



TELLTALES

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE

WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB

Wednesdays to Sundays - Bar opens at 4.30 pm

SAILS @ MYC RESTAURANT - Dinner 6pm - 8pm

* Wednesday - Casual night - Burgers, Fish'n'Chips etc

* Thursday/Friday - A La Carte

* Saturday - Food of the World

* Sunday Carvery Night

Saturday/Sundays - Devonshire Teas and Brunch from 10am

BOOKINGS Ph Rob on 0433 802 530 or Club 5156 2315

Wednesday 25th December - Christmas Day - Club is Closed

Wednesday 26th December - Boxing Day
Watch the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race start

Light food will be available

Saturday 28th December - MYC Trophy Heat 1 and Heat 2

Wednesday 1st January - MYC New Years Day Sail Past and BBQ

Friday 3rd January - MYC Trophy Heat 3

Saturday 4th January - CWB - Metung Hotel Trophy

Sunday 5th January - MYC Trophy Heat 4 (CCH race 5) and Heat 5
- Musto Skiff information session

Mon 6th, Tue 7th January - Musto Skiff Regatta racing

Wednesday 8th January - First Twilights 2020
- Musto Skiff Regatta lay day

Thur 9th, Fri 10th January - Musto Skiff Regatta racing

Saturday 11th January - Graves Lethlean GLYC visit race

Wednesday 15th January - Twilights

Saturday 18th January - Charles Mylius race

Sunday 19th January - CWB / Sc Heat 4 - Sorrento

Saturday 25th January - P.B. Lawrence Heat 1

Sat 25th - Mon 27th January - One Design Regatta - Etechells

COMMODORE'S COLUMN

Christmas is upon us. The Club is expecting a busy period. It will only be closed on the 23rd, 24th December and Christmas Day. Come and enjoy lunch and watch the start of the Sydney to Hobart Race on Boxing Day.

Don't forget the New Year's Day Sail Past commencing at 12 midday. Gather at Shaving Point and join in the parade and Commodore's Salute. Motorboats and yachts welcome. The Club will be open later in the day to catch up with friends and food will be available.

We have a busy club sailing program planned between 28 December and 5 January. We are also hosting the Musto Skiff Nationals from 5-10 January. On the Australia Day weekend we are hosting the 30th Etchell's One Design Regatta. Anybody with some spare time would be welcome to assist onshore or out on the water for these events.

Early in the New Year our new glycol beer system will be installed and the goods lift should be operational. There has been a delay as we have decided to install a new power board to meet the increased power needs of the Club.

To help our caterer plan staffing and food needs please book as early as possible. This ensures that you get the meals you want served in a timely fashion. We are experiencing strong support and don't wish to turn members away.

The Committee has re-affirmed its decision that the outdoor verandas and the interior of the Club are designated no smoking areas at all times. We believe this is in line with community expectations and health advice. Smokers can still smoke downstairs if necessary. I realise that some people oppose this decision but strongly believe it is in the best interests of the Club and improves the Club and dining experience for the majority of our members and guests. There are heavy fines for individuals breaking these rules under the Tobacco Act 1987.

I wish to thank Gary Bashford for providing his travel tower to replace the halliards on our club flagpole. It made the job much easier.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and hope to see you supporting your club over the holiday period.

Yours in sailing

Peter Harvey

Commodore

CLUB NEWS

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest members

Tim Daniel

Joanne Paton

David Dickson

Bev Newcomen

Alan McCormick

Julie-Anne McPherson

Pauline Kane

Greg Dennett

METUNG II Launched after annual haul out

Metung II was back in the water on Monday December 9th after timber work, painting and antifouling.
Many thanks to those who volunteered

A special thanks to Max Young for organizing the haul out and for the days and days he spent battling the wind to get the job done.

2019 - 2020 SAILING SEASON

The 2019 / 2020 sailing season commenced for Metung Yacht Club on the 5th October, 2019 with the traditional “Commodores Cup” race from Metung to the mouth of the Tambo River and was won by Ken Barlow in his 100 year old gaff rigged cuta boat “Pearl”.

Our sailing calendar so far this season has been significantly disrupted due to weather conditions experienced on sailing days – usually gale force winds or a forecast that makes holding the event dangerous.

There was a winter sailing program which after only 3 races due to poor weather was won by Kevin Pearce and Stephen Richardson in their Etchell “New Wave”. The highlight for sailors and guests was the home -made soup made by Simon Bazeley and Ken Barlow, served regardless of weather conditions to create a convivial atmosphere in the clubhouse.

Weekend club racing relies on our volunteers both on the water in the start and safety boats as well as the off the water running the races from the clubhouse and recording and posting the results – thanks especially to Gai Clough in the clubhouse and Max Young and Paul Germano on the water

The club conducted the “VX One” Victorian State titles in late October with 12 boats competing including entries from Lake Macquarie in NSW and a number from Canberra as well as Victoria – Brian Case from Geelong was the winner.

The Eastern Region Interclub Regatta was held on the weekend 16th & 17th November involving Latrobe Valley YC (Yinnar), South Gippsland YC (Inverloch), GLYC (Paynesville), Loch Sport Boating Club, Lake Wellington YC (Marlay Point), Port Albert YC and Metung YC. The overall winner of the Eastern Region regatta was GLYC Paynesville with the highlight being the junior sailors.

MYC will host the “Musto Skiffs National Championship 2020 Regatta January 5th to 10th and we expect around 20 entrants. Also in January over the Australia Day weekend we shall host the one design regatta for Etchell’s. Our last regatta in early March is for the Dragon Class yachts racing for the Charles Stephenson Trophy.

Our junior sailing squad of around 20 sailors organised by Rod 'Eagle' Edwards and Dean Smith and their wives and supporters have been very active both on and off the water. On water with their International Cadets, Opti’s and Pacers the junior sailors are preparing for the challenge over Easter at Sandringham YC.

If weather is inclement off water training is taught as well as visits of interest to “Seamac - the Tafe Gippsland Campus providing specialist training in maritime and recreational boating and also a planned visit to “Tommy Naughton” the dredge at Lakes Entrance.

Christmas for the juniors and their families will be a race from Metung to Nungurner for a BBQ and other fun and frivolities.



With winds gusting to 30 knots it was a heavy day sailing in the David Borthwick Legacy race around Raymond Island on 21st December. Congratulations to Peter Harvey and Terry Reilly for their win on Flying High.

MUSTO SKIFF CHAMPIONSHIP

The Musto Skiffs are back in Metung for their National Championship in January 2020 and expectations are that we could have up to 20 boats on the water including an entrant from the Netherlands as well as NSW, SA, WA and Victoria.

Paul Dijkstra from the Netherlands will be coming with his family for the Nationals. In 2019 he was placed 6th in the world championships. Two times past world champion, Jon Newman from Victoria will also be on the water along with a wide range of age groups from 19 - 50 year olds including a father and son pair.

For some sailors the Musto Nationals will be used as a training warmup for the upcoming 49er Olympic Class World Championships in Geelong in February 2020.

The Musto Skiff is a single handed 14 ft 11 inch sailing skiff featuring a trapeze, asymmetrical spinnaker, wings and low weight. It was designed for the 2000 Olympic Class trials in Quiberon by Joachim Harpprecht and attained World Sailing International Status.



OUR MEMBERS

Bev and Bill Newcomen moved to Metung in 1982 and quickly became entrenched in the Metung community and Metung Yacht Club. Bill was on the committee for close to 20 years, heavily involved with the Juniors for 15 years and was Commodore for 3 years from 1997 - 1999. His dedication to the club resulted in him being awarded Life Membership. This article was published in the Age in October 2000.



Bill Newcomen's Metung

By MARY RYLLIS CLARK

Everything stopped in Metung on the afternoon of the Grand Final, and not because of local passion for Essendon or Melbourne. The dolphins were back in town.

"There were about 40 of them in front of the yacht club for about an hour diving around the boats and marina," says immediate past commodore of the club, Bill Newcomen. "They seemed to be having the most marvellous fun. One hardened old sailor here for the day was heard to mutter, 'I got my money's worth today just watching the dolphins.'"

Newcomen says dolphins come and go mysteriously. "Suddenly, they're there and, just as suddenly, they've gone. They're unpredictable. But they create a magical environment at Metung. Everyone feels close to them. They are a source of great interest and enormous affection."

Metung is at the end of a small spit of land on the Gippsland Lakes. When the dolphins are not nearby, they either go out to sea via Lakes Entrance or move further up the lakes. The whole system is about 80 kilometres long, comprising three major lakes - King, Victoria and Wellington. Metung is located on Bancroft Bay. Across the water are Mosquito Point and the swampy Gippsland Lakes Coastal Park on the long, narrow stretch of Boole Poole Peninsula.

Newcomen was born in Swifts Creek, up in the mountains near Omeo. His family sometimes went to Lakes Entrance on holiday. He remembers seeing Metung as a small boy and thinking how lovely it was. "Little did I think I would put down roots here," he says.



Essential knowledge

Metung is 314 kilometres east of Melbourne via the Princes Highway.

Best of Metung

Nangurner Studios, Nangurner, open weekends 11am-4pm or by appointment. Tel: (03) 5156 3219.

Max Nicholson Studio, Metung, open 11am-4.30pm weekends or by appointment. Tel: (03) 5156 2655.

The Sculpture Gallery & Annemieke Mein Textiles, Metung. Tel: (03) 5156 2770.

Annelore Schneider's Rosewood Pottery, Swan Reach, open weekends or by appointment. Tel: (03) 5156 4266.

Metung Yacht Club, visitors welcome. Tel: (03) 5156 2315.

Riviera Nautic for boating holidays, cruises, HolidayMakers Cafe. Tel: (03) 5156 2243.

Cruises on Spray (historic ketch). Tel: (03) 5156 2436.

Metung Cruisers for boating holidays, boat & bike hire. Tel: (03) 5156 2208.

Marrillee at Metung. Tel: (03) 5156 2121.

Little Mariner's Cafe & Restaurant. Tel: (03) 5156 2077.

Saltwater Restaurant. Tel: (03) 5156 2216.

Metung Hotel. Tel: (03) 5156 2206.

Village Store. Tel: (03) 5156 2201.

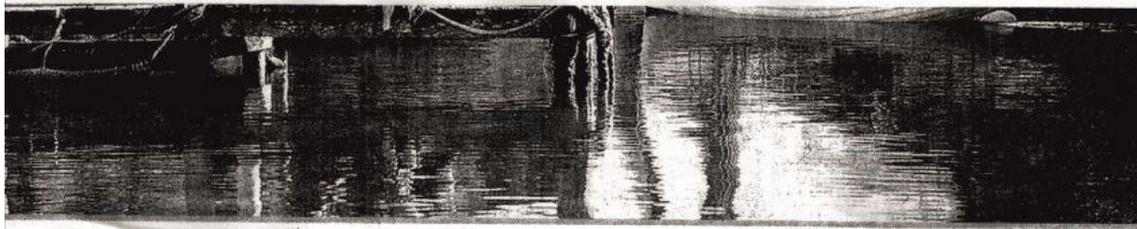
Rapt & Tied Gifts. Tel: (03) 5156 2066.

Interiors 100 Gifts. Tel: (03) 5156 2566.

Metung has more than 25 bed-and-breakfasts and self-contained accommodation. For further information, check the website on www.metung.com or contact Lakes and Wilderness Tourism. Tel: 1800 637 060.

Picture: RODGER CUMM





Bill Newcomen's Metung

(Cont)

It happened by chance. Newcomen was working as a social worker and counsellor in Canberra in 1982 when he and his wife, Bev, decided to visit his relatives in Gippsland. Hers were a long way off in the Wimmera. "We were staying in the area and came to Metung on one of those perfect days and felt a magnetic attraction for the place. We never went back to Canberra."

Newcomen resigned from his job and found another almost immediately at Bairnsdale. Since then he has worked in a number of places in the area, including a 14-year stint at the Lakes Entrance Community Health Centre in management and counselling. About 18 months ago he decided to return to full-time counselling and is now working at Bairnsdale Hospital.

"It takes me exactly 20 minutes to get home - no traffic lights. I love the drive, especially the last stretch beside the water. It seems crazy, but there is no public transport from Metung to Bairnsdale or Lakes Entrance. Apart from the local taxi, we have a marvellous voluntary group that organises lifts for people who need them.

"Metung is like a village. People know each other, communicate with each other. The Metung park, known as Patterson Park, and the Village Green, are right in the centre of town. They set the atmosphere. People walk here, talk here, pass the time of day. Kids play ball games. Tourists sit and gaze at the water. People in Metung would fight to the death to protect these spaces.

"As Metung has foreshore on two fronts, everyone lives close to the water. We all enjoy walking along the beach or fishing for bream, flathead or trevally. When we want to get away, the mountains are only one-and-a-half hours' drive. Last weekend I spent Saturday skiing on Mt Hotham and Sunday sailing in Bancroft Bay. Both days were brilliant."

Although Metung suffers from the

same unemployment problems as other country towns, especially for 18 to 25-year-olds, Newcomen claims it is a great environment for pre-teens. "Kids in Metung talk about tinnies in the same way as kids in town talk about BMX bikes. They're not referring to beer, but aluminium boats. They all do loads of water sports. Bancroft Bay is deep but relatively safe for youngsters for sailing, swimming, sailboarding and canoeing. The great thing is, they all learn together and go round the town together, either on foot or on bikes." Newcomen has a J24 racing boat. "The great thing about sailing is that

who makes contemporary jewellery and sculpture. We also have a couple of unusually good gift shops and a fantastic bakery."

Newcomen assures his friends they will get the best cup of coffee they ever tasted at Jenny Herbert's reading room-cum-coffee house in the converted office she and her husband, Fred, use for their business, Riviera Nautic. "She even did a course on making coffee," he says.

Metung has excellent places to eat, including Marrillee, Little Mariner's Cafe, Saltwater, the hotel and the yacht club on Friday nights. Accommodation is of an unusually

high quality. It is not surprising to discover that businesses in Metung have won more tourism awards than any other country town in Australia. They can be checked out on the town's impressive website. E-mail responses from around the world are pinned to the notice board in the Village Store.

As a counsellor, Newcomen is well aware of the toll taken on people's lives by money worries, work problems or family difficulties. "In Metung we still have the same life stresses as anyone else," he says. "The big difference is that we experience them in an amazing environment."

Newcomen's friends are surprised at the quality of life in Metung. "We have a great gallery route with some outstanding local artists, each with international reputations. There's glassblower Trish Allen, Vic Greenaway the potter, Max Nicholson the water colorist and silversmith Hendrik Forster and his partner Kerryn Kirkby,

SOCIAL

NEW YEARS DAY SAIL PAST

Get your costumes and decorations ready for our annual Sail Past on New Year's Day.

Boats congregate at Shaving Point at 12.00 before proceeding past Commodore Peter Harvey. A meal will be available later in the afternoon at the club. Join in the fun and welcome in the New Year.



SAILS RESTAURANT

Chef Rob has been settling in over the last couple of months and is ready for the busy holiday period. For those who haven't had a chance to have a meal yet now is your chance to support the club and bring your holiday visitors to make a night of it. At this time of year it is best to make a reservation. Phone Rob on 0433 802 530 or the Club on 5156 2315



YOU CAN ALWAYS DREAM

We all love sailing and sometimes it is good to see how others are doing it. The AC75 (America's Cup 75 class) is a 75ft sailboat class governing the construction and operation of yachts to be used in the 2021 America's Cup. Click on the links below to watch these amazing boats in action.



British America's Cup challenger
INEOS Team UK's AC75
Brittania.



Team New Zealand's entry Te Aihe has taken a year to build. Launched in September 2019 it was the first AC75

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3dXyf6XCIw>

to hit the water.

[v=h3dXyf6XCIw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3dXyf6XCIw)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JbOJHjWEN74>

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Half the size of the AC75 racing boats the 38 ft "flying boat" known as the MULE is New York Yacht Club's test boat. It can reportedly sail for 25km without touching the water.

https://www.americascup.com/en/video/76_MEET_THE-MULE

BECOMING A MYC MEMBER

Do you know how to help somebody if they ask you how to become a Club member? An explanation of the processes is available through the following link. [Click Here](#). If you have any queries call our Membership Coordinator, Tony Owens on 0418 343 134 or metungyachtclub.membership@gmail.com

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR VALUED SPONSORS

The image displays a collection of logos for various sponsors. At the top left is the logo for Edgewater Terraces, featuring a stylized house and the text 'edgewater terraces'. To its right is the logo for Crowe Horwath, with the text 'Crowe Horwath Australasia PART OF FINDEX'. Below Edgewater Terraces is the logo for Metung Marine & Storage, showing a sailboat and the text 'METUNG MARINE & STORAGE'. In the center is the logo for First National Real Estate, with the text 'firstnational REAL ESTATE King & Heath'. To the right of First National is the logo for Cape Panwa Hotel Phuket Raceweek, featuring the text '16th 2019 CAPE PANWA HOTEL PHUKET RACEWEEK an MBS event'.

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