

Sail Away

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To be a thriving place where people of all ages and abilities come to discover the joy of sailing.

What's On!

Saturday, 18th MAY

6.00pm – 10.00pm AWYC End of Season Function, Commercial Club Albury, 618 Dean Street, Albury - 6.00pm for dinner at 6.30pm.

Monday, 22nd JULY

6.00pm – 8.30pm Australian Sailing Forum & Roadshow, Johnsons MME Board Room, 2/520 Swift Street, Albury

Saturday 2nd NOVEMBER

Sail Country 2019 at AWYC

Sunday, 3rd

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From the Helm

Terry Kerr - Commodore

G'day All,

I dare say most members wouldn't be aware that when our Club's Constitution was updated in 2013, to bring it into line with the revised Model Rules issued by the Victorian Department of Justice, that all reference to Life Membership was lost.

Although it has taken a lot longer than anticipated, the subject of Life Membership has finally been addressed. Instead of making more changes to the Club's Rules (as our old Constitution is now known) the Committee decided to opt for creating a Life Membership Policy. This will allow future changes to be made within our Club rather than the drawn-out and costly process of changing our Rules.

In doing so though, the Policy is based on the life membership section from the pre-2013 Constitution. One new addition is the introduction of a Life Membership Nomination Form. In the past there hasn't really been a clear means of nominating a member for Life Membership which has sometimes led to confusion. The introduction of a Nomination Form and a nomination process will make things much clearer and easier for members wishing to nominate another member.

Both the Policy and Nomination Form can be found on the Club's website under "About Our Club" then "Constitution, By Laws and Policies".

Don't forget the social event of the year – the End of Season Function on 18 May at the Commercial Club. To enable accurate catering, advance bookings are essential and are available online – see the flyer on page 6.

Terry Kerr
Commodore

Remember – Never buy a car you can't push.

AWYC End of Season Function

Saturday 18th May 2019

Join in the Celebrations!

Please see details on page 6.



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Photo courtesy of Andrea Clements who took this photo while out for a sail a few weeks back. Lake Hume weir wall - gates are up and you can see the hills framed in the background.



Please Lock the Lock

Recently the lock on the Club's front gate failed due to moisture infiltrating the inner electronics. One simple means to prevent moisture infiltration is to ensure the lock is always locked. If the gate is to be left open for more than a few minutes, when driving through the gate for example, please ensure the lock is properly locked and not left hanging in the open position.

Sea Anchor

Not seen often in dinghy sailing Sea Anchors have been around since the invention of the bucket. A Sea Anchor is a parachute shaped device originally made of canvas or old sails. Sea Anchors prevent a vessel from laying side on to the prevailing wind thereby reducing the amount of roll in heavy weather. They are also used to reduce drift and to maintain tow-rope tension when towing. Sea Anchors can also be used on a dinghy to prevent broaching when landing in heavy weather.

Early Sea Anchors were often made from spare parts that were found on a ship. Indeed, the 1877 US Naval Academy Instruction Book described a number of methods to fabricate a Sea Anchor from timber and canvas.

Today Sea Anchors can be quite complex devices with many added features that improve their efficiency and to tailor them to specific functions, to reflect they are known by many names such as; drift anchor, drift sock, para-anchor and boat brake.



Welcome to Our New Members

The Commodore and members would like to welcome the following new members to the Club:

Liz Cerini

Charles Morgan

Sailability

Phil and Andrea Clements – Sailability Coordinators

Sailability has now concluded and we have had another reasonably successful season. I only say 'reasonably' on the basis that we had to cancel two Saturday sessions and one mid week session because of bad weather or the ridiculous blue-green algae alert that we had to enforce due to government department laziness.....but don't get me started on that!!

The sessions that we have had have been fantastic and most appreciated by all the Sailability community. Our attendance rates have held steady at up to 20 per session and a very healthy mixture of new starters and regulars.

We received this note from Dave Ryan's mum:

*Phil & Andrea,
A Big Thank you to you and the volunteer team
for a MUCH appreciated Sailability season,
despite the challenges. Dave loves his sailing on
the big lake.
Regards Trish Ryan*

In addition to that we have received numerous verbal messages from many of the participants to say thanks!

Added to this we have had outstanding support from our volunteers who continue to provide not only their services but their cheery dispositions and good humour even when things get a bit testing! Thanks so much to you all for a mighty job.....it has been good fun!

There will be quite a bit of work to do during the off-season to get the boats back into top shape. We have the equipment we need such as new gunwhale rubbers and a working bee will be arranged in due course. There are also some generously donated funds we have available that will be put to good use and the possibility of an addition to the fleet is being looked at.

Even though we now go into recess on the sailing front for a few months, please don't hesitate to give either of us a call if you would like to know more about Sailability and how you can get involved. We have opportunities for members and non-members; young and old.

Once again thanks to everyone and we look forward to doing it all again in 2019:-

Phil & Andrea Clements
Sailability Coordinators



VALE LEE GERAGHTY

Phil Clements – Member Contribution

It is with a great deal of sadness that members are advised that former AWYC member, Lee Geraghty, passed away on Monday the 1st April.

Lee, a native of WA, and his family were active members of the Club up until about 2015.

In his time with us, Lee was not only an enthusiastic and competitive sailor but was also instrumental in helping to set up the galley in a more professional manner. This included the donation by Lee and his family of our first (and current) proper coffee machine. He proclaimed that if we could provide a decent coffee, the galley's fortunes would turn around dramatically and it would be a bonanza for the Club. That prophesy has proved to be spot on!!



Lee was a man of many talents and took on a variety of challenges during his working life. He was a talented pilot and flew for Ansett prior to its collapse. He also worked in Rhena's flying school as an Instructor. Following that he changed direction completely and took on the ownership of the Hogs Breath Café and in more recent times set up the Brown Husk Café behind the Bended Elbow Hotel.

In November last year he went back to being a commercial pilot and flew for Tiger Air.

Lee was also a keen and very good swimmer, surfer and enthusiastic Dockers fan.

Those of us that were privileged to know him will miss his cheerful friendship.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to his family, Rhena, Kale, Bridie and Koby.

RIP Lee.

SAIL COUNTRY 2019

Phil Clements – Sail Country Event Coordinator

Hi all.....Just a heads-up that Sail Country 2019 will be happening again in November.

Our first SC Committee meeting was held this month and everyone is primed and ready to stage another iconic event in November.

The members of the SC19 Committee are largely unchanged from last year and include:

Terry Caldwell (Racing); Helen Wilson (Catering); Mary-Anne Scully (Marketing & PR); Leanne Thomson (Bookings & entries); Stuart Howsam (Grounds & Facilities); Brian Royal (On-Water Facilities); Donald Thomson (Ctee); Georgia Roberts (Sec); Stew Cathie (Ast Co-ord); Me (Event Co-Ord).

Obviously we can't do it without the continued support from all of you, the members nor the terrific band of non-volunteer members that regularly assist.

Although it is early days, there are some matters that we would appreciate your assistance with already.

This includes:

1. The identification of potential sponsors. If you know of any companies or individuals that might be interested, please contact Mary-Anne to arrange either a information pack or a visit (or both).
2. The café/galley is one of the key features of this event but does require a high number of volunteers to run it smoothly without running our great club members off their feet! Some of the ideas we are seeking club member input on are:
 - * Partnering with a community group / sporting club / school to assist with volunteering in the café - for an agreed donation to the club (ie sharing a little of our profit). Do you know of a club or organisation who you think would be interested and able to supply volunteers to undertake café-type duties with us still providing overall coordination? As a guide, a total of 15 to 20 volunteers per day working on a flexible shift roster are required.
 - * Our catering format has been well received over the last couple of years. However it is important to keep exploring other concepts and ideas. Should we keep on keeping on or do you have some other thoughts that you would like to share? Should we outsource more or keep in-house?

For feedback feel free to email sail.country@awyc.org.au or call Helen Wilson with ideas on 0428 676 054.



Succession Planning:

Would you like to be part of the SC team with a view to taking on a more substantive role in the future?

All of us enjoy our SC experience but won't be able to do the job forever! We would love to hear from anyone that is keen to 'shadow' any of the roles this year. Give me a call (0407 272 375) or drop me a line if you'd like to find out more or just have a chat about what is involved.

Thanks

Phil Clements
Event Co-Ordinator



Discover Sailing Centre

Leanne Thomson –

Discover Sailing Centre Training Principal

The Australian Sailing annual Centre audit was completed on Tuesday the 2nd of April, with Chris Jones from Australian Sailing visiting our Club. Our Centre has passed the audit and we are accredited to conduct the Australian Sailing: Dinghy, Tackers, Powerboat and Keelboat programs for the next season.

We had some secondary schools come through our Centre in the last few weeks with both 3 hour Sailing Introductions and a Start Sailing 1 Course. Sailing is a great activity for schools, especially Outdoor Ed classes. Talk to your school about including an Intro session or Sailing course for Term 4 2019 or Term 1 2020.

All courses have now been completed for the season and I thank all the volunteers for their efforts. Their commitment has generated a lot of money again for the Club. This assists in maintaining assets and keeping membership fees low.

Last month I reflected a bit on the commitment I (and my family) have put into the Discover Sailing Centre (DSC) over the last 8 years. It is now time to pass

the baton and share the joy the role of Training Principal brings. Wes Ward had agreed to take on the Training Principal role from next season. I will be more than happy to be assisting Wes in his transition year and will still be part of the Discover Sailing team. Our DSC has generated a lot of income and memberships over the years and I thank Wes for seeing its value and stepping up to take on the role of Principal.

Regards

Leanne Thomson - AWYC Training Principal



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**Victorian Discover Sailing Centre
of the Year 2013**

AWYC 2018/2019 CALENDAR

		AWYC Sailing	Discover Sailing Centre
MAY			
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AUGUST-SEPTEMBER			
Sunday, 4th August, 2019			Mordialloc Sailing Club Winter Series - Each Sunday from 4th August until 15th September, 2019. (See flyer in the Away Events folder in the clubhouse.)
Saturday, 31st August, 2019 and Sunday, 1st September, 2019.			Sail Mordi and Vic Dinghy Championships. (See flyer in the Away Events folder in AWYC clubhouse.)
NOVEMBER			
Saturday 2nd November, 2019 and Sunday 3rd, November, 2019		Save the date! Sail Country 2019 at AWYC.	



2019 End of Season Function

This year's function will be held in the Waratah Room of the Commercial Club, on 18 May commencing at 6.00pm for dinner at 6.30pm.

Bookings are essential and can be made online at the Try Booking website –

<https://www.trybooking.com/BBUOP>

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