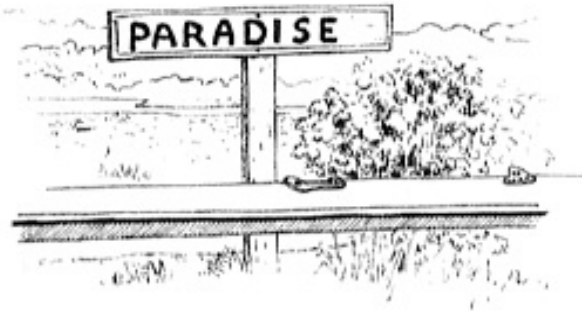




# A MESSAGE FROM PARADISE



## THE 88<sup>TH</sup> NEWSLETTER FROM THE QUEENSCLIFF CRUISING YACHT CLUB

Dear Members

The Stars of this Christmas were all the members and their children who helped decorate the Club and our lovely Christmas tree. This touch gave the Club a festive air and made this Christmas very special for us all. Thank you so much.



Our wharf was home to 40 boats this Christmas/New Year period.

There was plenty to entertain this year; Jazz in the Bar with Doctor Strange and his band made all 60 in attendance tap their toes and had everyone shouting for more. The music



was hot and the drinks icy cold. Great work guys. They'll be back for Australia Day Weekend on Saturday night.

Trivia Night was popular as were the early morning yoga classes. Thanks Mandy and Alan for sorting our "yachties backs".

Everyone enjoyed cooking up a storm in the newly renovated

kitchen. Next year we might even hold our own cooking competition. There are some stars in the making out there.

With so many families and many children the Club was a very special place to be. My personal thanks to Jeremy and Hugh Baxter whose outstanding contributions during this time saw me give them each a book from my personal library.



Our version of Paradise at the end of the Bay.

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A very special thank you to all those who volunteered for Officer of the Day. This is a very important role especially with all the boat movements and sorting out the logistics of who goes where and it takes skill and patience. Thankfully the weather gods were kind this year and the most amount of wind we saw was 40 knots from the South West so all vessels were safe from harm.

## Seafood Extravaganza - They came, they ate, they loved it.



The Seafood Day was once again a roaring success. Our renovations allowed us to host 140 people. We had a huge contingent from Blairgowrie and it was lovely to see old friends and share the war stories of sailing seasons past. The Club looked magnificent and once again the secret recipe of the seafood sauce has remained with

the Commodore's wife. Well done Pam, it was delicious! Please remember it for next year!

My thanks go to Pam for her incredible efforts and to all those volunteers who helped plate up 140 individual platters of oysters and prawns. A truly magnificent effort.

And to those who cleaned up the

Club dining room at some ungodly hour after the New Year's Eve Party. Impressive work. Yes we will be buying new vacuum cleaners that can cope with party popper streamers. You can be assured we appreciate this sterling work and look forward to seeing you next NY.



## Spiderman

Among our members we have a wealth of experience and knowledge. Sailing and maintaining a yacht takes teamwork, skill, perseverance and this team knows it all. Take a look at this octogenarian Spiderman.

What Lorraine and Ken can achieve in an afternoon would put any 30 year old to shame. Kiandra is one lucky yacht.

As a Past Commodore Ken is a shining example of what staying fit and active and sailing in your more senior years can bring to one's life. These two have the game sewn up.

May you go from strength to strength!

And as we eagerly await the Bond Night in March, one can only wonder what the McAllister's might have in store for us. Do they own an Aston Martin?



As your Commodore I'd like to express my heartfelt thanks to my Committee and Flag Officers for their support and contribution over our busiest time at the Club and to you, our members, without whom there is no Club. I look forward to seeing you at QCYC soon, I eagerly await your comments upon the works carried out to date and sharing time together at the Club over the Australia Day Weekend and at our fund raising evening in March. Please check out the website for details of these upcoming events:

4pm to 7pm 25 January - Jazz on the lawn  
2 March - Working Bee at the Club  
7 to 16 March - Bass Strait Cruise - registration details on the website  
22 March - James Bond Cocktail Night @ QCYC

Fair winds and smooth sailing,

Your Commodore,

*Roger*