



Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club.... Season Opening day celebration! October 21, 2012

"Today we celebrate our Season Opening Day and our club house refurbishment"... to quote Commodore Jill..

Our Sailing Captain, Ian Curtis opened proceedings as many members gathered in front of the club house just after midday.

Ian handed to the Commodore Jill Golland for her opening day address.



Jill welcomed all members present to yet another year in the life of QLYC. Jill acknowledged that the last few months have been very busy with a much needed refurbishment of the clubhouse centred on the kitchen which has



consumed many hours by many people. Jill also individually named all the individuals involved in this and other maintenance which had taken place recently including:

- The kitchen with all infrastructure and fit out from floor to walls, plumbing, bench tops, cupboards, tiling, electrical, electrics, painting and decorating.
- A complete electrical rewire included all new lighting fixtures, power outlets and external lighting for safety and ambience,
- Both the Clubhouse and Boatshed have been painted externally from top to bottom with generously donated products,
- The garden at the front of the building now sporting a newly mulched garden bed area to be planted out,
- Part of the car park to the East has been converted to a yacht rigging area with access restricted by bollards to protect the newly planted lawn.
- A tidy up of much of the insides of the club with trophies, honour boards and photos of all previous winners remounted allowing improved viewing of all important events in our club history,
- All window coverings now converted to suitably modified roller blinds on windows, again as a result of a donation by a surprise supplier.

The Commodore thanked all suppliers and contractors who had given so much of their time and energy to revitalising our club.



On behalf of the committee and members, Jill bestowed and presented three special awards and personalised plaques to each of the following:

Honorary Life Member Jack Golightly was furthered honoured for his hard work and continuing stewardship of the club by being elevated to Honorary Life Governor. Jack now takes his place alongside our previous Life Governor Cec Anderson who sadly passed away just over six years ago.

John Barry was appointed an Honorary Life Member of the club for his significant contribution to the life and operation of QLYC over many years as member, committee member, sailing captain, flag officer and Commodore. His experience and encouragement to members and non-members alike, together with his own skipper responsibilities, has provided promotion and leadership to the club over many years.

Brian Golland was also made an Honorary Life Member of the club for his contribution and involvement in the racing and management of the club over many years as crew, skipper and committee member, flag officer, Commodore plus recent contributions to the activities and operation of both land and water based activities including rescue boat support.

Additionally for the last few years he has established a comprehensive photographic record of club activities and written regular race and other club reports raising the club profile on the web and in local newsprint.

Finally, Commodore Jill wished the assembled sailors well for the season ahead and encouraged them to support the club in all it's endeavours throughout 2012 and into 2013.



She declared the season and with the help of the Sailing Captain, hoisted the burgee at the masthead to signify the opening of the season.

All members present then were invited to celebrate the occasion with a BBQ and a quiet drink in the club house.

The Committee and flag officers sincerely thank all who attended and contributed to the success so far in 2012-13.

The photographs under show the original status of our kitchen during the early renovation works!



