



# KMYC – *Your Club*

February 2023 ~ Commodore Chris Jensen

Well Christmas has come and gone and many of us have been out on the water enjoying our boats. It was great wandering around the club to see a number of boats and owners I hadn't met before, having come up from the harbour to enjoy the waters of KMYC.

While summer isn't over it always seems to wind down post the Australia day weekend. This year I am aware of 2 raft ups, one in Refuge and one in Yeomans. From all reports a great day/weekend was had by all.

Yeomans Raft up.



Some of the boats in Refuge.

## **Car Parking**

Our car park was busy over the break but despite all our requests cars continue to either not display a sticker or have been let in by members. Bruce Quick did a head count of cars on Australia day and 10 had no stickers. On querying one member (name withheld) they advised they had just let their guest in to drop off stuff. Amazingly the car was still there at the end of the day. Members must have stickers on their cars and Guest are NOT to be let in.

We are loath to take action against unmarked cars and upset a real member who does not have sticker but patience is running out from us and members who cannot find a park. Once again I remind you stickers are available for members from Georgia in the office.

## Christmas Party

On Saturday 3rd December we held the Children's Christmas Party, this time in the Founders lounge, with entertainment provided by a Magician and food by the social committee.

Following this we held the main Christmas party, champagne was served and delicious food was delivered, except for the ham which came via Garry Sexton. Decorations and setting up were handled by the social committee, so thanks to all involved and to Jim and Julie for organising. Here are a few snaps of the night but the rest will be put on the website. All I can say is we had a great time.



Magician entertaining the children.

Followed by Adults entertaining the Magician or at least that's what it seemed to me.



SANTA!







Alex carving the ham.

And of course final song at 11.00 pm sound curfew. No points for guessing which song it was. If you don't know then you don't attend enough club events. Well done Trent and Richard.



## Feather Dusters' lunch

On 7th December I was invited to my first Feather Dusters' lunch. There were 9 ex Commodores in attendance and we had a great afternoon. I gather the rules are - it must serve seafood and be overlooking water. The restaurant, "The Watershed Kitchen in Drummoyne", certainly met these criteria. The Immediate Past Commodore Cathy Astridge was presented with her feathers so is now an official member.



During lunch we had a phone call from John Arnott who was ill and had not been able to attend but wished us all well.

Unfortunately we were advised by Alan Pears of the passing of John just prior to Christmas. John was Vice Commodore of our club from 1990-92 and Commodore from 1992-94.



We were also advised of the passing of another member, also in December. Hugh Cameron, the former owner of Cristobel and the mooring on TV point in Refuge that the club maintained. Hugh had sold Cristobel during covid for the princely sum of \$100 (not sure if I fully believe that) but he said it was going to cost a lot more to repair and told me he was still keen to stay in boating and was looking out for the right replacement.

Our condolences go out to both families.

## AOM

Richard Chapman, club member and owner of Nan V, was recognized in this year's Awards. Richard has been recognised for his service to the marine export industry. He is a founding director of the AIMEX, a not-for-profit peak industry body established 25 years ago and has been a board member, a voluntary position, since it was established in 1998. He has also dedicated over 45 years to the Australian marine industry at Coursemaster Autopilots and HyDrive Engineering. In addition to KMYC where Nan V lives he is a member of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron where he sails regularly. He served on the Squadron's General Committee for 22 years and was Commodore 2014 to 2018.



## Achievers Day 25 Jan from Bruce Quick

We had 8 Achievers attend our first gardening day of 2023.....the focus was on weeding and trimming shrubs blocking pathways. The helping hands were provided by John Colquhoun, John & Ann Webber, Peter McLean, John Hartigan, David Nicholson, Georgine Clarsen & myself. As the heat climbed, our enthusiasm dimmed so the plug was pulled after a well-earned lunch of sandwiches. Gardens are now looking their best for the rest of summer. We will be holding another Achievers on 22<sup>nd</sup> February so watch out for the reminder!



## Cell Tower

The on Again off Again Telstra Tower



Last Newsletter I gave you the good news that the Telstra and Optus Tower was on the way. Well, it seems the land the relay station was to be put on in Berowra proved too expensive so they had to find another site. This is the update from Telstra (Government Relations Manager

*It is necessary for a mobile tower to be constructed at Cottage Point as well as a transmission pole for relaying the signal at Berowra. There have been substantial delays in finding a suitable site at Berowra. Telstra advises that an Ausgrid site has now been selected as the preferred site. Design plans for both the Telstra and Optus equipment for Berowra have been prepared and submitted to Ausgrid for approval. It is expected that Ausgrid approval for those construction plans for the Berowra site will be available in about a week.*

*As soon as Ausgrid approval is secured, construction will proceed at both Cottage Point and Berowra. This work will be done in parallel.*

*The aim remains to complete the Project by end March.*

So let's hope they get the necessary approvals as I note the week mentioned was already a month ago.



## Colo

Easter for the club has traditionally meant a trip up the Colo River. This has been in place for over 60 years but suddenly Covid and then 2 years of floods halted this event. Well Cas, the owner of the property, assures us the place is perfect and eagerly awaiting our visit.



For new members a quick overview. The private property is on the Colo River, a 10 acre plot of land where children (and adults) can run amuck.



The boats head up the river on the early morning tide on Easter Friday, it takes about 6 hrs. Others such as myself drive up and camp on the property, the drive takes 1-2 hours depending on where you live. The club takes up the marquee, tables, BBQs and generator and provides onsite Toilets (portaloos). You bring food and drink to bring ashore. There is a pontoon but it is very tidal. Typically we have a dinghy run up the river on Saturday for a picnic which is followed by tying all the dinghies up and a leisurely drink and drift home. Sunday is the massive water fight (bring weapons) or sit on the pontoon and watch. Dinners each night are BBQ onshore and gathering around the campfire. Over the years we have ranged in size from around 25 people to over 80. So for all those that have missed the last 3 years - get planning! For new members or those that have never made the trip, now is the time. If you have questions speak to any of the Flag Officers, we can fill you in.



Boats anchored and property on the left with campsite.



## Save the Date

Fishing Day	Sun 19th February
Pontoon Diner	Sat 25th February