



# CRUISING NEWS



JULY/AUGUST 2022

## Attention Cruisers

### **Future on-water Cruising Group events:**

Over the past year or so, we have seen a downturn in the number of boats regularly participating on Cruising Group arranged on-water events. Recently this has meant that we have had a number of poorly attended and cancelled end-of-month cruises. Undoubtedly, ongoing COVID caution has contributed to this, but on top that we have had several formerly regular boats ceasing to be regular cruisers (for various reasons), and very few new boats becoming regular participants (no doubt the impact of COVID on activity over the past couple of years has not helped). The Cruising Group committee has thus decided to scale back the number of coordinated on water events on its calendar, scheduling only the more significant cruises and events that are likely to attract reasonable numbers. These will be:

- Birthday Cruise to Royals
- Bass Strait Cruise
- Easter Cruise
- Juniors Big Boat Day
- Frostbite Cruise
- Grand Final Weekend Cruise
- Melbourne Cup 4 Day Cruise

Should there be an upturn in participation, and hopefully there will be, then we will review this, and potentially add back other on-water cruising events to the Calendar.

Notwithstanding this, we do continue to encourage cruising in company, and are hopeful that the newly created "RBYC Cruising" WhatsApp group will provide a ready mechanism to find others to join you on an ad-hoc cruise, or a day on the bay, at any time

Happy Cruising.

## Cruising Group Dinner By Paul Jenkins

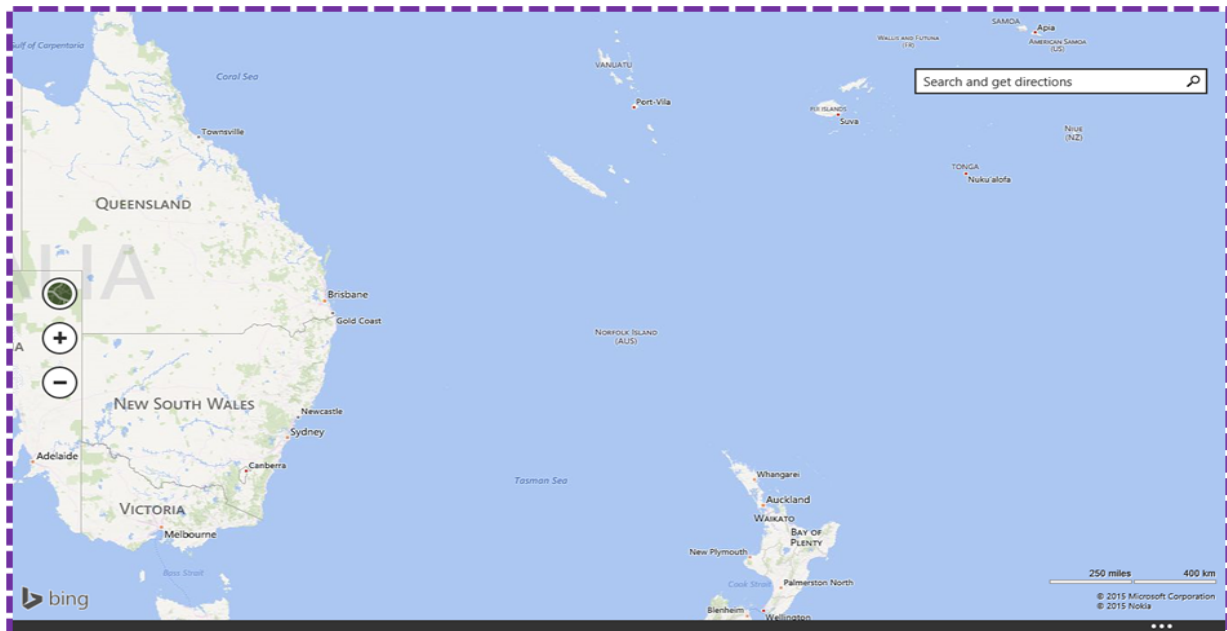
### June 17<sup>th</sup> Guest Speaker Dinner



## Doug & Sandra Williams *Cruising the South-West Pacific*

It was unfortunate that our BOM Guest Speaker scheduled for the June Forum Dinner came down with Covid a few days prior. However, a quick phone call to our July speakers and luckily, they agreed to bring their presentation forward and fill in for us. We thank Doug and Sandra very much for this and our quick-thinking Secretary Terry Frankham who made the call. Doug presented an excellent presentation describing his and Sandra's many adventures sailing the Pacific. Aside from Enjoying the cruising a lot of charity work was done along the way supplying reading glasses to villagers, school supplies to some schools.

They first set out from Queensland in 2009 cruising to Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Sydney and onto Melbourne.



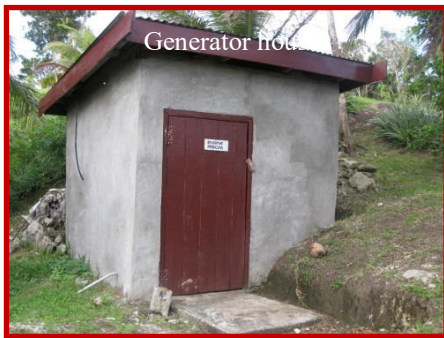
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In 2010 They sailed from Brisbane via New Caledonia and Port Villa then onto Whangarai on the North Island of New Zealand for the Cyclone season.

Then in 2012 they set off to Auckland then to Fiji and back down to Whangarai to wait out the cyclone season once again before then setting off the following year on a round trip to the Fiji Islands and back. Another round trip this time in 2013 to Fiji and back and then in 2014 a trip up to Vanuatu and New Caledonia before once again returning to Whangarai where they remained until 2017.

In 2017 they set off for a return trip home to Australia sailing via Fiji, New Caledonia to Brisbane, Sydney and finally to Melbourne. And, As Doug mentioned he has swallowed the Anchor however they enjoyed nine wonderful years cruising the Pacific. They were involved in building a Generator House, projects for processing coconut Oil using a Rotary Warm Air Dryer, they supplied around 500,000 pairs of reading glasses.



Sunglasses were donated, cleaned, labelled and packed by volunteers. They were then tried for individual villagers to ensure they received the correct magnification for reading.

New Zealand was a good base for the summer where a large cruising Community based themselves comprising some 750 foreign yachts. It is only 6 – 8 days sail to the islands, Good facilities GST Free Goods and services and you can stay for 24 months Duty Free. Also most New Zealand Anchorages are only a day sail apart.



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**Cruising Group Dinner**  
**By Paul Jenkins**



**Their Sailing Vessel Freycinet II is a Brewer 42 built in 1987.**

42 feet LOA, 16 Tonne displacement, long fin keel  
Cutter Rig  
90 HP Ford Lehman Diesel  
Fuel tank 660 litres  
Water tank 560 Litres



## 2022 Frostbite cruise to Melbourne City Marina Tom Hinton



I left Queenscliff on Friday and sailed up to RBYC in light conditions, motoring the last part after the wind dropped. Alison drove up and we had dinner in the RBYC club bar with Will and Pam Merrit.

On Saturday, Alison and I motored Boomaroo up to Melbourne City Marina as the wind was a bit light and the sea very choppy. We arrived just before midday and had to wait for our berth to be vacated.

Not long after, Nimrod II arrived and we agreed to catch up for a meal later on.

Alison and I walked over to South Bank and spent an entertaining couple of hours at Melbourne Lume including refreshments in the Parisian Cafe.

Peter and Alison H from Nimrod and Alison R-W and I bought street food and ate it in the marina lounge while we watched the Water and Laser light show outside.

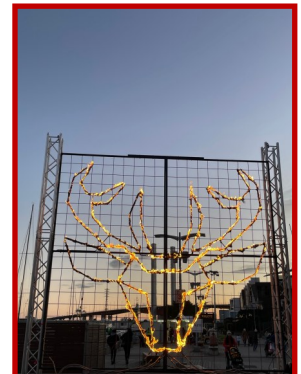
It was chilly overnight but that's the



point I guess!

Saffron arrived on Sunday with 6 cruiser on board - Kathy de Garis, Brian Drummond, Jenny and Grant Collins, with Will and Pam Merritt and Brenton and Robina Smith coming by car. We had a pleasant lunch and delicious sharing deserts in the marina lounge, catching up on all that has been happening and plans for the future. The silly hat competition was won by Pam Merritt. We decided this silly competition should be judged by the youngest member of the group who is Alison Gebhardt.

After lunch all the boats headed off and Alison R-W returned to Brighton with Will and Pam. I motored Boomaroo down the river, to overnight at Ferguson Street pier for an early start Monday. After a bumpy start with little wind, Boomaroo sailed back to Queenscliff under a sunny sky to tie up at QCYC for the night.



### Third Friday in July 2022

#### Pam Merritt

This rarely happens, but on Friday July 15th the Cruising Group was left without a Guest Speaker for our monthly meeting. So what to do?

It was decided to book a couple of tables in the Member's Bar so members could get together for an a La Carte meal. Turns out there wasn't a lot of interest, but an enthusiastic group of 'old hands' gathered around the big round table in the corner. Peter and Susie Strain, Jenny and Grant Collins, Pam and Will Merritt, Rod and Sandy Watson, Susan Cummin, Richard and Marian Johnson and Robina Smith enjoyed some good food, wine and each other's company on a cold Melbourne Friday night.

It was so good to be able to welcome Susan Cummin back to the club again.

### Jenny Collins: Super Secretary!

#### Pam Merritt



Jenny Collins recently announced her retirement from the Cruising Group Committee after many years of dedicated service. Jenny joined the committee in 2006. She took on the job of Secretary in 2007 and continued in that role until June 2018 - that's a whopping 11 years! Yes she's well and truly earned a peaceful retirement.

During her 16 years on cruising committee Jenny kept a watchful eye on social events, like making sure there was always a birthday cake to share at the annual Birthday Cruise, or chocolates and port after the Progressive Dinner. She did everything she could behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of numerous cruising events over the years.

We've relied on Jenny's expertise and enthusiasm to coordinate the music, catering and decorations for many Classical Music Nights. She's even offered to assist with any future Music Nights. Her talent for table decorations was incredible - we'd come up with a colour theme and Jenny would do the rest!

Jenny and Grant have been huge supporters of all cruising activities, both on and off the water, and where would we be without Grant's (very) silly hats at the Frostbite Cruise and Hardstand Party!

I'm sure all current and past committee members who've had the pleasure of working with Jenny over many years would agree - her wise contributions, willingness to jump in and help and cheery nature will be missed around the committee table!

**Thanks Jenny.**

# NOTICEBOARD

**\*\*\* 19th August 2022 \*\*\***

## **Cruising Forum Dinner**

**Trivia / Quiz  
Night** 7:30pm, Friday,  
August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
RBYC Bayview Room

Proudly brought to you by the Cruising Group

For this August's third Friday Dinner, we will be holding a fun, nautically themed Kahoot Trivia / Quiz night, with our very own Bryan Drummond as Quizmaster.

All Welcome. As usual, please gather in the Bayview Room, following the 7pm weekly announcements and draw in the Members Bar. Make up a team table (up to 10), or come along and join others at a table to make up a team. Meals tickets (\$40pp) to be purchased at the Bayview Room Bar on the night, prior to commencement.

Please book with Mandy at reception (phone 9592 3092 or email [reception@rbyc.org.au](mailto:reception@rbyc.org.au)) by Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> August



**\*\*\* Friday September 16th 2022 \*\*\***

## **Cruising Forum Dinner**

**Geoff Brewster and Barbara Burns  
Cruising the Kimberley Coast (by Cruise Liner )**

**\*\*\* Friday to Sunday 23rd to 25th  
September on Water Activity \*\*\***

### **Grand Final Long Weekend Cruise**

Wyndham Harbour

Barbara Burns to Organise.

Please Contact Barbara [barbaraburnstwiss@bigpond.com](mailto:barbaraburnstwiss@bigpond.com)

If wishing to attend. More details closer to the time.



**\*\*\* Friday October 21st \*\*\***

### **Progressive Dinner**

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**\*\*\* Saturday 29th October to Tuesday 1st  
November \*\*\***

**Melbourne Cup Long Weekend Cruise TBA**

