

MORE NEWS FROM PANACHE

While in the Whitsundays, we saw Ion and Margaret Ullett a couple of times, and on one night on Thomas Island we had a BBQ on the beach attended by 12 South Australians. They included WILBARY (Wilma and Barry from Port Pirie) and NATSUMI (Peter and Heidi from Port Lincoln). We heard that Gill and Beryl Morcom (ALONA) have gone up to the Philippines with an American yacht.

We will be home early in December and will stay for Christmas and then back to the east coast for a further few months cruising. It's not a bad life and on the whole the weather has been kind to us. It is hard at first to get used to the high pressure systems in or around SA affecting the weather so much up here. We have had very strong SE winds caused by the highs down south. Now we want some northerly winds to blow us south again.

Best wishes to all at the Squadron. See you soon.

JENNY ELLISON



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From Cairns, ALLIANCE sailed to Cooktown. We both loved Cooktown, it is still a remote town and the "big time" hasn't arrived yet. However I'm sure that our modern progress will catch up with it. When we arrived we were pleasantly surprised to find TOOLKA T and MOONRAKER AGAIN. Of course it was a great excuse for dinner at the local and a few ales to celebrate. We parted company and headed for Lizard Island whilst TOOLKA T and MOONRAKER AGAIN headed south to Cairns.

We found Lizard Island to be a really lovely place and managed to do some snorkelling there. We then turned south calling in again at Cooktown and Cairns.

We again caught up with TOOLKA T and MOONRAKER AGAIN in Cairns which was cause for another celebration at the Cairns Yacht Club. Don and Claudie intend leaving TOOLKA T there and are flying back to Adelaide in time for Opening Day. MOONRAKER AGAIN is heading for Sydney to participate in the Sydney to Hobart Race and then home to Port Lincoln. We also saw BUTHEAN in Cairns but were unable to get around to saying "hello" to the owners.

We also finally caught up with PANACHE at Fitzroy Island where we spent 2 nights with John, Jenny and Rhys. They are thinking of leaving PANACHE at Bundaberg and flying home for Xmas.

We arrived at Innisfail on Tuesday, 20th October 87 where we had to anchor until the tide rose. We had no problem negotiating the bar and found Innisfail to be the prettiest spot. We are anchored in the Johnston River right in front of the town. Here we have met up again with our old friends from the trailer sailer days, Pam and Trevor Proctor (FLYING CLOUD) who have been with us since Bundaberg. Another SA yacht, CALIPH, is also here. It makes us wonder if there are any yachts left in South Australia! The weather here is lovely, about 30-32° each day

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and down to about 20° at night. It is almost getting too hot for me but Howard thrives on it.

We will be leaving ALLIANCE at Townsville and will drive south, arriving home early in December after visiting friends in Brisbane and Sydney.

Hoping all goes well for Opening Day.

Regards.

MYRA WRIGHT



ROTAGALA SEA PAGEANT - 20TH FEBRUARY 88

The Largs Bay Rotary Club is promoting and organising a weekend of activities on the 20th and 21st February 88 to celebrate the 200th year of Australia. To share with Rotary this Bicentennial celebration we are inviting as many people and organisations as possible to take part in an endeavour to make this a major State celebration that will be remembered for a great many years to come. This can only be achieved through the co-operation and help of you the people who are part of the Australian public.

A Sea Pageant has been arranged to take place on Saturday, 20th February 88, leaving Queen's Wharf, Port Adelaide, travelling down the river to Outer Harbor, passing the Flag Ship and the passenger liner, the QE II, then either returning to Port Adelaide or dispersing at the Outer Harbor. The Pageant will leave Port Adelaide at approximately 1 pm and will be made up of motor craft of four metres and over in length. The Pageant will be fully controlled by the Marine and Harbors, Police and other designated authorities.

Application forms to enter this Pageant are available from the Squadron Office, and you are cordially invited to fill one in and return it in the prepaid addressed envelope as soon as possible. Each craft that takes part in this Pageant will receive an identification pennant to attach to their craft prior to the event.

Further information can be obtained from the Organiser, Australia's Bi-centennial 1988 District Committee, 135 Semaphore Road, Exeter, 5019, or phone 49 7573.

Let's all help our State and our community and be satisfied that we have all played a part in the Bi-centennial celebrations.

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