



# Windward

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September 2021

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## From the Commodore's Desk



Dear Members,

With my term as Commodore soon to end, this is likely to be my last missive, before handing the baton on. So oblige me while I indulge some reflections.

I love sailing, and I really love sailing on Western Port Bay.

Out there on the bay, in the wind, waves and tide, occasionally with dolphins, always with salt, I feel complete. If the wind is blowing it's a test of stamina. I know then who is in control, it's the weather, not me! If the wind is light, it's a test of ingenuity and it is just as much fun sniffing the wind shifts.

If it is a race, I love trading tacking duels with my fellow competitors, trying to work my boat into position, or best of all, attempting a pin-end start.

If it's by myself, or just a few others, it's the sense of being at one, respectfully with Nature. The respect sailing has helped give me for the power and beauty of Nature, in the end, that's the best of all!!

I am lucky to have a club that allows me to do so, and proud to have been involved in giving something back as a flag officer over the last few years, hopefully helping others come to know and love the fun of sailing. Thank you for putting up with me.

Of course, the pandemic has created some unexpected challenges for volunteer clubs like ours. While we all hope that the club can soon return to normal, there are some factors at play that mean any new *club normal* may differ from pre-COVID. I have written about this in a letter recently posted on

the club web site. In short, the club finds itself operating in an increasingly uncertain and more regulated world and is faced with some important challenges.

Earlier this year the General Committee commissioned a strategic review, in part to address some of these concerns. The review findings, which were presented to the General Committee in June, are now available on the club web site along with my letter. I commend the review team for their work. I especially thank Leon Moran for his diligent and professional work as chair of the review team. I commend the strategic review and its recommendations and look forward to further discussions with membership about their implementation.

As I sign off, I wish to extend a broader thank to all club members. As a club we have pivoted, adapted, shown immense flexibility and patience as we have faced the challenges of this strange world.

I am sure we will soon return to a happier place where the sun shines, fair winds blow and we can all enjoy our time at the club once again. I end my term supremely confident the club is up to the challenges ahead because of its greatest resource - its membership. Your willingness to get involved to make things happen, especially in these challenging times of COVID, shows the club is so much bigger and stronger than the sum of its individual parts.

It is truly a community, and I am proud to be a part of that.

In finishing my term, I owe a very special thanks to my fellow flag officers Di Otto and Sean Bly, as well as Amanda Nutting, John Tilleard and Steve Clifford. I also extend my thanks and appreciation to all the other members of the General Committee. I hope you understand just how much both Bridget and I have appreciated your constant, diligent, proactive and optimistic support as we have navigated the challenges of the last few years.

Thank you all.

Mike Sandiford





# Vice Commodore's Report



## LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AGAIN!

I can certainly see light at the end of this tunnel we are all in. At the moment, as most of you will know, we are in a very strict lock down. We are in regular contact with Australian Sailing, however, they still maintain we cannot access our locked areas, which includes the boat yard. We will let you know straight away should this change.

Meanwhile, stay safe, keep up the good work and stay in touch. When we meet again on the water or in the club, we will greet each other with a smile no matter where you are at, then we will 'correct our course' together.

## OUR FACILITIES AND FINANCE

### Somers Yacht Club 'Master Plan'.

The Finance and Planning Committee in collaboration with Cameron Harvey have begun work on further development of this plan so it can be presented to the General Committee and then members in the near future. There are a number of short term, medium term and long term developments to consider and plan for in light of the outcomes of the Strategic Review. Some of the many important issues to consider are: potential coastal hazards; the need to liaise closely with our local council regarding this and the potential impact on our club, yard space and beach access; and of course the financing and fund raising these plans may require. The intention of the club's 'Master Plan' is to present initiatives for the future development of the club in this unique coastal community on our beautiful Westernport Bay.

Since our last Newsletter, surprisingly, we have managed to have some works completed in between lockdowns.

**Roof Works** – the work to replace all roofing screws and some down-pipe clips has been completed by our local roofing plumber.

**Floor resurfaced upstairs** – the timber floors, which were showing considerable damage, have been resurfaced.

**Boatyard tree inspection** – an Arborist has completed a re-

port on the trees in the boat yard and listed the work required to make them safe and ensure they remain healthy. Quotes were obtained to have this work completed as soon as possible. The aim is to have the work completed before the sailing season commences.

**South Deck Engineer Report** – an engineer has been appointed to complete this task. He will attend the club as soon as current restrictions allow.

**Working Bee plans** – we have completed a maintenance check of the club and put together a very extensive list of tasks to complete once we are free from Covid restrictions and Australian Sailing restrictions to group sizes and access to our facility. This working bee will also include a specific maintenance team of workers to perform works required on the tower.

We will most certainly let you know as soon as possible when this working bee can take place. The notification will include a list of works. We really appreciate the volunteer culture of this club. Everyone is welcome, having a specific skill is not a pre requisite, there is always something you can do to help.

**Contract Cleaner News** – Sadly our beloved cleaner, Terry, recently decided to retire after many years working hard for us. He will be missed. We really appreciated his dedication to the club. He made himself available to us day and night and any day of the week. The General Committee has sent Terry a letter, card and gift on behalf of the club. If anyone wishes to add anything further please contact me.

We have been very fortunate to be able to find a new local contract cleaner. On behalf of the club, I welcome Felicity Evans. You may remember her from last season as she has helped us out a number of times. Felicity will commence straight away, or as soon as restrictions allow.

Please make her feel welcome if you come across her down at the club.

Kind regards Diane Otto  
Vice Commodore SsYC

Newly polished floors  
in the SsYC club  
rooms.







## Rear Commodore's Report



Sailing - a sport that requires patience, persistence and perseverance. Despite the challenges that we have all endured, sailing teaches us vital skills needed to handle a pandemic.

Sailors are at the mercy of the prevailing conditions – we take what the wind throws at us, and make the best of what we get. We can't control external factors like wind, waves and tide. All we can control is our own actions, and (to a certain extent) influence the actions of those around us.

Robert Cialdini, author of *'Influence: The Power of Persuasion'* calls this 'social proof'. Social proof is the theory that people will do things that they see other people are doing. In a self-policing sport like sailing, the social proof of following the rules is what keeps our sport safe and fun.

Sailing, as in life, has rules that govern what we can and can't do. These rules exist to protect us, and ensure that our sport remains fair. We are all subject to the same rules. That means doing penalty turns when we infringe or giving room to another boat when needed. There are times where we don't agree with the rules as they are set out. But, it is important that we respect the rules that are in place, act with integrity and do what is right. Doing the right thing has a

positive, compounding impact on everyone around us.

Looking at the conditions that we're experiencing, we will have a few AP (Answering Pennant) postponements go up this season. We may have a few false starts, and lockdowns may delay or prevent us from running things in an ideal way. But as sailors, we are adaptable. That AP flag will come down. The starter's horn will sound. We will get back into cruising, sailing and racing among friends.

You'll soon receive the program for the 2021/22 season in your membership mail-out. Besides our usual program of events, we've added more Social Sailing and cruises. Thank you to everyone who provided input through direct discussion or the Strategic Review. I hope that the program reflects your feedback.

Running a sailing club is hard in the best of times, and it feels like we can only react to what is happening around us. Sailing Committee is a hidden engine room within the club that flies under the radar. Each member of the committee advocates for each of our sailors and volunteers. We are fortunate to have such strong representation across the board. Thank you to each of you for your support - our club is lucky to have you!

With the club AGM and Presentation Night coming up, I hope that we can come together at the Windward Mark (either the one next to the kitchen or on the water). In the meantime, stay safe and stay connected.

Sean Bly





# Welcome to the New Season

Dear Member,

Welcome to the 2021/2022 Somers Yacht Club season. In your recently mailed out package you will find the new calendar, planned in anticipation that we are over the worst of COVID, and that we will be open for business-as-usual by October in readiness for a full and exciting season of sailing and social activities.

However, please continue to pay attention to the Mid-week news as the primary means of communicating any program changes that might be necessitated by public health rulings.

You will also find a guide to membership renewal and a list of fees for the season. This year our fee

structure includes a small rise in line with cost-of-living adjustments.

With our membership now over 800, and with ever changing public health and safety requirements, the task of managing our club has grown significantly. As the new season approaches, we will be soliciting for several important volunteer roles. Again, please pay attention to the Mid-week news for any such calls. In any case, I ask that you all consider how you might help contribute to club operations. By volunteering some of your time, you will be further enhancing the wonderful sense of camaraderie that we all share as members of our special club.

Yours sincerely  
Mike Sandiford  
Commodore







# Membership Renewal Letter 2021-2022

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Libby Moore

Enquiries should be directed to the Membership Secretary

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# Membership Renewal Procedure 2021-2022

## Membership Renewal

Welcome to the new 2021-2022 season.

In order to **renew** your membership

1. Retrieve your AS number contained in this letter or as shown in Step 1-Step 4.
2. Select your membership category located on the Fees Form.
3. Select any other optional membership items located on the Fees Form.
4. Complete your renewal, and a renewal for every family member over 8 years via the Somers Yacht Club Web Page , Membership Tab, as per Step 6.

### Step 1

Go to the Somers Yacht Club website [www.Somersyachtclub.com.au](http://www.Somersyachtclub.com.au)

### Step 2

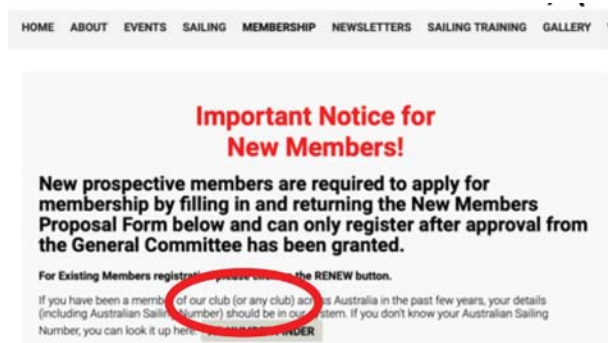
Click on the Membership Tab



If you know your AS number  
go directly to Step 5

### Step 3

Click on the AS finder link, (if needed). You will need to know your birthday.



### Step 4

Key in your surname and your AS number will be displayed



### Step 5 Register or Renew



Files available for download		
Name	Type	Size
2018-19 Explanatory document for renewal	PDF	114KB
sync information for application membership18-19	PDF	79KB
New Members Proposal Form	PDF	86KB
2018 - 2019 Fees Schedule	PDF	25KB

### Step 6

Complete the details of the online membership form ensuring contact details are up to date. -An invoice will be emailed to you for payment

Please direct membership enquiries to Libby Moore  
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# Volunteering at Somers Yacht Club

Somers Yacht Club's sailing program could not operate without the dedication and hard work of our volunteers. Volunteering is a great way to keep active and enjoy the benefits of being part of one of Victoria's largest off the beach sailing programs.

If you are looking to work with motivated people who are committed to giving back to the club, broaden your skills and learn new things, or simply looking for an excuse to get up close to the action, visit <https://www.somersyachtclub.com.au/about/volunteering/> to register your interest.



## Sea Rescue

Somers Sea Rescue is responsible for running our on-water activities and welcoming visiting sailors to our club during major events. Sea Rescue also ensures that all our sailors can enjoy Westernport Bay and the sport of sailing in a safe manner. Some of the roles that our volunteers fill include:

- Start Boat Crews – including timekeepers, flag signals and skippering
- Course Laying Boat Skippers and Crews
- Safety Boat Skippers and Crew
- Launching and Retrieving Sea Rescue Boats
- Support during major events (eg. State and National Championships)

Our volunteers range from those who volunteer regularly, to those who only volunteer once or twice a year. There is no minimum commitment required to volunteer. Any level of experience is welcomed!

Whilst some roles require certain qualifications, many of our roles only require a willingness to work as part of a team. The club can assist with helping you attain any certifications required to fulfill these roles.

## Race Management


Race management volunteers are the backbone of our sailing activities. With a wide range of tasks ranging from power boat support to radio communications to safety observation, each role is vital to a successful sailing event. No prior experience is required, only a willingness to listen, learn and be part of a team dedicated to the safety of our sailors.




## Social Committees


Somers Yacht Club has a very busy social calendar. If you would like to join the group who plan and conduct social events at the Yacht Club volunteering in the **Social Committee** could be for you. It is a great way to meet other members.

### 5 REASONS TO VOLUNTEER ON BAR:







You'll meet lots of other members




It's fun!!!!



You can help make money for the club which is put back into club facilities & events



It will make you happy!!



We need your help! Please use the following link to join in the fun [Click Here](#)





## Farewell from Steph

Hello all Division 2 sailors and others.

As you are well aware I have sold “ELUSIVE” and am retiring, finally, from active sailing so that the observers in the tower and on the rescue boats can breathe a sigh of relief from watching out for this very senior sailor capsizing and having to rescue him.

Also, the aged muscles and bones don’t want always to obey their master’s command in a timely manner, so the fun in trying to stay ahead of, or catch up to the competition, has diminished somewhat.

I have to thank all the tower personnel, and res-

cue crews over the years for the fantastic job they have done to make sailing at Somers such a pleasure, in the knowledge that someone is always watching you and ready to assist in case of mishap.

Thanks must primarily go to my mates in the various classes in which I have sailed, to make it such a fantastic competition and fun.

So now, one of you Div.2 sailors, with greater literary expertise than me, needs to take on the job of providing our newsletter editor’s request for an article on Division 2 happenings, every couple of months, and providing your Division 2’s news.

Happy unlocked sailing.

Steph Schwarz

Formerly PT 3014





# Winter 2021

Well, it seems that we are stuck in the same place as we were last year, all be it with the possibility of this shemozzle ending as the vaccine rolls out; let's hope that it all comes together for our sailing program this summer.

I hear on the grape vine that the wind will be fair and the seas kind.

In the absence of anything substantial happening apart from being locked down, I thought I would take advantage again of this news letter and indulge myself with all things Finn and Motorcycles. I can hear the collective yawns, but hang in there this could be interesting.

## Finn and the Olympics

The 2020 Olympics were for me unlike any other, with 7+ at least giving solid coverage of all the sailing, with some very exciting and close racing across all the classes. Our Olympic Finn sailor Jake Lily, came away with a 7<sup>th</sup> overall, and an impressive 3<sup>rd</sup> in the all-important medal race in Tokyo.

Giles Scott took back-to-back gold medals, with what can only be described as a magical come back from what was a disastrous start in the medal race. Its amazing how some sailors simply know which way to go.

Giles Scott needed a solid result in the last race to protect his gold medal position, but made a critical error on the start line, which saw him have to go back across the line and effectively restart at the back of the fleet; at this stage his gold medal had simply evaporated.

Jake Lily went left while the balance of the fleet

went right: Giles who was now last, chose to go left and take Jakes side of the course. You could see within the first 300 meters of his choice that this was now the favoured side of the course, most of his prestart errors were replaced with solid gains, sailing higher and faster; by the top mark Giles rounded 5<sup>th</sup> from memory, and Jake led all the way down the first return.

Anyway, this continued up the next beat with Jake still leading and Giles back in the mix. The wind dropped off and it was a real battle of wits down the last run to the gate and line. The fleet was swallowing up Jake's lead as his wind was snuffed out from behind; the last mark and finish line saw from memory 5-6 boats all within 15 meters of each other drifting to the line, this would determine the medals. And you guessed it Giles Scott recovered, held his nerve, did not panic and takes the gold! This is what it is all about; we all know how difficult it is to take positions when sailing in a fleet, let alone recover from last place to take gold. I suppose this is why they are in Tokyo and most of us remain happy and content club sailors.

Sadly, after what has been a 4-year battle with the IOC, the Finn Class (the oldest Olympic Sailing Class) has been dropped as an Olympic Class boat; effectively providing zero possibility for sailors over 80kg to compete at future games and crushing my personal dream of becoming the oldest Olympic Finn Sailor, so Paris is now off for me.

Nick Carter







# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING-

Sunday 26 September 2021 at 10:30 am

## NOTICE OF 59<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sunday 26 September 2021 at 10:30 am

### AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. 58<sup>th</sup> AGM Minutes Confirmed held 27 SEP 2020 (via 'Zoom')
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Commodore's Report
5. Life Member nomination
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Election of Office Bearers and Professional Officers
8. Strategic Directions Working Group – Report
9. General Business

**Link to Minutes 58<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
<https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/news/10yrxjnwmmhoetj1.pdf>

Please note :

Nominations for Office Bearers and Professional Officers to be submitted to the Honorary Secretary by Thursday 15 September 2021.

The AGM will be followed by a roast lunch at 12:30 pm

### THE AGM SUNDAY ROAST (Vegetarian option available)

Roast lunch and dessert  
Adult \$35 / Child \$18  
Bookings SsYC Website or  
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SOMERS YACHT CLUB

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## Justin and Gina's Sailing Trip

Late last year we bought a Farr 7500 from Tasmania, sight unseen, with a plan for an escape from Melbourne this winter. These are well respected solid cruising boats that are quite capable in protected waters. They have a large v berth forward, double metho stove, ice box, outboard motor and wind up keel. Ours was fitted with an autopilot and furling head sail, both of which we had never used before. After some trailer repairs and a short two hour sail on Westernport we headed north in May. This was our plan B trip after the 2020 writeoff of our planned cycle from Portugal to Norway. Despite this being our fourth trailer sailor, we were relatively still inexperienced trailer sailors.



Our first stop was back at Valla Beach where we lived and raised our two children for 20 years. Lots of catching up with old friends, surfing and enjoying being about in shorts and t shirts. After some difficulty getting the swing keel to drop from its case, we launched from Southport and explored the Stradbroke/Moreton islands.



Next was a launch from Tin Can Bay to cruise the Great Sandy Straits to Harvey Bay.

We Saw our first whale being a dwarf minke and spent two nights at Kingfisher Bay Resort on Fraser swimming in the pool. Then launched from Rosslyn Bay Marina in Yeppoon for a run out to Great Keppell Island. This became our favourite cruising destination. Very laid back, crystal clear water, sunset cocktails at the beach bar and lots of inland walking tracks to explore.



The Whitsundays was our next stop and proved to be quite a challenge to sail in a small boat. The south-east trade winds were blowing to 25 knots most days and we quickly learned how to reduce sail area to match the wind speed.

Our next stop north was to Magnetic Island, with a launch from Townsville. We spent a great week anchored in Horseshoe Bay, fishing, swimming and relaxing with new friends. The Hinchinbrook Channel marked our furthest point north of the trip. We had encounters with crocs and midgies, but the scenery was spectacular. Sad to see the devastation of cyclones to Cardwell marina from where we had once chartered a bigger boat. We made it out to Orpheus Island in the Palm Island Group for some spectacular snorkelling on coral reefs.

We returned to the Whitsundays and found a weather window to complete our exploration of the islands. After a night in Airlie to celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary, we finally got to Whitehaven Beach and Butterfly Bay. This was when we had some very close encounters with breaching humpback whales that was a bit scary. . We feel very fortunate to have pulled off this trip and are happy to be home preparing for another season of sailing in Somers.



## Justin and Gina's Sailing Trip

Our favourite anchorage was Nara Inlet on Hook Island, closely followed by Happy Bay on Long Island that we visited three times. We completed this leg with a dramatic sail in 32 knots from Hayman Island to Gloucester Island, recording our top speed of 9 knots. It was a relief to get away from the rude and noisy charter boats and enjoy the company of the identical twin Wilson brothers Blackrock, who have trailer sailed the northern Whitsundays for the past 20 years.



We returned to Great Keppell for another week of fun in the sun. Completed our circumnavigation of the Island and speared a coral trout that we barbequed on the Lewis's Magma BBQ.

The trip ended a bit weird. With NSW starting to struggle, we responded to a wanted ad from someone in Qld looking for our boat. A quick sale and then a dash through regional NSW before things got out of hand. We will get another trailer sailor in the near future as we both enjoy this caravanning on water lifestyle.



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## SsYC Club Merchandise.

Kids T- Shirts \$20

Kids Fleecy Sweats (Windcheater) SsYC logo

Chest - Somers Yacht Club on left Sleeve \$45

Kids Fleecy Hoodies (Windcheater) SsYC logo

Chest - Somers Yacht Club on left Sleeve \$45

Ladies Boat Neck Long Sleeved T-Shirt SsYC logo Chest \$25

Mens Long Sleeved T-Shirt SsYC logo Chest \$25

Mens Fleecy Windcheater SsYC logo Chest - Somers Yacht Club on left Sleeve \$45

Savannah Soft Shell Jacket SsYC logo Chest – Women \$130

Synder Soft Shell Jacket SsYC logo Chest- Men \$130

Trackpants - Somers Yacht Club down the left leg

\$45

All items are now available to order from the Club' <https://www.somersyachtclub.com.au/shop/>

with pricing, colours and sizing listed for your selection.

A login is not required to order, however logging in with your Australian Sailing member details will record your purchases and prefill ordering fields. Your selections are made to order and are usually ready for delivery or collection from the Club twenty one days later. The current COVID shut downs and restrictions will affect availability and delivery.





## Lindsay's Sea Rescue Message.

I have just passed eighteen seasons of sea rescue at Somers Yacht Club .

I think there are many members who understand the work load sea rescue carries. We are not only at sea but carrying out on shore maintenance such as cleaning equipment, writing roster lists (which are a near on nightmare for Norm and Tony) just to mention a few of the tasks.

I came as a person with many years at sea in many types of boats. My grounding education in sea rescue came from the late Rob May, who told me that my experience was nice but now I needed to learn how to manage a power boat in a sea full of sailing dinghies. How true it was.

The club is now offering lessons to enable students to get a boating licence. This we hope will draw many more skippers into sea rescue service, then they will have to go down the learning curve I did. Without doubt my experiences in this position I have seen many astounding events such as storms, collisions, craft disintegration in one second and sailing scenes that are amazing.

During the last few seasons I was asked to be rescue boat for "SWISH", a duty that was more a holiday and as enjoyable, but one I'm standing down from. As the "cabin boy" has said we need more volunteers in sea rescue. I'll be around to help in training but not as often as before.

Hope to see you on deck!

Cheers  
Lindsay Pullin.





# Social Committee

We were fortunate to be able to hold the “Open Mic” night in July prior to going in to lockdown again.

How lucky is our club to have such wonderful musicians prepared to perform for us? It was a terrific night which was booked out to the maximum 100 people permitted by our Covid density limit at that time.

We look forward to holding more in the next social calendar year.

Members are now receiving their annual information from the club in the mail and will find the next year’s social calendar from September included on the sailing calendar. We hope that we will be able to

hold all the events planned leading up to Christmas and onwards but this is of course dependent on Covid restrictions.

It is likely to mean that bookings are required for any indoor events, even though there may be no charge such as for Family BBQs. In the meantime, until we can socialise at the club again, stay safe and well.

Clare Witnish,

Social Co-Ordinator







## **A Fascinating Maritime Museum close to Somers.**

The Max Bryant Family have lived in Hastings since 1864.

In the Year 2000 Max developed an idea to be the genesis of providing a Community Project that would provide interest to the immediate Community plus Tourism and employment opportunities. Because of Hastings close association with the sea and the nearby HMAS Cerberus he decided upon a Maritime theme.

In 2003 the Australian Government decided through the Department of Defence to sell off their ageing Oberon Class Submarines. Max along with his Board approached the Government for a Grant to purchase one of the Submarines namely the Otama. This acquisition eventually occurred and with considerable cost was towed from Western Australia to Crib Point where it is clearly visible from the Sea Shore. It is the intention of the Board to eventually bring the Submarine ashore and have it displayed at the Victorian Maritime Centre which is located across road from the Submarine. This Museum is located in an attractive building which was previously used by the BP Oil Company for their Western Port Administrative Offices.

The Maritime Museum also is the home of the Western Port Oberon Association.

It has much to offer as it displays Naval War Memorabilia including Battle Ship Guns, a huge Mural of War Conflict, Torpedoes, Naval Uniforms plus models and items from War Ships.

The other side of the Museum features General Maritime which includes excellent models of Passenger Ships from the 50's and 60's and other memorabilia.

The Maritime Museum provides a fascinating display which both young and old will find most interesting.

Of more recent times the Museum has also purchased the MV Wyuna known as "Australia's Britannia" was constructed in Scotland in 1952 off the

plans of the Royal Yacht Britannia. This ship was used as a Pilot Ship in Port Phillip Bay and later at the Nautical College in Launceston where it is currently anchored off Bell Bay in the Tamar River. The Museum is seeking a Government Grant to assist in returning the MV Wyuna home to Victoria.

The Museum which is staffed by volunteers is open on Saturdays and Sundays between 10.00 am and 3.00pm. The Admission Charge is very reasonable.

Group visitations can be arranged during the week and Morning or Afternoon Tea can be provided if required.

Contact phone number for Booking is 0476 109 223

Website [www.maritimecentre.com.au](http://www.maritimecentre.com.au)

The Museum is located at 220 The Esplanade Crib Point opposite Woolleys Beach.

Research and article written by John and Hoy Hall.





**Vale**  
**Maggie Byrne**  
**20 December 1948 - 23 April 2021**

My sister Maggie was born in Frankston hospital in December 1948, the second child to Stan and Dot Byrne of Somers.

At the age of three, Maggie contracted polio and spent six weeks in Fairfield hospital and six months on a splint called 'George'. Maggie had multiple health set backs during her 72 years but she never complained. Many tributes came from past work mates and friends mentioning the smile, warmth, kindness, resilience and wisdom. In her early years Maggie participated in sport and recreation. She played tennis, netball and hockey. She was an active part of the younger set mob at the yacht club.

Maggie had many hobbies. She produced beautiful cross stitch, knitting and during the 70s did pottery and silver smithing at the Melbourne School of Art and Craft.

Maggie loved the ballet and had a permanent seat in the front row for many years. During the last few years she would sit in the disabled area on her walker and later on a wheelchair.

She enjoyed watching all types of sport on television. She followed Carlton but was reluctant to watch unless they were winning.

Maggie worked at Keith Turnbull Research Centre, Department of Agriculture and finally for the Victoria Police producing the gazette. She retired in 2014.

Maggie loved company and nature. She enjoyed catching up with friends at the yacht club. She also loved to watch the birds in the garden. Maggie lived in Melbourne for work but returned home to Somers every weekend. She went on many holidays and outings with Mum and Dad. Maggie's health was deteriorating in the recent year.

Our brother Pete visited from WA for a week which delighted Maggie. Maggie went peacefully in her sleep on Friday April 23 and now is at peace on a new journey.

Sue Byrne.





**Vale  
Beryl Neill  
1929 - 25 June 2021**

Beryl Neill, wife of past commodore Keith Neill (1985 – 1987), sadly passed away on 25 June 2021 aged 92.

The Neills joined the yacht club in the late 1960s and became very active sailing members. Beryl had the honour of being Keith's first crew in their Mirror Mimir in 1967 but then Ian, their son, took her place. Apparently, Keith built Mimir inside their holiday home in Alexandra Ave much to Beryl's dismay as she worried it would never fit out through the door.

The Neill family were introduced to Somers through Keith's cousin Roger Morse who was a long-time member of the club.



Above: Margaret Morse, Beryl Neill, Keith Neill & Roger Morse (Keith's cousin)

Their children Helen, Astrid and Ian were also active members of the club community both sailing and socially.



Above: Beryl & Keith in 1967 with their mirror Mimir



Above: Beryl & Keith with their children from left, Ian, Astrid & Helen. Later they were joined by Beryl's niece Clare.

During Keith's years as Rear Commodore, Beryl had the huge task of organizing the sailors' trophies for presentation night.

Our best wishes go to the family at this time.

Diana Nutting





## Somers Yacht Club Strategic Directions Working Group

Back in April of this year, members were asked to participate in a survey and a forum to help with a review of the club's offerings.

The impetus for this introspection was a changing member demographic resulting from the success of initiatives to get more young adults and families involved with the club, the impact on club life of Covid-19 uncertainty and unresolved priorities for infrastructure and equipment expenditure.

A working group of nine members gathered the responses together with a range of stakeholder input and submitted a report to the general committee in June.

The working group found overwhelming support for the club as a successful volunteer-based sailing club providing a range of off-the-beach sailing opportunities and generating a deeply valued sense of community.

The club's fee structures, and its sailing and social programs were strongly endorsed. It is a testament to the workings of the club that by the time the working group reported to the General Committee on these programs, many suggestions from members and many of the working group's proposals were already being addressed!

In the key area of capital expenditure for

equipment and infrastructure, no clear priorities emerged. Instead, the working group recommended that capital expenditure should remain limited until a Master Plan and a Capital Expenditure Plan are able to express clear priorities. This work is now underway.

The rest of the working group's suggestions focussed on "organisational recommendations". These are intended to simplify the way the club works by, for example, clarifying roles and responsibilities, managing succession, encouraging participation, managing risks, identifying future funding needs and so on. The organisational recommendations are intended to contribute to a resilient and flexible organisation that is in a position to respond appropriately to new and developing challenges.

A link to the working group's report to the General Committee is on the website at: <https://www.somersyachtclub.com.au/news/strategic-review/>. A letter from the Commodore and a separate report on the member survey is also available at that address.

John Tilleard





## Nick Carter's Lockdown Quiz.

### Competition

Continuing on my theme of using this platform for my narcissistic tendencies, and given the lack of content around due to COVID-19 lockdowns etc, I have attached a set of 10 photos from Robyn and my pre lock down travels (#travel in your own back yard)

The aim of the competition is twofold:

When prompted name the persons in the photo.

When prompted name the location or other use-less fact.

A prize will be awarded to the winner at some stage during the season, I am thinking of a sailing gift voucher, value to be advised, but don't plan on a Tatts lotto event, perhaps around A\$50.00 (Fifty Dollars Only) as a guide.

Note: Assuming people actually take the time out of their other useless activities during lock down to complete this, there can only be one winner. So, if we have multiple people who get all questions correct, I will put all the names in a hat and draw the winner, perhaps after our first race TBA.

Special Note: No family members allowed to participate, and I can change any and all rules if I feel like it ☐

### Photo 1

Question:

Name the persons in the Photo.

Name the location: Hint 60KM'ish South of Mildura.



### Photo 2

Question

Name the location.



### Photo 3

Question

Name the location? Hint not far from Wilcannia.

Name the famous gentleman (who adopted us because we simply argued with him) Hint, mates with Dick Smith and Larry Perkins, he has quite an adventurous streak!





## Nick Carter's Lockdown Quiz.

### Photo 4

Question

Name the rider in the main photo.

Name the location and distance from the next major town.



### Photo 5

Question:

Name the Pub.



### Photo 6

Question

Name the location and the road. Hint: 30.8083° S, 143.5024° E



### Photo 7

Question: Name the National Park. Hint, off the road to Tiboburra.





## Nick Carter's Lockdown Quiz.

### Photo 8

#### Question

- 1 Name the location.
- 2 Name the resort. Hint, mainland location.



### Photo 10

#### Question

The name of this cattle station's owner, is the same as the name of the person in the picture? You can use this to potentially solve photo 9.



### Photo 9

#### Question

Name the Cattle Station and its GPS Co-Ordinates. Hint. Not far from Slim's place of birth and indeed the name is the same as a famous animated movie.



All entries can be directed to Nick Carter  
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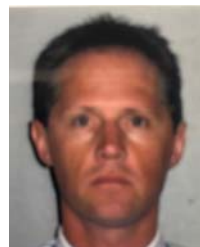
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