



KMYC – *Your Club*

September 2023 ~ Commodore Chris Jensen

The end of winter is in sight, and all-in-all it hasn't been too bad.

The social committee is back up and running with our new Rear Commodore, Paul Purnell, having taken over from Jim Lendrum.

Anyone is welcome to join the social committee. We meet once a month at Forestville RSL, though it isn't compulsory to be at every meeting, and those that have time stay for dinner. If you are interested in joining, please let Georgia know.

The first event is the big one, Season Opening Day, and it is always a little hectic to get that underway, but all is looking good. Caterers are confirmed and the drinks purchased, tables and chairs sorted, and you should have all received your invite. We also have list of raffle items and some to auction on the day. Details will follow.

Having audited our existing chairs, we came to the conclusion they are disintegrating. Dawn Sexton took on the research for new ones and we have now sourced replacements that fold down, which take up less space and can be used for events such as Opening Day and End of Season Dinner. Typically, we hire chairs for these events, but we have bought 100, which means we only need to hire an additional 100 for Opening Day. Amy from Cloud 9 Events may hire them off us from time to time, as she uses these ones for some of the weddings, which will help amortise the cost.

For those of you using the club tenders, Keith Davison has pointed out that each of the tenders has an inflatable life jacket on board. These must be worn by members when using the tenders solo. Maritime have pulled over club members running out to their boats on their own without wearing them, and while no one has been fined yet, they have been warned. It is compulsory to wear a lifejacket if you are on your own. So, save a possible fine by slipping it on.

Looking back, we have had a few events over the last two months, and these are detailed below. So what did we get up to?



Off Water Weekend



On 27th July the first of the travellers set off for Mollymook with dinner date at Rick Stein's restaurant. Unfortunately, Briar and I didn't make this, but everyone who did said the meal was great. The rest of the crowd set off sometime on the Friday for the Worrigee Sports Club and the attached Springs Resort, our accommodation for the weekend. We arrived late, circa 6.30, and hopped over to the club where pretty much everyone was already enjoying a drink or two.

Saturday morning saw us board a bus bright and early for our trip to Creswell Navy Base. We were met by Lt Colonel Mark Thomson, who was our guide for the day. We learnt the history of the Navy under the command of Vice Admiral Sir William Cresswell for whom the base was later renamed.



We also found out that Shell Harbour would have likely been the site of Sydney, but Captain Cook sailed past it, not seeing the entrance due to fog, before arriving in Botany Bay. The museum contains a range of exhibits, from ship and immigrant stories to naval memorabilia like swords and bells. Cresswell continues to operate as the Navy's training base and we witnessed members of the current intake (circa 70) undergoing training.



We walked around the massive grounds, surrounded by hundreds of kangaroos, visiting the various buildings overlooking the bay, which has some of the most protected anchorages of this coast. A number of members are now thinking of bringing their boats down for a visit, a run of around 10hrs according to Vice Commodore Bruce Quick.

After lunch the bus took us on a tour, stopping at the beautiful coastal town of Huskisson, site of the memorial to the 1964 collision between MHAS Melbourne and HMAS Voyager. Some of us walked around town and had a coffee, while others adjourned to Club Jervis Bay for a quick ale. Dinner that night was a private room back at Worrigee Sports Club, where we had a fantastic dinner and evening of conversation.

Sunday morning was a lawn bowls lesson, followed by breaking into teams for an enjoyable competition. Some of us were great at the game, others not so good, but it was certainly fun, with a few people showing their competitive streak. The greatest player in our comp was Scot Wheelhouse (not on my team though) who said he hadn't played in decades but consistently landed right next to the kitty each time.



Then it was back on the bus for our ride to Coolangatta Estate Winery for lunch. There we entered the original Great Hall set up for Xmas in July complete with old English memorabilia and a three piece band. It seems that a boat named Coolangatta sailed from this Coolangatta up north and eventually ran aground in Qld, hence the naming of Coolangatta in Qld.



The meal was great, the atmosphere fantastic. We were dragged up to dance and fool about with musical instruments, and all had a great time. After a long lunch we set off to wander the vineyard and perhaps buy some wine. I was entertained by watching Alan Fraser attempt to confuse the guy behind the bar by negotiating a reasonable price for 6 wines, telling everyone back on the bus they were eventually only \$10 a bottle, to which Briar said to me why didn't I buy any. (They were \$50!).

Satiated, we returned to our accommodation thinking we wouldn't need dinner, but around 6.30 people began appearing back at the bistro, though a much quieter night ensued. Many members stayed Sunday night enjoyed a leisurely drive back on the Monday morning. All agreed it was a fantastic weekend. Well done Jim and Julie Lendrum for all the work put into organising the weekend.



Radio Course

As we all know the radio is the only device that works in our waters, the cell tower still on the way. Many of us have the standard 27 Meg radio for calling up friends and for a pick-up from the waterfront. This is short distance and free for anyone to use. A VHF radio works over a lot further distance and these days you can buy a handheld one for a small outlay. But did you know you need a licence to use it?

Marine Rescue regularly runs radio operator training courses for our members to get them up to speed on the VHF and gain their licence. On Sunday 6th of August eight members booked in to attend the latest course in the Founders lounge. According to our records it was Alex Burt, Kerry Trollope, Alan and Carolyn Fraser, Amy Howard, and Tom and Christine Simmat. Congratulations!

Technical Day

Report by Paul Purnell
July 22nd 2023

Our thanks go out to Andrew Storey, our Cottage Point shipwright, for passing on some of his vast knowledge, explaining to members what to look out for to maintain their boat.

We were immersed in the world of sea strainers, valves, skeg fittings, glands, engine mounts, pumps, hoses and clamps with samples of equipment pulled (including seized valves) from boats he has serviced. The sea is a harsh environment, equipment is under constant stress. There are lots of exposed points under the water. Recognising the signs of potential trouble and getting them dealt with is crucial to keeping the boat above water.

Whilst we may have only touched the surface we came away with much greater insight and hopefully a heightened vigilance. The large turnout and discussions afterwards suggested that further sessions would be highly desired. Thank you Andrew!

Also a special thanks to Garry and Dawn for the wonderful sausage sizzle afterwards. Yum!

Flotation day

On Saturday 18th August I went down to the yacht club to meet with Renee from Maritime for a demonstration on how to test your inflatable life jackets. It is compulsory to have life jackets for each person on board your boat and it is also compulsory to have inflatable jackets tested most pretty well every year. I had taken the easier route buying new ones every couple of years, so now have eight of them. Renee brought manuals for almost every brand in Australia and gave each of us the relevant ones. We then got a checklist of what we needed to look for. Pretty simple to assess. Then we opened them.



Some have fold lines marked on them, others don't. If you unfold yours and it's not marked, mark the fold lines yourself, because they can be devils to re-fold and get back in.

I didn't know that the top of the tube you blow into has a fitting for letting air out and that the lever you pull has a clip over it. Renee had a supply of every clip, so we took the cartridge out and pulled it to see the piston come up.

Having done that we put the cartridge back in and set them off.



That was heaps of fun. Renee then gave us a replacement cartridge and clip and told us the jacket needed to stay inflated for 12 hours before being replaced.

As so few members turned up for what was such a great learning experience Rennee asked us how many jackets we each had then gave us suitable replacements to service them all, plus other goodies such as floating key rings and waterproof phone cases. We had a go at repacking our jackets, then called it quits and adjourned to the BBQ.

It was an excellent day for only \$5.00. I went out to our boat and got the rest of my jackets and took them all home. I inflated one of each style, holding the second one back to ensure I had a guide so I could repack it. Briar even put one on and set it off. Only the dog got a fright. Now I have tested them all they are good for another year. Maritime would like to run another course if we have enough participants and I highly recommend it.

Cell Tower

This is from the Cottage Point Community Association newsletter.

Following my (CPCA) meeting with the Communications Minister Michelle Rowland, on Thursday 13 July, a meeting of all stakeholders took place – this included Telstra, Amplitel, Optus, National Parks and Wildlife Service, Ausgrid, the Communications Minister's Senior Adviser, the Member for Pittwater, Jon Russell as the community representative, and myself. At that meeting it was made clear that the goal must be to deliver the mobile base station by December this year because the upcoming bushfire season poses a risk to residents' safety. I am pleased to report that works to



establish an Asset Protection Zone in preparation for construction now will begin. This is a huge win for the Cottage Point community, who have been waiting for reliable telecommunications for many years.

So on Monday 14 August 2023 we saw some action!

The establishment of the Asset Protection Zone (APZ) is the first step toward the construction of the mobile tower. Jon Russell was on site at 7.30am to ensure it really was happening. What a relief! Hopefully the construction will now move forward without any problems. Traffic control will be in place at times on Cottage Point Road. Please be mindful of workers.

KMYC thanks the Association and in particular Jon Russell for their ongoing championing of this project over many, many years, which will benefit us all.

Road to Cottage Point

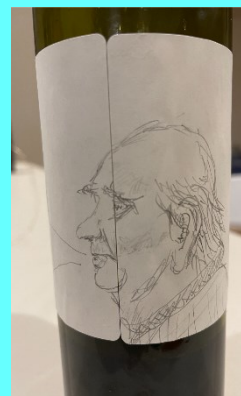
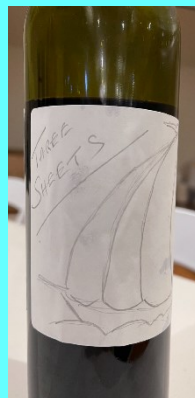
Finally, thanks to all the work of the Cottage Point Community Association they have succeeded in getting council to agree that the road to Cottage Point is wide enough for two cars, so it could have road markings. We have all met a car coming around a corner using both sides of the road, which is extremely dangerous. We now have line markings on the road including double lines on the corners.

So, no excuses now the road is clearly designated as two-way. Please drive safely.

Dead Wine



This event started last year when Jim Lendrum, Garry Sexton and Scot Wheelhouse decided to get a wine maker in to tell them if their stored wines were drinkable or not. Members bring an old bottle, tell its story, open it and see if it is any good.



This year winemaker Geoff Broadfield from Iron Gate Estate in the Hunter Valley entertained us with hilarious blind tasting games, followed by each table of guests blending their own wine from two varietals, and designing a label for it. These were then judged by Geoff and Jim Lendrum. Competition was stiff and the top prize was shared by two teams, both of which had very artistic labels.



Thanks to Jim and Julie Lendrum for inviting Geoff, and huge thanks to Geoff and Iron Gate Estate for providing wines for the evening. Thanks also to those from the social group that helped set up for the event.

Boat Driving Day

Discussions on or around boats often evolve into something, and this year at the AGM Rob Harrington-Johnson and some other members were talking about driving boats and bringing them onto the pontoon. Rob offered to help members get to know their boats better, which has now progressed to Rob offering to run a training day where members could get assistance with some practical training on manoeuvring their boats. We will gauge interest from members for this event, so keep your eye out if you are interested.

Driveway & Overflow Carpark

One of the great things about becoming Commodore is the handing over the project and maintenance work to the new Vice Commodore. Having invested two years in the Envirocycle I continued to work on this into the first year of my Commodore role, but with it now completed Bruce Quick took over the work on the overflow carpark area.

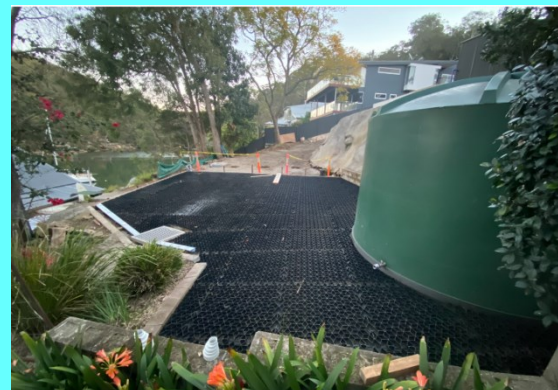
Prior to Bruce heading off to Qld we all met on site; the engineer, the boom gate installers, the car park builders, the shotcrete installers, plus Keith, Bruce and I, to ensure no further dramas in the final six weeks of the build. Smiles all around and no issues.



The driveway was excavated, and a lot of soil removed from the curving section of the drive to lower the incline. Then the edging was rectified by shotcreting the wall, and unlike the shotcrete we put in three years ago to stabilise the whole thing, this time we had it sculptured to look like rock.

For the base we are incorporating a new product that means the concrete it is only 40mm

thick. Honeycomb sheets called Rombus (you may have seen them piled up inside the main club car park) are laid out and interlocked, then concrete is poured over it. This has been used in WA in the mines and is now approved in NSW, and we are the first to use it. The advantage is less concrete and it allows for movement.



Then of course the devil is in the detail, and we have had some wet days and missed the first concrete pour, a setback of just over a week.

Last week the pour of the bottom level behind the Kiosk occurred and the piers for the driveway were done. This week the actual driveway will be poured then finally the actual carpark, then boom gate. I know Bruce has his fingers crossed for Opening Day.

Save the Dates

Opening Day
Long Weekend raft Up

23rd September
30th September (details to follow)



Apprentice Boat Builder/Shipwright Opportunity

Cottage Point Boat Shed is a small, busy yard with a reputation for high quality and highly skilled boat builder / shipwrights who are proud of their craft.

We are offering a full-time position for an Apprentice boat builder / shipwright to become a part of our skilled team.

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