



TELLTALES

*Newsletter of the Metung Yacht Club
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OFFICE BEARERS:

Commodore – Jeff Rose
Rear Commodore – Mary Rowe
Treasurer – Michael Hack

Vice Commodore – Peter Bull
Secretary – Andrew Lethlean

CLUBROOM is open from 4.30pm,
Wednesday to Sunday

Non-members and Guests must be signed in
at the time of their arrival

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, August 26, 4pm, Annual General Meeting
Friday, September 15, Members night
Tuesday, September 19, 5pm, Interested MYC members invited to meet with representatives of the Australian Sailing Board of Management
Tuesday, September 19, 7pm, MYC members, Australian Sailing Board, GLYC reps, dinner at Metung Hotel (contact Jeff Rose, Commodore, to RSVP your interest)
Wednesday, September 20, 10am Australian Sailing Board of Management meets with GLYC representatives at Paynesville
Saturday, September 30, 1pm, AFL Grand Final gathering (wear your football team's jumper or scarf)

CLUB NEWS:

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

SENIOR MEMBERS

Lauren Perry
Malcolm Perry
Steve Granland

Gabriel Osmo
David Coventry
Barry Bladen

Jess Merritt
Smita Granland

LONG TERM PARKING:

Members are reminded that the south side of the car park, between the amenities block and the road, is for the storage of boats on trailers which has been approved by the Committee, and the applicable fee paid.

Availability is limited.

Members should note they are not entitled to leave empty boat trailers (sometimes with cars attached) in the car park for extended periods. This has been a particular issue during long weekends and regattas.

None of the above information limits members' use of the car park for their cars when they are visiting the clubrooms.

AMBULANCE PICK-UP POINT:

As part of the push to make our safety procedures more effective, discussion with Ambulance Victoria has identified the PUBLIC (low) JETTY just south of the hard stand as the preferred pick-up point in case of a medical emergency (see diagram). This gives easy access for ambulances with minimum patient handling. This should be the preferred meeting point to bring a patient.

Skippers (including of rescue boats) should notify the Race Officer as soon as possible of the nature of the emergency and the intended pick-up point for transferring the patient to an ambulance. The Race Officer will relay the pick-up point and the status of the patient to the ambulance service.



CLUB RACING:

Presentation nights were held for the senior racing and junior communities and there were some very happy people receiving trophies – or representing other people on whose behalf they were receiving trophies.

The senior club championship was presented to Quandong, owned and skippered by Steve Bull, with crew Dean Smith and Wayne Smith. Steve was unable to attend presentation evening, and his crew were happy to accept the trophy.

The junior club championship was presented to Hacker, with skipper Emily Melrose and crew Lenora Moresi.

Volunteers were acknowledged at both presentations.

SENIOR PRESENTATIONS:

Club Championship: Quandong, Steve Bull

Commodores Cup: Mimosa, Bill Newcomen

Cantrill Trophy: War of the Roses, Jeff Rose

Charles Mylius Memorial: War of the Roses, Jeff Rose

Ray Dunn Memorial: Brogans Way, Simon Bazeley

Sou'Wester Series: Wicked II, Fred Haes



Norman Strange Memorial: Brogans Way, Simon Bazeley
 David Borthwick Memorial Legacy Race: Al Capone, Andrew Lethlean
 Graves Lethlean Trophy: Brogans Way, Simon Bazeley
 AB Perkins Admiral's Cup: New Wave, Steven Richardson
 David & James Byrne Memorial: Brogan's Way, Simon Bazeley
 Bill Hope Memorial: Southern Pirate, Rod Edwards
 JC Bull Series: Flying High, Peter Harvey
 Bowmen of Metung: Apres La Mer, Peter Wilkinson
 Milsonia Cup Line Honours: New Wave, Kevan Pearce
 Milsonia Cup: Brogans Way, Simon Bazeley
 Metung Yacht Club Trophy: Wicked II, Fred Haes
 Scarborough Cup: Endeavour, Peter Harvey
 Etchell Scratch Series: War of the Roses, Jeff Rose
 Crew Skippers Race: Quandong, Wayne Smith
 Betty Dack Ladies Skippers Race: Apres La Mer, Pip Moore
 Classic Wooden Boats Series –
 Metung Hotel Trophy: Sorrento, Dick Whitaker
 Matalita Trophy: Pearl, Ken Barlow
 Chance Trophy: Calypso, Tuna Smith
 Andy Henderson Trophy: Pearl, Ken Barlow
 Sorrento Trophy: Endeavour, Peter Harvey
 Pearl Trophy: Pearl, Ken Barlow
 Meg Trophy: Pearl, Ken Barlow
 Endeavour Trophy: Endeavour, Peter Harvey
 Metung Yacht Club Volunteer Award: Rod Edwards, Dean Smith, Kim Bond and Peta Smith





JUNIOR PRESENTATIONS:

The theme of Junior Presentations was Pirates and many costumes were outstanding.



- Junior Club Champions: Hacker, Emily Melrose and Lenora Moresi
- Most Improved Skipper: Kaden Armistead
- Most Improved Crew: Scarlett Bailey
- Junior Squad Coaches Award: Charlie Edwards
- Encouragement Award: Harriet Moresi
- Junior Squad Spirit Award: Lillian Edwards



- Best dressed pirate junior male: Emmet Cartwright
- Best dressed pirate junior female: Maggie Henger
- Best dressed pirate youth male: Noah Hack
- Best dressed pirate youth female: Sarah Melrose

Best dressed pirate adult female: Karen Armistead
Best dressed pirate adult male: Wayne Smith



Every junior sailor present received a season 2022/23 certificate:

- Wayne Smith
- Charlie Edwards
- Matthew Rossi
- Sabrina Murphy
- Jaden Brown
- Blake Smith
- Kaden Armistead
- Lillian Edwards
- Arlo Britten
- Scarlett Bailey
- Amity Bailey
- Harriet Moresi
- Lenora Moresi
- Jimmy Henger
- Emmet Cartwright

Honorary MYC Junior Squad Member for the Day, Emma Prest, from Sandringham YC



SAILING SNIPPETS:

A NEW TROPHY

Buster and Robyn Hooper have donated a new trophy to the club, in the names of Les and the late Gai Clough.

The trophy was won by Buster's father, Bill Hooper, in 1986, competing at the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron.

Bill won the trophy in a race where he was sailing a Bluebird yacht named Anne after his wife.

Buster and Robyn said the trophy was to be awarded each year to honour a female for her contribution to the club during that year.

Buster said they wanted the trophy to go to someone who might be contributing on the water or on land, whether or not she was a sailor.

The trophy was presented to MYC during the senior presentations by Les Clough and Sarah Clough (representing her late mother Gai) and Robyn and Buster Hooper.



A PLEASANT SUNDAY SAIL OR NEFARIOUS DOINGS?

The annual Pat Graham Trophy race was held, with a large turnup of people of all ages competing. It is a scavenger and treasure hunt combined with a mastermind-type quiz.

Thirteen boats competed - yachts and cruisers. After tough eliminations, which included shanties, rounders, poetry and a shoeie, three semi-finalists were named – Wind Charmer, Downunder and Louis.

Three nominees had to compete in a final test – let's just say it was hilarious, and Tony Doolan and Lauren Baker of Downunder were presented the trophy.





**THE PRINCE PHILLIP CUP AND THE INTERNATIONAL DRAGON CLASS:
From MYC member and International Dragon Class sailor, Terry Grundy**

The 2024 Australian National Dragon Class Championship Regatta, known as the Prince Phillip Cup (PPC), will be conducted at Metung Yacht Club from January 21-29, 2024. The PPC was last conducted very successfully at MYC in January 2018. It will be a great event for the club with many sailors and visitors from around Australia and overseas enjoying the facilities of MYC and the Metung surrounds.

I have tried now for around 12 years to develop interest in the Dragon class with members of MYC. Over the journey, I have become what Dragon Class sailors call the 'custodian' of several Dragon class yachts.



My main objective was to introduce the class to MYC members, as the design is perfectly suited to Lakes sailing, where we have flat water and plenty of wind. Local support has come from members Rob Trenberth, Graeme Aldersea, Clive Bury, Damien Daniel, Ken Barlow, Tuna Smith, and Fred Haes. Fred is the national President of the Australian International Dragon Class and an enthusiastic supporter of development of the class at MYC.

We have been able to conduct the annual Dragon Class Regattas, and the PPC in 2018, with the support of Past Commodore Mary Rowe and the sponsorship of James Farrell. Both Mary and James provided unequivocal support to the class, and Mary provided the trophy for the John Cuneo Cup.

Mary also encouraged visits to MYC by past and current Dragon Class sailors such as the Olympians John Cuneo, Carl Ryves, Gordon Ingate and David Giles.

I have decided to part with my collection of boats as it has become too much for me to maintain and fund storage of them. I have decided to sell or lease the boats, and given that we have the PPC in Metung next January, to enquire first whether any MYC members or other local sailors may be interested in this opportunity.

Two boats have already been chartered. The others that are available are classic timber Dragons and fiberglass Dragons.

Boats will be made available for lease with or without a sail inventory, and with limited safety equipment; a current Measurement Certificate and Insurance Certificate of Currency will also be provided.

Any lease arrangements will be reduced to an agreement in writing providing for a lease fee and allowance for costs associated with breakage of equipment.

When local interest appears to be exhausted, the boats will be offered for sale or lease to interstate and overseas sailors; or decommissioned and placed in long term storage at Bury's Slipway, Nungurner.

Members interested in a purchase or lease of a Dragon class yacht should contact Clive Bury of Bury's Slipway on phone number 0458 563 327 or by email at clive@bury.com.au



PAINTERS TAKE OVER CLUBROOMS:

MYC member and local artist, Helen Crossley, tutored two groups of people in painting workshops held at the clubrooms as a fundraiser for junior sailing. The two sessions were organised in conjunction with the East Gippsland Winter Festival. With the workshops aimed at all skill levels, participants were encouraged to paint with Helen's direction and to the themes of fish, seahorses, and jellyfish.

This is the second year Helen has contributed her skill in these painting workshops.





FOOTBALL:

We had two rounds of footy tipping competition this year. The first was short and sweet and won by Damien Daniel.

The second went for much longer – 13 weeks – and became a head-to-head competition between Steve Bull and Andrew Foard. Steve was out when Hawthorn beat Collingwood. Andrew lost when Carlton beat St Kilda.

Well done to everyone who participated.

On Saturday, September 30, the clubrooms will be open from 1pm for members to watch the AFL Grand Final. Wear your football team's jumper or scarf and gather at the MYC clubrooms.



KOKODA:

MYC member Peter Bull wrote about this annual commitment

Peter, Tim Bull, Nick Murray and Gary Gaffney are associated with the Arthur Grassby scholarship, to raise funds through sponsorship and fundraisers to send a group of East Gippsland year 10 students each year to experience the amazing adventure that is the Kokoda Track, in Papua New Guinea. It is life changing experience for the students. This year, Arthur Grassby's grandson, Darren, and great grandson, Daniel, were on the trek and stood in the foxholes (still there after all these years) on the Kokoda plateau – where Arthur fought to survive. Joining Peter on the trek this year was fellow MYC member, Sarah McCully.



The students were from Wangaratta (3), Drouin (3) and East Gippsland (8) - all recipients of scholarships named after Kokoda veterans from their respective Victorian locations. The East Gippsland scholarship is named after Arthur Grassby, who survived Kokoda and resided in Bairnsdale until he passed away in 2020. Arthur met and spoke with the first two groups of scholarship students.



Arthur was a member of the 39th Battalion and in B company (120 men), which were the first Australians to engage the initial wave of 2,000 Japanese troops. Arthur's story of survival is one to behold, he survived this battle (a lot of his mates didn't) only to be wounded at the battle of Isurava weeks later. He walked back to Port Moresby with shrapnel in his shoulder and was wracked with malaria. He had his 17th birthday on that trek.

The students go through a selection process to be nominated for a scholarship. A key element of the selection process is to take into consideration providing this experience to young men and women who would not otherwise be able to partake financially; also those who it is perceived would benefit the most from doing it. The students become 'Kokoda Ambassadors' on their return and share their experiences by speaking with sponsors, RSL Clubs and commemorative services that are held in East Gippsland.

Preparation for this trek begins some months beforehand as a high level of fitness is required, wearing some very well 'worn in' comfortable trekking boots.

The trek started on July 27 and finished on June 5.

The Kokoda Track is a single file foot throughfare that runs 120km overland through the Owen Stanley Ranges. The track was the 1942 location of the WW2 battle between the Japanese and Allied (predominately Australian) military forces in what was then Australian Territory of Papua. The track ascends to a height of 2,490 metres and primarily runs through the land of the mountain Koiari people.

It is one of the more demanding treks in the world, with a difficulty rating of simply 'hard'. Hot, humid days with sometimes intensely cold nights, torrential rainfall and the risk of endemic tropical diseases make it a challenging task. The topography of the surrounding land is very mountainous with thick



jungle, 20 river crossings, malarial mosquitos, narrow tracks with hundreds of metres fall between cliff face and edge of the track in some locations. One-man tents, questionable sanitary arrangements and 4am starts among other things, makes it quite a lot of fun!!

However, it is a beautiful place with some magnificent scenery and the mountain people are shy but very friendly and at peace with their simple subsistence style of life. The Kokoda story is an interesting one, as it is the only battle Australians fought in their own country, it conveys many acts of courage and sacrifice by undertrained, ill equipped, young Australians who were victorious over a superior adversary.



The trek leaders have daily briefings on events that took place along the way – 68 Gippslanders were in the 39th Battalion. The 2/14th which also featured prominently on the trail, was raised in Victoria and also included members from Gippsland. The students embrace the etchings on four black marble pillars located on the Isurava battle site.

MATESHIP, COURAGE, SACRIFICE, ENDURANCE

On returning to Port Moresby (after flying back from Kokoda) the trek team visit the Bomana war cemetery (the biggest in the Pacific region, with 4,000 graves) where the students are given a poppy and an information sheet on a fallen Gippslander, which they have to go and find and spend a bit of time with. They then attend a presentation dinner and fly back the following morning.

SOCIAL PHOTOS:

This year, members nights have included a carousel draw of \$50 credit at the MYC bar – to be eligible to win, you must be in attendance when the wheel spins. Winners since it began have been Andrew Seedsman, Kevin Pearce and Kerri Unsworth.





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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023 of the METUNG YACHT CLUB INC.

**4.00 pm, Saturday 26th August, 2023.
At the Clubhouse, 113 Metung Rd, Metung.**

Nominations for the Club's 2023-24 General Committee Members are to be lodged with the Hon. Secretary at the address below no later than Friday 11th August 2023 (14 clear days before the Annual General Meeting). Please note the Nomination eligibility requirements stated on the Nomination Form.

(Nomination Forms are available in the Clubhouse, on the Club website or from the Honorary Secretary).

The business of the meeting shall be as specified in Rule 29(4) of the Rules of the Metung Yacht Club Incorporated. This is to:

- Confirm the Minutes of the 2022 AGM;
- Receive the Annual Report on activities in the 2023 FY;
- Receive the Financial Statements of the Club for 2023 FY;
- Appoint an Auditor and
- Elect the members of the General Committee.

The business of the meeting shall be decided by a vote of members present PLUS members' Proxies. The number of members able to be present at the meeting will depend on any COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time of the meeting.

A member unable to attend in person may appoint a Proxy, who does attend in person, to vote on their behalf. Proxy forms must be completed and received by the Club in accordance with the requirements of Rule 33 (Proxies). Both the member and the appointed Proxy must be financial adult members of the Club.

For further information see the instructions attached to this Notice.

As soon as possible after nominations for Committee Members close, the list of nominations received will be sent to all members.

All the reports to be presented at the AGM are contained in the Annual Report which will be sent to Members as soon as the financials are audited about the end of July (the report will also be available on our website). The 2022AGM minutes are attached to this Notice.

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Fees Schedule 2024 FY

Membership Subscriptions and Other Fees

| Membership Category | Paid Before the AGM | Paid After the AGM* | Club Sailing Fee |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Full Member (+18 yrs) | \$360 pa | \$378.00 pa | \$90 pa |
| Full Member (with partner discount) | \$110 pa | \$115.50 pa | \$90 pa |
| Full Member (Social, closed category) | \$115 pa | \$120.75 pa | \$90 pa |
| Intermediate Member (18 to 25 yrs) | \$145 pa | \$152.25 pa | \$90 pa |
| Intermediate Member (student discount) | \$110 pa | \$115.50 pa | \$90 pa |
| Junior Member (with a Full Member parent) | Nil | Nil | \$55 pa |
| Junior Member (no Full Member parent) | \$110 pa | \$115.50 pa | \$55 pa |
| Honorary Life Member | Nil | Nil | \$90pa |

*Includes a 5% late payment charge

Boat Race Entry Fees (skippers or owners)

| | All Divisions on Saturdays | Division 3 (CWB) | Division 4 Twilights |
|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Series Fee | \$210 | \$105 | Nil |
| Casual Fee (daily) | \$25 | \$15 | Nil |

Boat Storage Fees (car park)*

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|--------------------------------|---------|--------|
| Approved boats in the car park | \$570pa | \$55/m |
|--------------------------------|---------|--------|

*Requires an approved application and payment in advance.

NOTES

- 1/ Membership subscriptions are effective on July 1st and **payable by July 31st**.
- 2/ Subscription **renewals after the MYC Annual General Meeting** incur a 5% late fee.
- 3/ **The Sailing Fee** is payable by all members who sail more than 3 races in Divisions 1, 2 & 3 combined in the season and to Junior Squad sailors (not applicable to Division 4 Sailing).
- 4/ **Guest sailors (non-members) must hold a MYC SailPass before sailing** and may not sail more than 3 races in Div 1, 2 & 3 combined, without becoming a Club member (Division 4 races are unlimited).
- 5/ **Casual Boat Entry fees** paid are deductible against any series fee paid subsequently.
- 6/ The Full Member "**Partner Rate**" is available to one member of a couple living as a family unit.
- 7/ **Children of Full Members** pay no subscription fee for their Junior Membership.
- 8/ Proof of **full-time student status** must be provided annually by "Intermediate (student)" members.
- 9/ **To attract new adult members**, a membership fee discount of 50% applies in their first year of membership and their Sailing Fee is waived in that year.