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COMMODORE'S CORNER

By Joan Rockliffe



Hello everyone,

What a daunting task it is to take over the reins, or should I say rudder, of the position of Commodore after the magnificent service Edwin Flynn and his committees have given over the past 7 years; such a very long time steering the club. I feel very humble to have been entrusted with the honour of Commodore of such a wonderful club.

At last AGM I was asked "what is my vision for the Club"? With time to reflect, I believe that the demographic of the club has changed. I consider the majority of members are looking for a different type of cruising than when the club was born. My vision is that we as a club sail safely, in good company, with the advantage of being able to cruise during the not so busy times due to many club members being retired.

This does not mean we will be excluding public holiday cruising. It does mean we will in most instances include mid-week sailing alongside the traditional cruises. This way we are catering for all preferences.

Following the recent meeting of the new committee I wish to thank our extremely experienced and talented team who have put together a very exciting calendar for this sailing season. You will notice in the calendar a stronger emphasis on social functions with more to be introduced as the season progresses. Take note of the

calendar, put the dates in your diary so as not to miss out on the cruising adventures and functions.

Our first exciting event is in August. Anne Lillecrapp has presented a Winter Getaway plan to visit the Volcano District of Victoria. We will stay at Hamilton Lakeside Caravan Park which has an excellent and warm function room enabling get-togethers when we are not out exploring the fascinating volcanic features or lunching at Port Fairy. The Caravan Park has comfortable cabins for those not wishing to tent or caravan. Powered sites are pet friendly. The dates are 14th August to 21st August. More information in this newsletter.



Try not to be surprised by something going bump in the night on this trip - the Victorian Volcanic Province is not extinct! Notwithstanding, I hope to see you there.

I look forward to the upcoming adventures of the club. Fair winds, good sailing, and see you soon.

CRUISE REPORT Childrens Cruise April 11 to April 14, 2022

By Edwin Flynn

Participating Vessels: *Wanton* and *Take It Easy*

This year's Children's Adventure Cruise was attended by 6 of our grandchildren on *Wanton* and *Take it Easy*. It was a really enjoyable adventure for the children, and in many ways they became good friends with one another. The photo below was taken by Geoffrey Peplar (*Take it Easy*) on the jetty at Sperm Whale Head where we enjoyed a nice walk and a BBQ at the excellent facilities there.



The day before we had our treasure hunt at The Grange. The children had just returned from a nice walk on the ocean beach and then had a great time searching the bushland near the jetty for the booties and doubloons that some pirates had hidden. It was a lot of fun and the bounty was generously shared by the children. As we departed from the cruise, the children all said that they look forward to meet up again on the next children's cruise

CRUISE REPORT

Murray Magic

March 20 to April 2, 2022

By Tony Pitt

Participating Vessels: *Silk Department, Scallywag, Spiders Web, Wanton, Sapphire, Shenanigans, and Therapy*

The magic of a river journey is that you never really know what will be around the next bend. The Murray did not disappoint.

The 2022 Murray river journey commenced at Customs House on the Victorian South Australia border and ended some 160 nautical miles downstream at Waikere. The journey included overnight stays at a number of Riverland towns including Berri, Loxton, and Renmark, but also many bush camps on a bend somewhere. Whistling Kites escorted our small fleet for

the entire length of the journey and spectacular sunsets usually marked the end to each day.

Each time you approach a bend of the river there is always some uncertainty as to what's around the corner. It could be a 200 foot high cliff bathed in sunlight. Or it might be a picturesque backwater brimming with birdlife and intriguing dark corners. There could be a houseboat coming towards you taking up a big chunk of what you thought was your navigation space. And then there were the red gums lining the river bank in their thousands, each with a different bark painting on its trunk and its own interpretation of what a tree should look like. What makes the Murray such a wonderful adventure is our own curiosity as what lies around the next bend, and the rich diversity of vistas and habitats that make up the Murray flood plains.



Seven boats made this journey down the river. We had 12 nights on the water and managed to sample the beers at the Wilkadene Woolshed Brewery along the way, and soak up the atmosphere of an al fresco outback lunch at the historic Overland Hotel. The Paringa Lift Bridge opened at the appointed time and allowed us to pass, and we took time off to explore the wilderness along Amazon Creek.

Neither Gaye nor myself had expected the Murray to offer such a diverse and spectacular journey.

Of course there were a few mishaps along the way, and they always add a bit of extra interest to the total journey. One of the vehicles decided that it wasn't going any further after towing 2 tonnes of fibreglass resin across the Mallee for the best part of a day and a

half, and had to be rescued by a very friendly and obliging mechanic. In an earlier part of the journey one of the trailers shed part of its footwear never to be found again, and a brand new solar panel also took to the air only to find that it wasn't designed for aeronautics. One of the boats had to be rescued when its particularly adventurous and inquisitive skipper got stuck on a submerged log and sandbar. And another boat had a near fight with the rock wall in Lock Number 3 and came off a little bit shaken and subdued, but no harm was done to the boat. One of the crew members did have the odd bruise to show for her trouble.



The journey back to pick up the cars and trailers after 12 days of river travel took a total of eighty minutes, and made us momentarily question why we had really bothered. But it was never about the destination or the distance we had covered. As in life, it was all about the journey.

CRUISE REPORT

Anzac Day Cruise 2022

April 23rd to April 25th

By Tony Pitt

Participating Vessels: *Silk Department, Sally Anne, Crème Caramel, Interaction and Sapphire*

After many years of very minor or zero activity from cyanobacteria, this ubiquitous organism reared its ugly head again and declared its unwanted presence in the Gippsland Lakes in autumn 2022. Perhaps as a sign of things to come it turned large parts of our favourite Victorian waterway into a blue green (teal) viscous soup.

Not to be deterred, five vessels with their intrepid crews set sail from Paynesville on Saturday 23rd April for the eastern margins of the Lakes, past Metung and into the active tidal stream where the ocean waters mix daily with lake waters and the blue green algae is pushed back into oblivion and memory only. Well almost.

As it turned out, we had three days on the water but only one day where sailing was the main form of transport. There was very little wind, with a big high pressure ridge sitting over the top of us. It was very peaceful on most of the boats for most of the time.

Not so for Sapphire. Harry and Charlotte had been unable to come to the Children's Sail this year because of other commitments with their mum and dad. So they decided they would come for a different sail with their grandparents on the first available opportunity. While the other four craft enjoyed a peaceful sail, sometimes under canvass but mostly under power, Sapphire's skipper and normal crew were being plagued by a million and one questions, by deep discussions as to whose turn it was to use the radio, and by calisthenics up and down the gangway, boom and shrouds. The only peace they got was in port when Harry and Charlotte went on safety inspections of the other vessels.

The fleet collectively attended the Metung dawn service, along with about 300 other early risers. It was a very moving service, followed by a foreshore sausage sizzle on the western beach. If the club is sailing again on Anzac day, the Metung dawn service should be part of itinerary.

It was a great weekend and Sapphire crew and skipper would do it all again. But next year Harry and Charlotte will be confined to barracks until the Children's Sail.

And A Special Thanks to Ed

In 2015 Ed Flynn stepped up and agreed to become the new Commodore to steer our club through a difficult time. At the time we had a declining membership and the remaining members and committee were very uncertain as to whether the club had a future. It was the club's 30th birthday and several of us were questioning whether the club had served its useful function and should perhaps be closed down.

Not so for Edwin Flynn. He had been running the club's new website for a couple of years and had seen the potential for growth and reinvigoration through new members and new ideas. He stepped up.

After seven years in role of club Commodore, Ed has been responsible for much of the club's recent growth and current activity. He deserves a special place in the history of the club. He hasn't quite finished yet either as the immediate past commodore is required to continue as a committee member.

Thank you Ed.

BTYC Covid Policy An Update

The BTYC Covid 19 Policy was reviewed and updated at a recent committee meeting. Changes to regulations and health guidance have been on-going in recent months. While many of the formal restrictions and health directives of 2020 and 2021 have been relaxed, Covid 19 hasn't gone away. Covid 19 infection rates and mortality Australia wide are currently as high as anytime in the previous two years. It remains a serious disease.

BTYC Covid policy is as follows:

- All members participating in club activities shall be vaccinated against Covid 19.
- Socialising on other members boats is generally discouraged and, if undertaken, is to be restricted to a maximum of 6 persons on a boat.
- All club members should adhere to the health guidelines for social distancing, such as keeping a

distance of 1.5 metres away from others wherever possible, avoid physical greetings and practice good hygiene.

- Any member who feels unwell from symptoms consistent with Covid 19 should immediately withdraw from any club activity in which they are participating.

Wooden Boat Festival Hobart February 10th to February 13th, 2023

The Wooden Boat Festival in Hobart is a biennial event. It is a wonderful event containing something for anyone within the remotest of interest in boats. For the boating tragic it is almost a must do event. Some of our boating tragic members may have already booked a space for themselves in 2023 and Commodore Joan has asked that you make contact with her so that travel and accommodation can be potentially coordinated to mutual advantage. Yes Joan and Geoffrey are going to Hobart in February for this event.

BTYC is considering organising a group attendance at the 2025 event. It is a long way off, but if you think you might attend in 2025, please let our commodore know.

Associate Member Fees Waived for 2021/2022

The deferred AGM for 2021 which was eventually held in April 2022 resolved that Associate membership fees be waived for 2021/2022 financial year. The club has been unable to run social events due to repeated lockdowns and restrictions from the pandemic. Associate members have had little to show for their continued involvement with the club. The treasurer moved that the membership fee for Associate membership for 2021/2022 be waived and it was passed unanimously.

If you had already paid Associate fees for 2021/2022 they will be credited across to 2022/2023.

WINTER GETAWAY

SUN 14TH AUGUST TO SUN
21ST AUGUST

LAKE HAMILTON MOTOR VILLIAGE AND CARAVAN PARK

(PETS ALLOWED EXCEPTING CABINS)

Powered Sites

Ensuite Powered Sites

Cabins

Volcano country

This fascinating area of Victoria is well worth a visit. The 15000 sq.km. volcanic province formed from a hotspot across southeastern Australia. With c. 400 eruptive points it contains the youngest volcanoes in the country.

Geologists tell us the province is not extinct, just resting. The most recent volcanoes are Mt. Schanck and Mt Gambier (both in S.A.) with Mt. Napier believed to have erupted 7000 to 15000 BP.

The trip will cover some of the most interesting geological features and as per the list of highlights feature what is arguably Australia's answer to Mt. Fuji, Mt Napier! Additionally, the story of the formation of the Wallacedale Tumuli and Tower Hill is most interesting.

Along with other points of interest this is a tour not to be missed.

More details will follow regarding accommodation booking, etc.

HIGHLIGHTS

A day in Port Fairy Café
Lunch

Nigretta Falls

Wannon Falls

Penshurst and Volcano
Discovery Centre

Climb Mt. Napier to view
surrounds and crater.

Byaduk Lava Tubes and
Caves

Harman valley where we will
see the lava flow from Mt
Napier. Lava flowed all the
way to Port Fairy

Old Crusher Road ,Tumuli
viewing area

View Lake Surprise. Walk
the crater at Mt Eccles and
explore the caves

Coffee and café stops

Fun and games in the
Function room

BTYC 2022/23 CRUISING AND SOCIAL CALENDAR

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
AUGUST	SUN 14 TH TO SUN 21 ST	WINTER GETAWAY	HAMILTON LAKE C'VAN PARK HAMILTON VIC. DOGS ALLOWED	VOLCANO EXPLORER TOUR. DAY TRIPS TO MT NAPIER, MT ECCLES, TOWER HILL, BYADUK CAVES, HARMAN VALLEY, WALLACEDALE TUMULI, PORT FAIRY	JOAN ROCKLIFF
SEPTEMBER	SUN 11 TH	LUNCH AND 10 PIN BOWLING	BLACKBURN HOTEL, HEALTHWAYS BOX HILL	HONE YOUR BOWLING SKILLS AND HAVE A LAUGH	IOLANDA CRUZ
OCTOBER	SUN 2 ND	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	TBA	SHOW YOUR SUPPORT, HAVE AN INPUT INTO THE RUNNING OF THE CLUB	JOAN ROCKLIFF
OCTOBER	FRI 14 TH TO SUN 16 TH	DOCKLANDS WEEKEND	MELBOURNE CITY MARINA, DOCKLANDS	LAUNCH WARMIES. CITY ATTRACTIONS, FRIDAY NIGHT BBQ, SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER. SAIL if WEATHER IS FINE	TONY PITT
OCTOBER NOVEMBER	SAT 29 TH TO SAT 5 TH	OPENING CRUISE EXTENSION 2 ND TO 5 TH	GIPPSLAND LAKES	SAIL PAST NEWLANDS ARM SUN 30 TH , BBQ DAWSON COVE	EDWIN FLYNN
NOVEMBER	SUN 20 TH	XMAS PARTY	TBA	DETAILS TBA WEEKEND ACTIVITIES TO GO WITH THE XMAS PARTY	ANNE LILLECRAPP
DECEMBER	MON 5 TH TO WED 14 TH	BEAT THE BLUES CRUISE (TAKE 2)	GIPPSLAND LAKES	PAYNESVILLE TO MITCHELL RIV, PICNIC ARM, KENTON'S ANCHORAGE (BLOND BAY), MCLENNANS STRAIT, LATROBE RIV.	GEOFFREY PEPLAR
JANUARY	THUR 12 th TO FRI 20 th	AROUND THE BAY	PORT PHILLIP	VARIOUS ANCHORAGES LAUNCH AND RETRIEVE AT WYNDHAM HARBOUR	TONY PITT
JANUARY	SUN 22 ND TO WED 25 TH	LEAD UP TO AUSTRALIA DAY CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES	RELAXED CRUISING BEFORE THE BIG DAY	KENTON LILLECRAPP
JANUARY	THUR 26 TH TO SUN 29 TH	AUSTRALIA DAY CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES	VISIT OUR FAVOURITE ANCHORAGES	EDWIN FLYNN
FEBRUARY	FRI 17 TH TO FRI 24 TH	LEAD UP TO MUSIC FESTIVAL CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES	LAKES ENTRANCE, BARRIER LANDING, METUNG	JOAN ROCKLIFF
FEBRUARY	SAT 25 TH TO SUN 26 TH	PAYNESVILLE MUSIC FESTIVAL	PAYNESVILLE	EXACT DATES TO BE CONFIRMED. ENJOY THE MUSIC	TBA
MARCH	FRI 10 TH TO FRI 24 TH	MURRAY RIVER ADVENTURERS CRUISE	MILDURA TO RENMARK C.316KMS.	EXPLORE A MORE REMOTE SECTION OF THE RIVER. TRAILER/CAR LOCKUP PARINGA	JOAN ROCKLIFF & GEOFFREY PEPLAR
APRIL	FRI 7 TH TO TUES 11 TH	EASTER CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES	RELAXED CRUISING ON THE LAKES	TBA
APRIL	WED 12 th TO FRI 5 TH	CHILDRENS CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES	ROAM THE HIGH SEAS IN SEARCH OF BOOTY & ADVENTURE	TONY PITT
MAY	MON 15 TH TO FRI 19 TH	FROST BITE CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES	PAYNESVILLE C'VAN PARK, CARAVAN OR CABIN OR STAY ON BOAT. DAY SAILS TO VARIOUS PICNIC/BBQ DESTINATIONS	JOAN ROCKLIFF

Important Notice of Forthcoming Social Event
WINTER THAW DINNER and TEN PIN BOWLING
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

Blackburn Hotel, 111 Whitehorse Road, Blackburn at 12.00 midday for the

Winter Thaw Dinner

Healthways Recreation centre, 1 Arcade Road, Mont Albert North at 2.30 pm for

Ten Pin Bowling

The dinner will be relaxed and social. Come for the dinner or just come for the bowling if you prefer. If you don't want to participate in the bowling, you are welcome to come and watch and cheer/jeer as appropriate.

Please contact Iolanda Cruz no later than Friday September 2 to confirm your involvement. Early expressions of interest welcome so that we can make an estimate of numbers.

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