



AGM Weekend: 18-19 October: Yarra River & D'Albora Marinas.

This year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) presented the club with a very pleasant problem. With the support of the Whittley company our membership had out-grown our traditional AGM venue - the lounge at D'Albora Marina in Victoria Harbour - so we had to find somewhere larger. Fortunately D'Albora also own the Pier 35 Marina on the Yarra between the City and Port Philip Bay so the meeting was held in their lounge with 30 members attending. Before the meeting Pier 35 Manager David Osborne explained their facilities and showed us around their stacker shed. This is capable of housing 300 boats on 4 'shelves' and the replacing of a boat on the top shelf by the oversized fork-lift resulting in a spontaneous round of applause from members!

Our guest speaker was Angelo San Georgio who shared his expertise and presented considerable insights into Snapper Fishing on Melbourne's Bays and the plan was to follow this up with an early Sunday morning fishing trip but 30kt winds and 2 meter seas lead to the postponement of this - discretion being the better part of valor! The plan is to re-schedule this for a future club weekend.

Whilst the minutes of the meeting will be made available to members in due course it is worth noting the election of two new members to the committee – Gary Honeychurch and Peter Nicolopoulos. They replace Peter Walters who is retiring from the committee in order to spend time in Western Australia. Commodore Gemma Dickson made a presentation to Peter whose departure has left the other committee members wondering however we are going to replace his insight and commitment.

Five boats spent the weekend berthed up in Victoria Harbour. These included Pete Walters in 'Mable 2'; Peter and Caroline Holyoake in 'Black Sheep'; Erwin and Betty Abbinga in 'Black Betty'; John and Jane Archibald in their 2600; And Gary and Lee Honeychurch in their 2380 called Lucky Us. 31x members, including a number arriving by car, attended the post-AGM dinner at *The Harbour Kitchen* in Victoria Harbour and we were delighted to welcome both Angelo and his family and Neville and Marianne Whittley to this. The support of the Whittley family has been invaluable in growing club membership in the last 12 months.

On Sunday morning four boats cruised down the Yarra to retrieve at The Warmies leaving Black Betty for a further night in the Marina before her cruise back home to Sandringham.