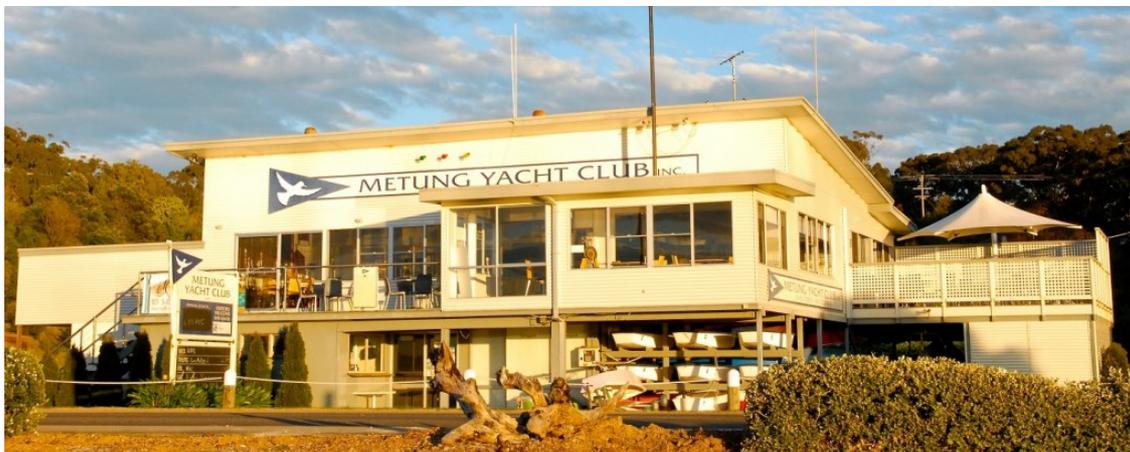




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Newsletter of The Metung Yacht Club Inc



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What's on at the Club

Wednesdays - Bar opens 4.30 pm (this week is your first opportunity to experience our refurbished Clubhouse)

Thursdays - Bar opens 4.30 pm

Fridays - Bar opens 4.30 pm

Saturdays - Bar opens 4.30 pm (note that this week there is a private function starting at 6.30 pm)

Sundays - Bar Opens 4.30 pm (Sunday sipper with the Member Draw. Remember you have to be a financial member and there to win it).

Saturday 25th August - AGM Dinner (see below, drinks start at 5pm, AGM at 6pm followed by dinner)

Wednesday 5th September - Metung Mens' Lunch (12 noon at the Metung Yacht Club, see below)

Voting at the AGM

CLARIFICATION - In case you missed the last "Notice to Members" Webmail.

The section of the Constitution covering eligibility to vote is somewhat ambiguous and to date has been read as requiring payment by the 31st July.

This is now accepted as requiring the payment of any fees that were outstanding as of the 31st July before being eligible to vote at the AGM.

Thus as long as your membership fees are paid before the AGM starts, you will be eligible to vote.

Our Transformed Clubhouse





Our Clubhouse has been transformed over the last 3 weeks, largely through 854 hrs of volunteer labour. Even when priced at a low \$25/hr this has saved the Club well over \$20,000. In addition the very generous financial support of a few members has paid for \$13,000 of materials, furnishings and furniture. In addition, the Club has paid for the trades involved.

Sincere thanks to our volunteers who in no particular order included Francis & Roger Phillips, Jan & Ross Pavey, Sally Rochford, Teddy Bull, Gayle & Andrew Stuart-Murray, Derek Russell, Marianne McDonald, Brandon Kibby, Christa & Dick Whitaker, Shelley & Tony Owens, Bill Newcomen, Eagle Edwards, Judy & Rob Trenberth, Ed Guinness, Jeff Rose, Manfred Haupt, Ken Barlow, Fred Van de Velde, Belinda Ridley & Andrew.

There have been 71 different tasks completed by both the volunteers and contractors which is far more than originally planned. As an indication of what has been involved, re-finishing the top of the bar took 36 hours of hand sanding alone, then seven coats of Estapol urethane (sanded back between coats). Comments from those that have seen the results so far have been very complimentary.

Particular thanks are due to Christa & Dick Whitaker whose vision, drive and financial support has been instrumental in the successful implementation of this project. For a complete list of the work performed [click here](#).

Etchell Rumours

A little bird has told us that Etchell AUS 1122 will be joining the MYC Etchells 22 fleet in the coming season under the dynamic duo captaincy of Mitch Kanat and Tom Russell. We welcome them back to the Club and wish them well on the water.

upcoming season. Looking forward to some fierce battles out on the water and some cold beers off it. We are bringing the boat down this weekend".

Dragon News - World Championships (Fremantle)

There will be five MYC boats and crew competing in the International Dragon Class World Championships scheduled to commence on 4 January, 2019 in Fremantle. Prior to the World Championships, boats and crew will be competing in the Prince Phillip Cup for the Australian Championships (held at MYC in 2018).

Boats from MYC will be entered in both regattas and will be skippered by Graeme Aldersea, Damien Daniel, Don Blanksby, Jeff Rose, and Terry Grundy. Crew who are members of MYC will include James Aldersea, John Warren, Fred Haes, Zane Ridgeway and Phillip Grundy. Support crew involved will be Peter Humphreys, Rob Hutton, Ian Williams, Merrill Frew and Bob Dack.

Other than the host Club, Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club, MYC will have more boats entered than any other Australian Yacht Club. This is a major achievement for a small provincial yacht club. This Regatta is a major international regatta with entries expected from the UK, Ireland, Turkey, France, Denmark, Germany, Russia, The Netherlands, Portugal and Hong Kong.

This regatta will put MYC right at the forefront of the International Dragon Class, so the general membership is asked to provide encouragement and support to the participants.

By Terry Grundy

AGM Meeting & Dinner 5.00pm Saturday 25th August

REMEMBER: Book soon and enjoy our newly refurbished clubhouse. Catering by Bancroft Bites.

Nominations for Committee & Flag Officer positions closed on Saturday 11th August and are posted on the board at the Club.

They have also been emailed to members in the recent "Notice to Members" webmail. If you missed it, see useful links below



Your Committee at Work - Strategic Plan Progress

The membership survey was presented to members at the 16th June General Meeting of Members. A key recommendation out of this Survey was that "As a priority and using the results of this survey, develop a new Strategic Plan defining the future direction of the Club with clear actions and time frames (to be used to guide all future decision making)".

Since then, a Working Group has been analysing the Survey and preparing a Draft Strategic Plan. The Plan is based on 4 Major Goals, each being addressed through a range of Strategies with specific Actions and time frames.

The Strategies and Actions have been drawn from the Membership Survey, the previous Strategic Plan and the Working Group's assessment of missing areas. Those missing were mostly to do with corporate governance, management and risk management which had a limited coverage in the Survey.

While not yet complete, the Draft Strategic Plan will be presented to members at the Annual General Meeting to keep them abreast of progress and seek feedback.

Community News - Metung Men's Lunch

September 5th at 12 noon brings the next of the quarterly Metung Men's Lunches. Catered by Bancroft Bites and held in the newly renovated Metung Yacht Club restaurant, this event is becoming a fixture in Metung. This event aims to be as inclusive as possible so if you are not on the mailing list please contact Dick Whitaker on 0408 711 933 or seawork3904@gmail.com. All are welcome but bookings are

Our Boat



METUNG II (Part 2)

Apologies to Michael Vawdrey for calling him Vander in our last issue. Member David Osborne, a friend of Michael's was able to put us straight and Michael was able to provide us with further information on "Metung 11" nee "Endeavour", nee "Gramac 2".

Gramac 2 was built for Michael by Jack Pompei at Mordialloc. The photo opposite shows her ready to go onto a float and into the water in 1979.

She took 2 years to build and was 38 feet long with a Mercedes 125 hp motor giving her a cruising speed of 8 knots at 2200 rpm. Michael cruised her in Bass Strait, its islands including The Furnaux Group and in Tasmania. She was planked in Huon pine and celery top pine. The keel slipper is WA Karri timber.

Subsequently Michael had Gramac 3, a 43 foot long Randell which he says did not roll like Gramac 2 and which is now at Lakes Entrance. He is currently up to Gramac 6 a 40 foot Bluefix built in NZ He says there was a Gramacat in the mix but that didn't rate a number.

Contributions to Telltales

Members are encouraged to submit short articles of interest and photographs to be used in future issues to s.t.owens@bigpond.com. These could be historical, stories about members, descriptions of members boats, notices of planned events and Club activities, Club history, yachting events etc.

Useful Links

Telltales Magazine Issue 204 [click here](#)

Telltales Magazine Issue 54 [click here](#)

Membership Survey Report [click here](#)

Notice of 2018 AGM [click here](#)

Membership Application Form [click here](#)

Officer & Committee Nominations [click here](#)

Membership & Sailing Fees descriptions and rates [click here](#)

Club & Committee contacts details [click here](#)

Metung Marina revised fees [Shire website](#).



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