

Dates for the Diary.....

Tuesday 13th May 2014

Friday May 16 Biggest Morning tea 10:30am—12:30am—bring everyone you know

Saturday May 24 End of Season Party Sunday June 15 Presentation Day

Sunday 22 June Annual General Meeting

Summer Office Hours: Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 9:10 am - 3:00pm (Closed 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Thursday: 11:30am - 5:30pm (Closed 1:30pm - 2:30pm)

Saturday: 9:30am - 12:30pm

#### Hi everyone

With the harbour near devoid of yachts and the temperature dropping it is hard to avoid the winter feeling around the club. But the progress on the pier not only keeps the groups that gather on the deck throughout the day intrigued, but also the public, who are constantly arriving and seem just as interested as us in the work in hand.

Geomatic and Seduction are off to compete in the last race for the ORCV season this weekend. The race to Apollo Bay gets underway at 2.30 am on Saturday morning. Phil Coombs has entered his new yacht Simply Fun in the event and would be anticipating an early finish at Apollo Bay; hopefully well ahead of the fleet. I tend to think we will be colder and a lot longer at sea than our competition.

It's great to see so more and more members getting down the club on a Friday evening. With the bar warm and the beer cold what better way to spend your evening. The Rocks put on happy hour accompanied by tasty finger food, so come on down and relax with friends after the working week.

Hope to see you around the club

**Richard Nichols** 

### **Rocks Winter Trading Hours**

With winter fast approaching the Rocks will be closing on Sunday at 4:30pm

### Mid Week Sailability Update and some History

The mid week Sailability program runs at the club each Wednesday and Friday from October through to the end of June. The program was started in 2004, by Colin Smith an MYC member well experienced in looking after people with disabilities. Colin was also an experienced sailor with all the necessary sailing qualifications to run such a program, which he did well. In order to get the program up and running three 2.3 Access Dinghy's were borrowed from Yachting Victoria, with the program operating on Wednesdays and catering for approximately twenty participants. With the Sailability program growing in popularity, it was time to commence purchasing our own fleet. So fund raising commenced. With the support of both Mt Eliza Lions and Mornington Rotary, monies were raised. This was the beginning of the MYC Sailability fleet. Today we have a fleet of eleven Ac-

cess Class dinghies..... four 2.3's, five 3.03's, two Liberties (3.6 m in length) and a rescue boat fitted with seats and safety belts. For the mid week program, our participants are accompanied by an able bodied sailor (a volunteer with the program). We are always keen to get sailors on board with this program, so if you can help please contact the office. The MYC Sailability program caters for some 28 participants on each Wednesday and again of the Friday, and all get great enjoyment being out on the water. Just to see the excitement on their faces when they arrive at the club is special. Occasionally we have a new participant who is nervous about getting into a yacht or the power boat. In this case we slowly encourage them, and in time troduce them to this wonderful sport.



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Our program is so well known and respected that we receive enquiries regularly from individuals and care centers who wish to join the MYC Sailability program. But unfortunately we can not ac-

commodate more people during the week at this stage. The participants in the program are our dear friends. They live with all forms of disability, some wheel chair bound, others although able to get themselves into a yacht, still requiring assistance. To run this program safely, we need lots of volunteers. We are fortunate at MYC in that we have some 40 volunteers registered with Sailability, and helping with the program. They include MYC members, members from Mt Martha yacht club and members of the general public, however we can still do with more volunteers.

One can not write about the Sailability program without mentioning Krista Bailey. When Krista joined the program, she had not before sailed a yacht. It was not long before Krista became a proficient sailor and upon her first entry into competitive sailing, won the Victorian Sailability Championship in her class. She has gone on to sail in the Australian Nationals and has sailed in overseas events with great success. Krista attends every Wednesday as a volunteer, taking participants sailing, and continues to hone her skills sailing a Liberty through the Sunday program. We are all very proud of her achievements.



**Noel Heyes** 

### **End Of Season Party**

Bookings are now being taken for the end of season function which is being held on <u>Saturday the 24th of May 2014</u>. Our Social Committee are working very hard to make this a great evening & to celebrate the end of our 2013/14 season! A fantastic band have been booked so the atmosphere will be great with lots of dancing & the party will have a "Great Gatsby Theme" (Gatsby style dress is optional & not essential). Tickets are <u>\$75pp</u> and include a glass of champagne or beer on arrival, a delicious 2 course dinner followed by sweet treats and tea/coffee. We can offer a vegetarian menu which needs to be ordered at the time of booking. You can get friends/family together and book a table of 8 or 10. Alternatively individual or lower numbers can be booked and we will organise the table for you! As it is a seated function, we have a limited number of tables so please book straight away through the office to avoid disappointment – our end of season parties are great & not to be missed! Full payment and bookings need to be made by Friday the 16th of May (this Friday) at the very latest as the Rocks will need exact numbers for catering.



## Mornington Auxiliary Peninsula Home Hospice Annual Luncheon With guest speaker Moira Kelly AO



Sixteen years ago, a young Melbourne woman named Moira Kelly dreamed of a world where all children had access to excellent medical care when they needed it.

Within a couple of years, Children First Foundation was established.

# Friday June 20th at 12 noon

Rosebud Country Club 207 Boneo Road, Rosebud

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