



KMYC – *Your Club*

May 2026 ~ Commodores Newsletter

It's been a busy time since my last Newsletter and regrettably this is my last before I step down as Commodore. Christmas has come and gone, hopefully you all had Santa deliver those long desired accessories for your pride & joy! The weather has been kind so no excuses for not being out on the water. Rear Commodore Ross Nefodov has had a steady schedule of events to keep us occupied, both on our vessels and at the Club. More on this under Social Events.

The Monday update is proving to be popular and a great mechanism to alert members to activities and issues. We have been advising Members of their responsibility in keeping their vessels seaworthy as the consequence of not doing so can have serious detrimental environmental effects. On that matter, I had advised you of some contaminant spills that occurred at the Club in March. The Club takes our environmental responsibilities very seriously and has conducted a thorough investigation of these incidents. And whilst the Club had Spill Kits and other equipment to deal with spills, we have since acquired additional equipment which you will have noticed on the waterfront. We are also undertaking spill management training to be provided by Marina Industry Association for all waterfront and Boatshed staff. Once this training of the key staff is completed, Keith will then provide training to any interested Members and Cottage Point residents.

The upgrade to our Bunding system on the slipway is nearing completion and we will also undertake some additional work around the floating boom area to help prevent runoff entering the waterways.

We continue to welcome new members which Georgia publishes in the Monday update and I am sure you will make them welcome to our Club.

We have added a new KMYC History section to our website homepage with some historical documents/stories. If any member has anything they'd like to contribute to this section, please send through to Georgia for the Board's consideration

Progress with NPWS on our mooring field continues with a stakeholders' meeting in the near future to understand what is and is not possible.....we remain optimistic.

Social Events

Xmas party

We celebrated Xmas at the Founders with plenty of food and drink, supported by our resident band, Off Balance. Dancing was not compulsory but there were plenty of Fred & Gingers strutting their stuff, and for those who participate in Nut Bush City Limits, keep trying!



Australia Day



Great work by Ross Nefodov in having a combined Australia Day at Refuge Bay, joining Akuna Bay Cruising Club, Twin Bridges Club and Bobbin Head Club.....its great to join with our sister clubs from our nearby waterways. BBQ duties were performed by Marine Rescue and monies raised were donated to them

Pontoon dinner

This was a Greek themed event with much hilarity, drinking, dancing and plate smashing.....a truly outstanding event and again, a big thank you to the Social Committee. Zorba would have been impressed!



Colo Easter Cruise

Weather and skyrocketing fuel prices limited the number of attendees this year, but not the fun and camaraderie. A great time was had on the water, on the land and around the campfire. As always, a big thank you to Caz and Margaret for allowing us to use their land. Also a big thank you to Chris Jensen for the engineering marvel he created out of multiple marques and his assistant Graeme Kennedy for his angle grinder skills!



Sailing Regatta

A fleet of 7 vessels set out with the promise of fair winds and following seas.....damn the BoM! Light winds prevailed, positions changed constantly but a great time was had by all. And the pizzas and drinks on the Pizza Deck rounded out a great day.



End of Season dinner

Theme was Get Smart in recognition of Quick Smart, Margaret and my vessel. The outgoing Commodore is the theme for EoS so well done to Jim & Julie Lendrum, Chris & Briar Jensen and the rest of the Social Committee (and Keith). The decorations were brilliant and reminded us all of how great a show Get Smart was....plenty of shoe phones, some brilliant Agent 13's and all the other characters from the series. Entertainment was again our resident band Unbalanced but as they were missing their drummer, they were Balanced for the night! Dancing was frenetic and those who attempted Nut Bush City Limits, well done and we continue to get better....LOL.



Around the Grounds

We have been busy with a number of projects, namely the Bunding System upgrade and also the Kiosk pontoon maintenance, the later courtesy of a Maritime Grant, and the upgrade of our communications system. The work on the pontoon will take place when Trent, Ange & Sia are on holidays and be ready upon their return on July 1.

We have a number of other projects in the pipeline being assessed. These being the pathway from the Kiosk to the Founder's Lounge which as you are all aware can be a bit tricky in parts; the swimming pool tiling and lining are showing signs of age; the pizza oven deck is also due for replacement; and finally the front gate and fence being replaced with something more substantial and reflective of the Club. We will keep you appraised of progress of these and other projects via regular Commodore/Board communications.

Volunteers

We talk about volunteers and their importance to our Club and it is pleasing that we have had volunteers step up for Board and Flag positions, so thank you for volunteering.

A special mention of Marine Rescue.....the work they do in keeping us all safe on the waterways is taken for granted. However, they are largely funded by donations so a big thank you to those of you who have donated to Cottage Point Marine Rescue, an invaluable resource on our waterways.

The Achievers continue to trim, prune and weed so that the Club is always in great nick.....and I look forward to continuing with this group when I step down as Commodore at the upcoming AGM on 16th June.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Members of KMYC for allowing me to become Commodore and also for supporting myself and the Board in our endeavours to ensure the Club maintains its relevance and purpose and a place that we continue to cherish.

Upcoming events

AGM - Tuesday June 16th

Kings Birthday raft-up at the Woolwash Berowra Waters - June 6th-8th

Off the Water Weekend/Xmas in July - July 19th-21st

Opening Day Working B - Saturday September 5th

Opening Day - Saturday September 19th

