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Disney at Darlingford

No rain on Rest Ashore's parade! Story & pics on pages 17-22



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CHAIRMAN / COMMODORE'S REPORT

Dear Members

The summer of 2019/2020 has begun, and it's set to be a hot one.

Over the Winter months the club completed a number of projects and improvements to our facilities, which I hope you will enjoy.

These projects included:

- the installation of our new marina sections on B and D marina's. This now takes up the club's full allocation of licenses from Goulburn Murray, a process which the Board started several years ago. The pens are larger in size and are able to cater for the new larger boats that are starting to populate the lake, and/or for members looking for more space
- relocation of the Ice machine/storage to ground level in the big shed, eliminating the need to negotiate the stairs carrying bags of ice
- upgrade of the member barge, providing better usage and sporting our club colours; and the
- extension of concrete walkways and D marina boat ramp for better access during low water levels. These additions will certainly come in to use in the coming months.

The current water levels are at 45.12% (same time last year 57.61%), without some significant rainfalls, we will be experiencing very low water levels over the Christmas period. Please be careful when navigating into banks over this houseboating season.

Board News

We have a major retirement from the Board this year.

After countless years serving on the Board as Site Director, Stuart Steer has decided to retire. Stuart's input into our club has been immeasurable and we thank him sincerely for his every effort.

As a founding member Stuart has seen the club transition from an 'idea' into the facilities we all share in today; thanks Stu.

Our Board for 2020 includes a new Director, and I welcome Simon Cox onto the Board. Simon has been a part of Darlingford for many years and I look forward to working with him in the future.

Thank You Stu!



Brett Lewis presenting Stuart Steer with a plaque in appreciation of his contribution to the Board and the Club. (At the AGM/GM in November 2019.)

Our Board, including office bearers for 2020, is:

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Activities Committee

With our successful Disney Sail Past completed in trying weather conditions, the Activities Committee, led in 2020 by Kirsty Rogers, is in full swing planning for Darlingford Day in February. We encourage all members to become actively involved.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gary Crump for his two years of leadership of the Activities Committee, and to thank Kirsty for taking on the role in 2020. We are very fortunate to have such great people in our club with so much enthusiasm. Details of our 2020 Activities Committee are in this magazine.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to wish all members and their families an enjoyable and safe boating season.



Brett Lewis
Board Chairman / Commodore
Darlingford Waters Marina Pty Ltd

STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2025

As part of our commitment to continual improvement, the Board will be commencing a Strategic Planning process in early 2020, with a view for completion and launch in June 2020.

Strategic Plans provide a framework from which to base decisions upon and act as a guide for our actions, behaviours and communications.

Our aim will be to engage with our members, and the broader Eildon community, through a range of methods, including surveys, workshops and informal discussions, and we encourage each one of you to take up each opportunity that is offered so that our plan is created collaboratively and reflects the dreams, hopes and needs of our members accurately.

More information about this will be forthcoming in the new year.

Lisa Glassborow
Secretary / Director



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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Welcome to the **100th** issue of our club magazine HOUSEBOAT and the last one for this decade!

The first issue was printed in October 1984 as the 'Journal of the Jerusalem Creek Boat Club Eildon'. The first Editor was Dean Reynolds from a houseboat named *Scorpion*. Other Editors over the journey are Fran Mandergeddes, Keith Davis, Russell Mee, Jeff Holiday, Linda Reiss and Julie Harvison. The magazines are an excellent record of our history, our members, our achievements. So please, keep your contributions coming, or even better – send something to me for the first time!

The journal started off as a much smaller black and white production although it sometimes had colour on the front cover. Ross Burton was the Commodore and the front-page photo showed him holding the inaugural Eildon Cup. Sounds like it was a fun event (read below) and I wonder when and why it stopped. Any of our 'old timers' know?

Our front cover for issue #100, is *Rest Ashore's* 'Best Dressed' winning entry in the 'Disney at Darlingford' watercraft parade. This was another amazing effort by Karen and David. The rain did not prevent them from parading. Well done guys! They have very deservedly won the award several times. See page 24 for a summary of their participation in Sail Pasts gone.

I welcome a new advertiser in this issue, **AB Phillips**, who are the new insurance provider for DWBC. See their AD on page 4 and check them out for all your insurance requirements.

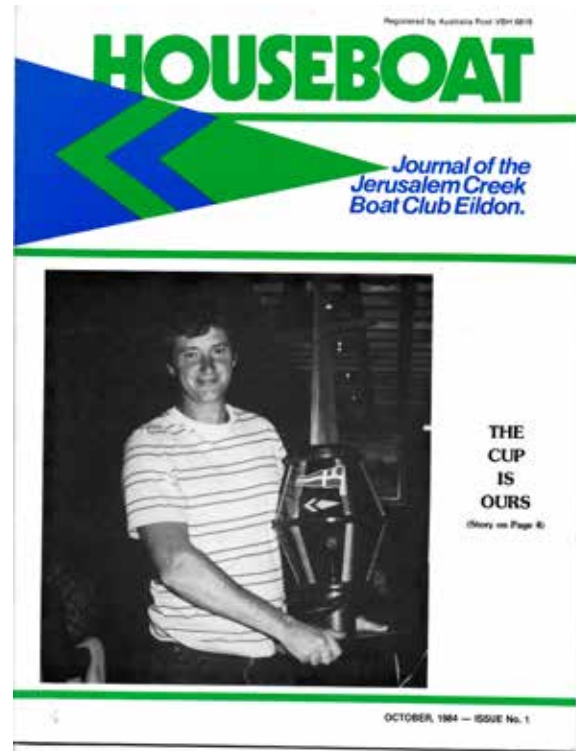


As always, I hope you enjoy the read. Stay safe on the water and Merry Christmas!

Margie Elliott
Editor



This photo was taken by 13 yr old Emma Bavage from "It's Me II"



Above: the front cover of the first issue of HOUSEBOAT in October 1984.

Below: the story that goes with the cover.

THE CUP IS OURS

In it's first year of competition the Eildon Cup has been won by our group of enthusiastic and highly trained athletes from the Southern end of the lake.

On Saturday the 10th of February (Labour Day Weekend), the two competing Clubs, E.B.C. and J.C.B.C. arrived under the wires with a flotilla of Houseboats to do battle for the magnificent hand-crafted "Eildon Cup", courtesy of Eildon Engineering.

First event for the day, the tug-o-war, was effortlessly won by us setting the pace and confidence to win most of the events of the day, although we hear Martin Gishus is designing a "Winged Keel" tinny to help our next years geriatric rowing team.

The day was topped off by an invitation to continue on to the E.B.C. Club house for a barbecue evening and presentation of the Cup.

A delightful fun day and evening not to be missed next year on Labour day holiday weekend.

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FACILITY MANAGER'S REPORT



Jimmy painting a barge in July



Pathway to D marina completed in July



Ground works being carried out in August

Summer is here but you wouldn't know it! The lake is at 45.12 % (as we go to print) and dropping slowly but hopefully we will get a bit of rain before the holidays start.

For the last 6 months Jimmy and I have been busy. We started with new concrete paths to D&C marinas and the repair to the slab and steel works on shed 46; we've given the two club barges a makeover which took longer than expected due to the weather; then we gave the work barge a facelift to get it ready for the new Lake Eildon boat show held in October; we relocated the two icemakers downstairs in the big shed (blue area) which is easier for everyone to get to; the new pens are now in place on B&D marinas; and we have just completed a new fuel storage area located behind the container in front of the big shed.

Normally I ask you to watch out for snakes, but this time I ask you to watch out for Dingos... yes Dingos! I got right up close to an alpine Dingo on B marina, another reason to keep your dogs on a lead at all times! By the time you read this Steph and I will have returned from our two-week holiday to the NSW south coast and the Snowy Mountains so hopefully we are fully recharged to deal with all the demands of the summer months. As we go into the last month of 2019 please stay safe when boating and swimming.

Well I think that's about it for now. See you all here very soon.

Steph and I would like to wish all members and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Ric Perna
Facility Manager



Completed fuel cage in November



C marina and pathway complete



In case Ric hasn't already told you... apparently Carlton won a couple of games this year!



Just a reminder that last summer Police were booking people at Jews Creek boat ramp for launching/retrieving boats with people sitting in the boat i.e. when reversing down or driving up the ramp. It is considered the same as driving a ute with people sitting in the tray which is illegal.

SITE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - DEC 2019

Firstly, may I congratulate Margie on the 100th edition of the magazine. Always a great read and representation of our club and the goings on.

Another thanks and congratulations to: Peter Elliott, Greg Walter, Matt Walter, Greg Rennie, Ric, Jimmy, Stu, Ronny and Macca and all who helped with the fabrication & installation of the new marinas. As you may have seen, we are now complete with marinas to house all our license allocations, and already have pressure for spots from outside boat owners wanting to join our club. More importantly we have interest already in the large pens – fabulous insight from Brad the club Treasurer.

As we move into the summer season most of the major KPI's for the year have been obtained which is a credit to the work Ric has put in, with help from various members. The members barges have been fully reconditioned; the activities container was installed and painted; the fuel store behind the container is now complete; the ice machine relocation has been finalised; new marinas engineered and installed; and of course, the concrete upgrades to marina walkways and the D Marina boat ramp. All completed over the "off season".

Ric and Steph have just been on two weeks well-earned rest getting back in time to get stuck into servicing the members over the busy summer period.

Australia's current population is 24.6M and Eildon is the only inland waterway where houseboats are permitted to operate. Lake Eildon currently has approx. 700 licensed boats on water, that means we are 0.0028% of the population lucky enough to own a houseboat, quite an exclusive group of people, yet still not as exclusive as winning the lottery @ 0.000012%!

An excerpt from the www.lakeeildon.com website states that in the beginning... *"The small town of Darlingford (named after Sir Charles Darling, Governor of Victoria), near the junction of the Big and Goulburn Rivers came into being in the 1860's after gold was discovered in the area. It had seven hotels, five policemen, a log gaol, shops, post office and a small slab hut used as a school. Eildon station, a run of 25,500 hectares was first started in 1846 by Mr and Mrs Archibald Thom. The name Eildon was chosen by the couple because the area from Darlingford to Thornton reminded them of Mrs Thom's birthplace, the Eildon Hills near Abbotsford in Scotland.*

Construction of the Greater Eildon Dam commenced in 1951 and was completed in 1956. The capacity of Lake Eildon is 3,334,158 Mgt. Expected to take 5 years to fill, it filled in 18 months in the wet year of 1956."

I love the history, and we have the honour of enjoying being on this lake. The engineering, surveying and mechanical marvel it was in those early days to build such a thing is amazing. To think that we ski over an entire town, down in the depths is both freaky and intriguing.



Enjoy your summer fellow members, may the holidays bring you all peace and happiness and your stay here be a safe one.

Luke Brinkisma
Site Director



From factory to the water. The new marina sections being fabricated, transported, assembled on site, craned to the lake, and placed into B&D marinas. All in a days work.....

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Hi all, first I would like to thank all the members of the Activities Committee that have supported me over the last couple of years, in particular Margie, my communicator. I would like to also thank those club members who have helped along the way with set ups and downs.

I am standing down from the Chairman's position next year however I am staying on the Committee. Kirsty Rogers is stepping up to the role so with Kirsty and new members, Glen Forsyth and Paula Anastasi, there will be new ideas and excitement.

Back in August we had a Hot Pot Card Night in the Big Shed with good food and card games. We might be having this night again next year so keep an eye out for flyers and communications. Grand Final Day in the big shed was also another successful day even if you weren't supporting those tigers.

The weather wasn't very kind to us for our Sail Past and we had to cancel the sail past the Commodore and dressing our craft. Great work to Karen and David who persisted

and put together an amazing display of Disney's Cinderella. Thanks to Mickey & Minnie and crew who also got out in the rain and sailed around the marinas, and to the Clowns (Ford crew). Good effort and work from those who still dressed up for the parade in the Shed. The kids and the costumes were outstanding. The night went well with good food, music and company. The member numbers were a little lower than normal but thanks to those who attended and supported our event.

Hope you are all looking forward to a big, safe and sunny Christmas break.

Have fun and enjoy. Again, thanks to you all.



Gary Crump
Activities Committee

EILDON BOATING & FISHING SHOW

Darlingford Waters Boat Club was proud to host the "Kids Zone" at the inaugural Eildon Boating and Fishing Show, held over the weekend of the 11th-13th October.

More than 3,500 visitors attended the event across the three days, which offered on water entertainment, boat and equipment displays, fishing activities and loads of fun at the DWBC kids zone! The Saturday night included a magnificent firework display which many of us enjoyed from the water, floating on Out of Reach (thanks Gary and Neisha!).

It's looking like the event will continue annually, and DWBC looks forward to continuing our involvement.

Thank you to all of the crew who worked the stalls over the weekend, including Ric and Steph for your 'set up and pack down' which was an enormous task. Luke was by far the best 'fairy flosser' we've ever seen!

Lisa Glassborow



Fairy floss suits you Luke...



Our Kid Zone at the Wall

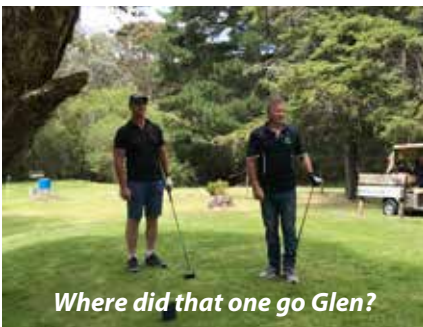


EILDON GOLF DAY

The Eildon Community Charity Golf Day was held on Friday 15th November at the Eildon Golf Club. DWBC ran a bus from the club and we had 18 (out of 51) competitors. That's a great representation from the club and by all reports everyone had a great day. There is always one that finds their ball going astray, or rather awash.... And this year it was Jobert!

The Committee responsible for the day advised that after costs \$5,000 was raised. This is a great result. The proceeds are being dispersed as follows:

- Eildon Primary School \$3,000
- Eildon Lions Club \$1,000
- Eildon Golf Club \$1,000



Where did that one go Glen?



New tee off Ronnie?



See Steph...I can hit it!

A message from Anita

A massive thank you to all DWBC members who attended the day (whether playing or spectating), you all helped to make the day super fun and successful – can't wait to see you all next year.

Also, a huge thank you to the club itself for your donation and continued support as always. Without your support days like this are not possible and it is very much appreciated.

Cheers

Anita Kedell

(Eildon Community Charity Golf Day Committee 2019)



Darlingford was well represented at the Golf Day.



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INTRODUCING SIMON COX, OUR NEWEST DIRECTOR

Hi, I'm Simon Cox. My boat, *DRAGON LADY II*, sits in the end pen on A Marina. I am 47, married to Joanne and we have two sons Jarrod (15) and Daniel (12) together and I have two daughters Taya (23) & Kira (21).

I have been a member of DWBC for the last few 4 years. I actually grew up on the lake as my parents Tony & Lola Cox were members of DWBC (then Jerusalem Creek Boat Club) back in 1980. I helped dad build and renovate many boats over my childhood. One of their boats was called DRAGON LADY hence why our boat is called DRAGON LADY II.

After enlisting in the Army in 1990 I became an Electronics Technician in the Corps of Signals. I lived on base at



Welcome to the Board Simon (AGM in Nov)

Bonegilla then moved to the Simpson Barracks, Puckapunyal and also did active service over in East Timor in 2000.

In 2006 Joanne and I took over a small wholesale/retail business located in Bayswater North called Eastern Sleepers Pty. Ltd. supplying retaining wall products. Then in 2011 my brother David and I (also a club member) commenced a company, Australian Concrete Enterprises Pty Ltd manufacturing concrete sleepers. You will see some of our products throughout Eildon, and I am especially proud our sleepers are at the club under the managers residence & storage sheds! David has since moved to country Victoria to the Avenel Hotel and has started his own brewery named Hop Back Brewery.

A bit of info about our boat ... we found 'Hagar and Helga' that was in our budget (cheap, cheap, cheap) in 2015 and renamed her 'Dragon Lady II'. The poor old girl needed lots of work. She is still a work in progress but definitely looks much better.

Newly appointed, I want to aid and assist the club moving forward where I can in 2020.



Dragon Lady II in 2015



Looking a little bit different in 2019



Simon in East Timor in 2000

We extend a very warm welcome to the following new members:

Cameron & Elena Tozer came to the club in August. Their boat (currently unnamed) is in pen A15.

John & Louise Ford joined in November. Their boat, *Volare*, is in pen C3.

Elaine Shaw (Elle) joined in November. Her boat, *Radicool*, is in a new pen on D marina.

Simon Gischus rejoined our club in November. Simon's parents were founding members of our club. His boat is currently out of the water for some renovations but will return to the water in pen A10.

There's been other boat movement recently: *Iconic* was on B but is now back on C with a new name *K-Sera*; *Sanity* and *Pure Bliss* departed C marina for sunnier shores on B (to join the Boys-on-B gang); *Blinda* has relocated to the Boat Harbour; and *Kapalua* has now found a permanent home on C after many weeks out for a 'few' modifications.



That's not how you play golf Jobert!

WARNING: there are unmarked police boats (tinny even) out and about. Make sure you always have your licence with you and check your safety gear.

Be aware, be prepared, be safe!

THE DELIA RECIPIENT 2019 – KIRSTY ROGERS

Congratulations to **Kirsty Rogers** from *Chit Chat* for being awarded the 2019 Delia Ward Memorial Shield. This is a much-deserved recognition for not only her contribution to the Activities Committee but also for her focus on providing awesome activities for our kids on Family Day and Sail Past. Kirsty's enthusiasm and ability to create amazing activities, costumes and props for any theme and the dedication of many hours of work required to realise her vision, is astounding. Our functions have certainly benefited from having Kirsty's vision and capability. Her laugh and drive are infectious!

Thank you again, Kirsty, from us all.



Lake levels Comparisons GMW Data

- 09/12/2019 - 45.12%
- 09/12/2018 - 57.61%
- 09/12/2010 - 72.14%
- 09/12/2003 - 42.98%
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HOT POT CARD NIGHT

On the 3rd of August we held a Hot Pot Card Night in the big shed for those who didn't have the opportunity to escape the winter months. At this time of year there is a mass exodus of members to warmer climes so what better way for those left behind to warm up than with hot pots! Given that it was the depth of winter we had a pretty good turn up including some new members. The fire was roaring and the share table of food was delicious and plentiful (*with an abundance of bread rolls...*).

The card games were very competitive and great fun. It seems there are lots of members who like to play cards so we hope to do this again.



Mandy & Mary



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Simon & Anita



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GETTING TO KNOW THE CREW FROM 'K-SERA'

We welcome to 'C' marina – Tony & Mandy and their families. Mandy very obligingly answered a few D&M questions and shares the following with us:

Introduce your family: Tony Chetcuti and Mandy Whitechurch. Tony has two children Jack (19) and Kate (17) and Mandy has two sons Matthew (32) and Timmy (30).

What do you do for a job(s): Tony moved to the North East in 1992 buying the Whorouly Hotel. After selling the pub in 1995, Tony worked at the Wangaratta Council for 20 years, and is now retired. Mandy recently closed her transport business of 19 years and is the Founder and President of the Australian NPC Disease Foundation Inc caring for her two sons with Niemann Pick Type C Disease.

Do you have any pets? Yes - Zeus the Cavoodle, Buddy the Kelpie, and Charlie the cat!

What's your boating history? Tony owned 3 small fishing boats years ago, but this is his first houseboat. Mandy used to water ski many moons ago but that's long over!

What's the name of your boat and why Darlingford? K-Sera (what ever will be will be!!). We chose Darlingford for the ease of accessibility for Mandy's wheelchair bound son and felt the atmosphere and people here were lovely and made us feel very welcome. The help with being the "Newbies" from all at the marinas has been wonderful.

I like lake Eildon because: Ohhhh the Serenity!!!!!! It's not too far from home and is just beautiful.

Hobbies: We love the footy – GO THE TIGERS!!! (*oh no, not another one....*), we enjoy meeting friends, fine dining, cooking, travel, movies, and of course, now spending time on K-Sera.

Tell us something about yourselves: Tony grew up in Abbotsford and worked at the Collingwood Council with Tony Shaw (former Collingwood player). The very first year Tony owned the pub he experienced a huge hailstorm and witnessed the 1993 floods first-hand. Tony lived on a small

farm in Whorouly where his two children were born and relocated into Wangaratta in 2013.

Mandy grew up on a dairy farm in Swanpool and was one of 5 children and moved to Benalla, where she still lives, in 1984. Mandy's two sons have a rare disease called Niemann Pick Type C Disease and she works towards a hopeful cure or better treatment option for her sons and all NPC patients around the world. Mandy travels internationally bi-annually to attend International NPC Disease Seminars as President of the Australian NPC Disease Foundation Inc.

Favourite sporting team: Richmond all the way!!! (*Sadly, I'm surrounded now on 'C'...*)

Favourite food: Tony – Asian; Mandy – Italian.

Favourite Music: 70's and 80's. No country will be heard from K-Sera!! (*Well the first bit's ok but being next to me on 'C' you best get ready for some foot stomping tunes.....haha..*)

The best movie you ever watched: Tony – Goodfellas; Mandy – Castaway.

What do you do when you are not working: Preferably spending time on K-Sera! Time by the pool in summer, socialising with friends and spending quality time with our kids.

Name 3 things you can't live without: Our families and friends; Wine (can we say that!!) (*absolutely you can....did I say welcome to 'C' marina*); Each other (awwwww)!

Who would you most like to meet and what would you ask them: Tony – Colonel Sanders – what are the 11 secret herbs and spices! Mandy – Albert Einstein – find a cure for NPC Disease.

Do you have any unique/interesting talents: Tony – makes a mean veal scaloppini; Mandy - I love cows!

Greatest sporting achievement: Tony – being at the 1980 Grand final; Mandy – won a few championship tennis competitions in the day!



Mandy & Tony



Matthew, Mandy & Timmy



Kate, Tony & Jack

Disney at Darlingford

The Activities Committee set up the Big Shed on a warm and sunny day – that was Friday. DISNEY at Darlingford was looking good. Then Sail Past Saturday arrived – it was cold, wet and dreary! But the rain was good, so they say. Even had run-off into the lake!

Due to the inclement weather and the even worse forecast, the 'sail past' and the 'watercraft parade' were both cancelled. We were all very disappointed not to have our very first watercraft parade, especially when we had some members very keen to participate. We quickly improvised and held a 'costume parade' in the shed instead as we couldn't let the great planning and those wonderful costumes go to waste. It was a fantastic effort by all those who participated to rearrange or remodel their plans and continue regardless.

Before the parade in the shed however, we were entertained by our clown-on-a-barge (and his Ford entourage) visiting each houseboat and dispatching lollies to anyone braving the cold and rain on their duckboards. Then we were amazed by the creative brilliance of Karen

and David Brown who, undeterred by the rain, proceeded to parade their boat and display their Cinderella's carriage with the little tinny following behind bearing attendants with the glass slipper. If you missed it, what a shame! The rain could not dampen Karen's enthusiasm and determination to parade. Such a fantastic effort as always from the Rest Ashore crew. They were followed by Mickey and Minnie Mouse (with entourage from The Craic and Odyssey) who 'sang' their way around the marinas. In warm, dry weather this concept could really take off.

Up nice and dry in the shed, our parade took place. We had a couple of water marshal fairies escorting the entrants who included: the wonderfully coloured **Teletubbies** from **Imka**, **Toy Stories** Bud, Jessie, Woody & Bo Peep from **Liquid Assets**, **Disney Princesses** from **Evening Skye**, **Mickey & Minnie Mouse** from **Odyssey**, **Shrek & Maleficent** from **Kokomo**, **Monsters Inc** (Sully, Mike, Roz & Cecilia) from **Chit Chat** (in their costumes all personally hand made by Kirsty) and not to forget the cast from **Rest Ashore**. No, the rain did not dampen our spirits. Everyone

in the shed was invited to vote and it was a very close result.

Not surprisingly, first place in the **Best Dressed** was **Rest Ashore**. First place in the children's parade went to **Princesses Eve & Skye**. Even the water marshals scored one vote – that must have been Macca!! Congratulations to everyone who participated in our Disney at Darlingford parade. It was much appreciated.

RAFFLE

We had many prizes once again and we thank the following for their very kind donations: the DWBC Directors, Aqua, Margie & Graeme Amoore, Eildon Bait & Tackle, Eildon Outboard Marine, 501 Café, Thommo (Kokomo). Apologies if I've missed anyone.

1st prize - \$500 off Club Fees was won by Maurie Callinan

2nd prize - \$250 Caltex CashCard was won by Ron Mulholland

3rd prize - \$250 Aqua voucher was won by Neisha Roberts

The minor prizes were well divvied up in a mad scramble as numbers were called.



L-R: Javi, Coen and Tom from IMKA and their friends Hannah and Anna. The colourful Teletubbies. How good would they have looked in their tinny!



Monsters Inc - Roz, Sully, Mike, & Cecilia AKA Brad, Livi, Jas & Kirsty from Chit Chat

Sail Past 2019



The victorious crew from Rest Ashore - David, Karen, Glen, Meg, Noah & Luca.



In 2nd place was team Liquid Assets - Terri, Jorga, Lachlan & Andrew



Shrek & Maleficent



Noah & Luca



Water Marshells...Terry & Margie



Minnie & Mickey from Odyssey

Disney at Darlingford



Winning Princess - Skye & Eve



Jorga Czompo as Jessie



Scary stuff



Ms. Cecilia



Livi does a great Sully



Mickey & Minnie just working the crowd



Donna was a magnificent Maleficent



The Teletubbies



Monsters Inc....great costume work!



David & Karen glad to be out of the rain!

Sail Past 2019



This is ROZ by Brad!



Under this MIKE costume is Jas



Glen & Meg Brown



Princess Skye is happy to look now.



Table decs by Kirsty. Awesome!



Just like being in Disneyland



Terri as Bo Peep



Jorga as Jessie



Lachlan as Woody



Andrew as Buzz

Disney at Darlingford



Gillian and Jill (Knight Torque)



Huddo and Glenda (Slakatak)



Jarrold, Tahnee and Taylen (Working Class)



Gunter, Jennie & Geoff (Odyssey) & Michael (L'Esperance)



Graeme (Cat Attack) & Alistair (It's Me II)



Some of the Ford crew from Taurus II



Darren and Narelle (Taurus II)



The new crew from K-Sera

Sail Past 2019



Wes & Ethel (Taurus II)



Ayse & Emma (It's Me II)



David & Karen (Rest Ashore)



Janine & Glen (San Simeon)



Helen (Kapalua) & Kirsty (Chit Chat)



Terry (Time Out) & Neisha (Out of Reach)



Jas is happy with her medal



Liz & Janette (the Craic)



Timothy & Mandy (K-Sera)



Steph (the Manor) & Terry (Time Out)



Greg (Evening Skye) & Matt & Helen (Kapalua)



Margie, Terry, Neisha, Steph & Kirsty



Rodney & Goody (Working Class)



Macca & Terry (Time Out)

Disney Winners



Another trophy for the Brown Collection. 1st Prize in "Best Dressed".



Chit Chat with their 3rd prize for Best Dressed Group - Monsters Inc.

The W.O.M.A.N. Award – If you don't know what this is, well, it is very prestigious and there have been many colourful winners over the journey. Introduced in 1989 and initially known as the "Bill Ferris Walking of Marina at Night" award it has morphed into the W.O.M.A.N. award and is applied to anyone who walks (or falls) off the marina (or their boat in the marina) anytime day or night! This year we had three recipients: **Don (Pad)**, **Joey (Progress Hall)** and **Greg (Evening Skye)**. Now Don tried to keep his under wraps, Joey can't even remember but there were witnesses and Greg, well he not once, not twice, but three (and ½) times walked/fell into the water while – working on his boat, washing windows on Rosemary's boat, and just plain walking down the marina – so, Greg was also presented with some floaties! How many phones Greg??



1 more for the collection Don



Yes you did Joey...caught!



Look Gina, I won an award!



Keeping the DELIA in the family - Congrats!



Mickey & Minnie & co...singing in the rain!



Team Ford taking our resident clown on his annual outing armed with lollies for the faithful.



Just follow that carriage.



Above: more profiles of our winning boat - great effort, thanks for parading in the rain!

Congratulations Terri Czompo for competing in her very first indoor triathlon in November, coming 3rd overall, equalling the women's record and being ranked No.1 female participant in Victoria for the TriX3 indoor triathlon series.

The indoor triathlon consists of a swim in a pool, a ride on exercise bikes and a run on a treadmill. Terri competed in the TRI60 which is run over 60mins (10min swim, 30min ride and 20min run) and you have to achieve the greatest distance possible. Terri achieved 20.01km's.



And to think that Terri only learned to swim in February this year!

If you have been at the club since Sail Past weekend you should have noticed that we now have a basketball ring (thank you Activities Committee) which is located on the concrete between the dump bins and container. This is a portable unit so can be moved whenever required. It was an instant hit with the kids young and old and has been very popular ever since.

We ask that everyone be vigilant when driving through that area. Please keep a watchful eye out for kids and basketballs.

It should be noted that you need to bring your own basketball! Enjoy!



Cooper Rowe and Blake & Brody Brown were very excited to try out the new basketball ring



Happy 13th birthday to Joel Stephens from Flat Out. His birthday was on 2nd November and Aqua was a good place to celebrate with Brayden & Cooper from San Simeon and his sister Reese.



SAIL PAST WITH THE BROWNS



Karen & David won their first 'Best Dressed' award in 1985, their first year in the club. They dressed their houseboat OVER DRAFT as 'Luna Park'. They won again in 1986 with a 'Disneyland' theme. The Commodore that year, Dennis Walker, said "if you win 3 years in a row you get to keep the trophy"... Well that was just the challenge Karen needed! Yes, they got to keep the trophy in 1987 with their 'Maori Meeting House'. In those early days there was no theme for Sail Past as we have today.



Following this early success there were murmurings amongst members that it wasn't worth dressing up and competing against OVER DRAFT, so the next year Karen & David lent their boat to the Piranhas, a youth group within the club (so called because if they came onto your boat they ate everything in sight, well food anyway, just like piranhas!). Sure enough, in 1988 the Piranhas and OVER DRAFT won the 'Best Dressed' with their 'Bi Centennial' theme! That was the last year OVER DRAFT competed in Sail Past.



In 1989 OVER DRAFT transferred to the Murray River. Karen & David were then off the weir for several years (well 10 actually) whilst they built a new boat and 20 years ago, on 22/11/1999, they launched REST ASHORE. The year 2000 theme for Sail Past was 'Pirates', Hilda van den Dungen was Commodore and Karen & David were back! Yes, the Brown's won that year!



Karen & David have dressed their boat nearly every year since. In 2004 the theme was 'Fun of the Fair'. 'Best Dressed Houseboat' was won by ENTERPRISE but REST ASHORE won 'Best Dressed Group' for their team of pink elephants and ringmaster! Even when Karen was Commodore in 2005, they still dressed up. It was 'Halloween' that year and they illuminated a large pumpkin on the roof of their boat and parked at the boat ramp to greet members as they arrived at the club on the Friday evening. Karen dressed the following day as a pumpkin.



And so, their participation continued like no other boat in the club: In 2007 the theme was 'Movies' and REST ASHORE and her crew were superbly dressed as 'Priscilla Queen of the Desert'. They won 'Best Dressed Boat' again! COOL BREEZE won the 'Best Dressed Group' as Shrek. In 2008 there was a 'No Theme' theme. Team Brown were dressed as a McDonalds Restaurant. For the 2009 'Christmas' themed Sail Past Karen recycled a purple Christmas tree she had made for a mid-year Christmas function, and she won 'Best Dressed Adult'. Not bad for recycling! ENTERPRISE won the 'Best Dressed Group' and ODYSSEY won the 'Best Dressed Boat' that year.



Their energy and participation haven't waned in this decade either: for 'Fairy Tales' in 2010 they presented as 'Pinocchio'. In 2011 they displayed their boat as an 'Avanti Bike Shop' for our 'Shop Front Windows' theme. In 2012 for 'TV shows' REST ASHORE and crew were MASH – and they won 'Best Dressed Group'. In 2013 for 'An historical Event' David was Commodore and they dressed again, albeit a little low key (says David). Recycling plays a part too - in 2014 they recycled many outfits for their 'Costume Party' and in 2017 for the 'Land any Land' theme they recycled costumes from their 1987 success to again represent New Zealand. It was just lucky there was another generation of kids that fitted the grass skirts! In 2018 they had champagne and strawberries for their 'Strawberry Fields' entry in our 'Food Fest' theme.



And of course, 2019 – 'Best Dressed Houseboat' once again as you can see by the cover!

What a fantastic effort by Karen and David and their respective crews over the years. Well done. We all look forward to seeing what you do each year, especially now that you have fierce competition in Chit Chat and Liquid Assets.



SAVE THE DATE

Friday January 24

Meet-N-Greet

(Australia Day long weekend)

Saturday February 15

Darlingford Family Day

Our own Amazing Race

Watch this space!

Theme: wear a hat!

Friday March 6

Meet-N-Greet

(Labour Day long weekend)

Saturday March 21

Alexandra Cup Race Day

Saturday April 25 - ANZAC DAY

Attend Eildon Service

Followed by breakfast at the

club and a game of 2-UP

Darlingford Dates 2020

Are You Prepared for the Water?

Do you know what safety equipment you should carry? Do you have all your safety equipment in your craft?

This advice is taken from the Maritime Safety Victoria website.

Safety Equipment

Carrying the right safety equipment and knowing how to use it is essential. You must not operate a recreational vessel unless all safety equipment required to be carried on board is easy to reach and well maintained and serviced.

Everyone on board must know what safety equipment is carried, where it is stored and how it works. Carrying safety equipment is no substitute for proper preparation. Always conduct a check of your safety equipment when planning a trip.

The equipment you need on Victorian waters varies according to:

- The type of vessel you are operating
- The type of waterway you are on
- Your proximity to the shore.

This is the minimum safety equipment you are currently required to have for inland waters (therefore all of us on Lake Eildon).

Powered Vessel other than a PC – INLAND (rivers, lakes and dams)
Lifejacket (per person on board/towed) – Type 1,2 or 3
Approved fire extinguisher – <i>Where any fuel is carried, refer to firefighting section to determine number and capacity required.</i>
Waterproof buoyant torch – 1
Bailer (if no electric or manual bilge pumping system) – 1
Bucket with lanyard (can also double as a bailer) – 1
Electric or manual bilge pumping system (if vessel has covered bilge or closed underfloor compartments other than airtight void spaces) – 1
Pair of oars with rowlocks or pair of paddles (if vessel is up to and including 4.8m) - 1
Lifebuoy (if vessel is more than 8m but less than 12m in length) - 1
Lifebuoy (if vessel is more than 12m in length) - 2
Personal Watercraft (PWCs) – ALL WATERS
Lifejacket (per person on board/towed) – Type 1, 2 or 3
Waterproof buoyant torch – 1
Registered EPIRB – 1 if more than 2nm from coast (coastal offshore)
Recreational Tender – INLAND (rivers, lakes and dams)
Lifejacket (per person on board/towed) – Type 1,2 or 3
Human Powered Vessels (including KAYAK, CANOE, RAFT AND ROWING BOAT) - INLAND (rivers, lakes and dams)
Lifejacket (per person on board/towed) – Type 1, 2 or 3
Bailer (if no electric or manual bilge pumping system) – 1
Electric or manual bilge pumping system (if vessel has covered bilge or closed underfloor compartments other than airtight void spaces) – 1
STAND UP PADDLEBOARD, FUNBOAT AND PEDALBOAT – ALL WATERS
Lifejacket (per person on board/towed) – Type 1, 2 or 3

ROGERS FAMILY USA ADVENTURE

On the 13th of June the Rogers family ventured overseas to America via New Zealand. We visited multiple places in America and Canada, these places included: LA, Vegas, San Francisco, Yosemite National Park, Vancouver, Whistler, Toronto, Niagara Falls, New York, Philadelphia and Washington. Some of the highlights included Yosemite and New York City. These places were our highlights because of the things they had to offer and the scenery. After galivanting around America and Canada we ended up back at LAX Airport about to fly home. We began discussing our last 5 weeks and it turns out that we had:

1. Number of Flights: 9
2. Mode of transport:
 - Uber rides = 24 (plus 3 taxi rides – never again \$\$\$)
 - Zip line
 - Helicopter
 - Water taxi
 - Sailing yacht
 - Elevator
 - Push bike
 - Horse back
 - Horse and cart
 - Bus
 - Trolley bus
 - Trolley cart
 - Restaurant cruise
 - Subway
 - Gondola
 - Hire car
3. Number of hotels: 16, most comfortable and roomy – Grand Canyon Ranch Stay and the Best Western Grandville Vancouver
4. Best city: New York with San Francisco coming in a very close second
5. Most memorable place: Yosemite, hands down
6. Most favourite meal: Gallagher’s Steakhouse New York
7. Temperatures experienced: -2 in Whistler to low 40s in Vegas
8. Most memorable live show: 1-King Kong, 2-Blue Man group, 3-Frozen, 4-Tournament of Kings
9. Best waterfall: Niagara Falls

10. Best events: 4th July fireworks, WNBA at Washington, Canada Day, graffiti walk in Brooklyn

11. Most moving: 9-11 memorial

12. Most out there fashion: Las Vegas

13. Top scenery: 1-Yosemite, 2-New York skyline, 3-Whistler, 4-Niagara Falls, 5-San Francisco lookout, 6-Grand Canyon

14. Places we wished we could have spent more time: Yosemite, New York and Washington DC

15. Biggest frustration: trying to break US \$100 notes!

On the 18th of July we arrived safe and sound back home in Melbourne and I think it’s fair to say that the Rogers family would do it all again any day of the week!

By Olivia Rogers (Chit Chat)



Grand Canyon



Niagara Falls



Whistler



San Francisco



This is a great drone photo of the Boys-on-B taken over Sail Past weekend but there is an even greater story behind it.....you need to ask Barney!

A FEW WORDS FROM THE 'LADY OF THE MANOR'

I can't believe its December already, where has this year gone? After spending winter hiding in my trackies inside, it's back to shorts and thongs in what seemed like such a short time. Ric and I took a 2 week break recently and decided a nice road trip was a good plan.

So, we headed out on the Monday morning to drop the dogs at boarding kennels in Yarck, this was the most difficult part of the trip. Ric refused to get out of the car because he didn't want to be the big bad wolf who left them there, so out I get with 2 doggies, blankets, treats and toys all ready for their 11 night stay. The dogs get put straight into a yard to go to the toilet, but they can also see through the wire, and they know it's our car. So Scruffy who is Ric's dog sat there staring at him while I got organized, and made Ric feel very guilty, and I daresay a little teary! So, we got out of there as fast as we could and didn't make the mistake of looking back at sad puppy eyes.

As we headed back through Yarck, we spotted Koala Cherries, so of course we needed some comfort food to take our minds of the poor puppies, so we bought some very yummy cherries as travellers to take on the road. We were heading to Lakes Entrance for the first night, so after stopping in Healesville at the Beechworth Bakery for some more comfort food, with added cream, we were feeling much better. It was a fairly uneventful trip until we got towards Bairnsdale where there was a rather

large fire in the distance that appeared to be heading in our general direction, luckily it was very quickly contained, and we were arriving in Lakes in no time. We decided to have dinner at the local RSL, so you can imagine Ric's excitement when he looks at the menu and its predominantly Chinese cuisine, yay.

In the morning we headed up to Pambula stopping in at Mallacoota on the way, the weather was quite wet on the roads, with lots of roadwork being done up the Princes Hwy. We stayed in a fantastic caravan park right on the beach where we had booked a unit with my brother and his girls, and Ric did some reminiscing by visiting the accommodation units in Merimbula where his family stayed when he was young. It's hard to believe how a family of five could do a 7 hour car trip, no air conditioning, just a boot for all the luggage, when Ric and I alone filled our car with "stuff" with not much room for anything else!

We did some sightseeing, Tathra Wharf was spectacular except we nearly got blown into the sea, very pretty part of the coast with beaches as good as you'll get and a wonderful climate. Ric caught plenty of fish, and we had a feast of Trevally which was very tasty. After many games of cards, good times and great memories we headed up to the Snowy Mountains, and we watched the outside temperature plummet as we climbed higher and higher, we went from 22 degrees to just 3 degrees in 3 hours, happy days! Anglers Reach was our destination and it was blowing it's you know what's off when we arrived. Change of attire was quickly sorted as we planned our next few days.

As you know, Ric loves his fly fishing, and I enjoy having a flick every now and then, but unfortunately the wind was relentless for the whole week, and for anyone who knows what it's like to fly fish in the wind, it sucks big time. You really don't know where that little sucker is going to end up when you flick it over your head in wind, so the fishing was somewhat limited. Ric did manage



Steph and Mary Lou

to catch one and drop another, but a few more would have been nice.

On the last day I was fortunate enough to be offered a horse ride in the mountains, so what I thought was going to be about a 3 hour ride ended up being 7 hours of hard yakka through the mountains. But the scenery was fantastic, and our guide was extremely knowledgeable. I was even able to walk normally the next day.

So, our holiday finally came to an end, and we headed back to Yarck to pick up 2 very excited and somewhat relieved puppies before arriving home. We had a wonderful holiday, but it was good to get home ready for Christmas and the busy holidays.

Well that's all from me so from both of us Merry Christmas to all and have a wonderful and safe holiday.

Steph Perna



Darlingford Briefs

We'll start off with some big birthdays that I've become aware of (if yours has been missed it's because you didn't tell me...).

Happy birthday to:

- Trev (Time Out) was 50 on July 16;
- Denise (Wizard) was 70 on August 4;
- Maddy (Time Out) was 18 on August 7;
- Tony (K-Sera) was 60 on August 9;
- Sharni (Wizard) was 21 on October 9;
- Krista (Latise) was 40 on October 20;
- Dale (Time Out) was 21 on October 31;
- Joel (Flat Out) was 13 on Nov 2, woohoo another teenager!;
- Janet (Daddy-O) was 60 on Nov 6;
- Khloe (Working Class) was 21 on Dec 11;
- and I was told I had to mention that I (Margie) also joined the 60 club, on Oct 5.

Congratulations to you all on these milestone birthdays. I hope you all had as much fun celebrating as I did!

Some birthday photos follow:



Tony Chetcuti's 60th cake....



Sharni & her mum Michelle at her 21st



So this was one way of embracing 60. A surprise gift of driving 7 laps in a race car then 2 hot laps with one hot racing car driver!! On the Gold Coast in the Sunshine!



Krista celebrated her 40th with a weekend down the peninsula with girlfriends followed by a family dinner in Warrandyte.



Nana can't believe this boy is 21!
Happy 21st Dale Stewart.



Trev & Michelle Ryan.....He's 50!



Stuie & Denise dining out for her 70th.



Maddy at her 18th birthday party with her Great Grandma, Nana Terry & Macca

The lovely Khloe Maroney at her 21st birthday tea with family on 11th Dec.



That's the end of birthdays so now for other bits...

If we didn't see it, we wouldn't have believed it, but there was snow on Mt Torbrek on 9th November. (I just want to record that for historical evidence!)

Mike & Marney (Schinola) missed Sail Past for the first time since they've been in the club – that's over 25 years.

BOO-BOO and Jude had a winter road trip to QLD as far as Port Douglas in their pony (that's the mustang). To quote Judy they "just bummed around" and even caught up with former members Jos & Faye De Klijn and Gary & Corrie De Klijn in their travels. "Boo-Boo" not quite the boxer image is it!

Anybody looking for DIY help on your boat or with furniture installation? Don't call Kirsty or at least, don't give her a screwdriver!

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Don't kids grow up fast. Nicole Johnson (Cool Breeze) is off to High School in 2020. Not so long ago she was just a babe on 'C' marina. Her grandparents, Barry & Helen are back from 10 weeks in Burleigh Heads. Now Barry is busy with houseboat maintenance.

Joey & Shelle (Progress Hall) have had a very busy time with selling up and downsizing to boat and caravan (so travel is on the horizon...) but more exiting for them was becoming grandparents. Their daughter Madison and husband Budge welcomed their first child, Calvin Matthew Cummins, 3 weeks early on 18th Aug.



Baby Calvin wishes everyone a Merry Xmas!

Capping off a big year, son Jesse started his career with Ambulance Victoria after many years of uni. Congratulations to you all.



Jesse Nagy starting his new career.

Congratulations to Chloe Lewis (Kokomo) who has graduated with 'A Class Honours' obtaining a Bachelor of Engineering, Civil, from Monash University. Chloe is now working for CPB on the Westgate tunnel project.

The fireworks after the Eildon Boat Show drew lots of spectators on houseboats celebrating the success of the inaugural show. Rumour has it that one group

celebrated the fireworks with such enthusiasm that someone couldn't get out of bed on Sunday. It doesn't pay to keep pace with Luke, Ric.....

More baby news – we (Peter & I) are very excited new grandparents as well. Our gorgeous granddaughter, Charlee Rose, was delivered safely on 10th Oct, also 3 weeks early.



Yes, at 1 day old I'm very fragile Poppy!

Watch out on B marina... Alison, Ella & Aby (Serena Z) are currently in England for five weeks to celebrate Christmas with family and do a lot of sightseeing including a trip to Iceland. The danger is that Luke stayed home and is batching...and I've heard his social calendar is very full!

There were several sightings of that dingo around the marina area over the weekend of the 7&8th Dec. Be careful with your dogs...and babies!

Brownny has a new boat finally. Hope this one floats a bit longer than the last one. Keep an eye out that window Brownny!



New boat take two!

Great to catch up with Nick & Danka again at the recent AGM. Their boat *Mystique* is still out of the water (years have gone by...) but they still come to our meetings. "One day" says Nick! Congratulations to their daughter Melanie and her fiancé Jack who celebrated their engagement on the 30th November.

I finally worked out that Solaris on 'D' marina is the old Happy Hour. Wow, that is certainly a big renovation.



Dale Penjin (Wye Wurrrie) has got himself his first ski boat. No doubt he'll be teaching Cooper to ski real soon.



Come on dad, I'm ready!

It's been a very busy time for the Maroney/Goodrich families from Working Class: a baby shower and a hen's night in October; a bucks day/night and a wedding in November; a 21st in December; and this will be topped off by the birth of another grandson due in early January. Then in February Mandy and Rodney are escaping to Bali again... by themselves!

Congratulations to Tahnee & Jarrod, Mr & Mrs Edwards, who were married on 23rd November in Koo Wee Rup.



Getting in an early happy birthday wish to **Judy Gill** from Shiraz....says she's never had her birthday mentioned here before (probably because there's no magazines in January)...so happy 76th birthday Jude for the 30th January. After all this time you deserve a mention! No doubt we can have a Shiraz or two to celebrate on Australia Day weekend!

Darlingford Briefs

SPIED OUT & ABOUT



Thommo.....before the bread rolls!



So, this is what happens when parents go out for a Committee dinner. Some serious girl pampering...
Above: Livi & Jas (Chit Chat) and Gracie & Mia (Riviera).

Below is another photo taken by Emma Bavage. Great Work Emma!



The Boys-on-B had VIP seats at Marvel Stadium for the recent supercross/ motocross AUS-X Open which is a pretty big deal apparently. Heard they did not see one bike!

Photo above L-R: Pat, Phantom, Thommo, Goll.



Sail Past weekend on Wizard. Ainsley, Oliver & Charlie.



Cooper Forsyth off for a wakeboard in Nov.



And its dishes time for Oliver & Charlie!



Martin, Tahnee & Mandy - happy hour at Jews in Sept.



Now that's romantic Judy & Boo-Boo. Sail Past weekend, not winter!



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