that 'if you can remember the 1970's you probably weren't there!'.



Anyway the order of the night was food, wine and dancing. Even Captain Steve Quirk, with broken leg attached, perfected the chair dance.



The night was great and so was the band. They had the dance floor permanently filled with 80 people wanting dance all at once.





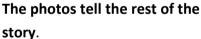


We should thank Christine

Ffrench and her fabulous team

for yet another unforgettable

social event.



















Occupational Health and Safety John McLoughlin

OHS Caretaker ,John McLoughlin, has given the club a tick of approval over the recent months. The main area of concern is the slipway area and some areas still to be re landscaped where the Scout Hall was demolished.



New Members And Departing Members !!!

MMYC welcomes the following new members.

Mark Grant— Details to be provided.

David Pike— Details to be provided.

Welcome all. Rangi is leaving us

Rear Commodore (and New Members person) Tim Williams reports that our former Vice Commodore, Rangi Saluni, is relocating to NSW to no doubt soak up some sunshine. Rangi and Margaret have been stalwart members over the last 10 years and their always smiling faces will be sorely missed. Rangi became one of our most successful fisherman and spent a

lot of time in modifying his boat to maximize his catch. Margaret kept the Social side of the club going with her catering and organizational skills keeping the event attendees fed and watered.

Notably, however, is the incredible amount of work and effort in restructuring the mooring system and coping with the emotions of the mooring holders having a bad day. This was a huge job over a long period of time.



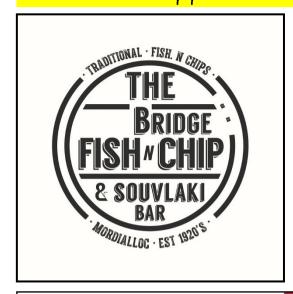
So thanks from us all. We will miss the occasional a cappella from the Saluni Brothers. Bon voyage and every success to you both in your new abode.

Slipway Management.

Thanks to the team of Murray Parsons and John Druitt. The Slipway is in the best condition ever and awaiting your bookings via the website calendar

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Thank you to this issue's contributors

We would love to see pictures of your catch, history of your boat, funny moments in your boat or simply photos of you out and about enjoying our beautiful bay.

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Thank you, Helen

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