



Jo Adams and her good friend, Floyd, on *Scaramouche*



Something Different. *Cloud Break* was on a public mooring in front of the Cottage Point Inn on the Cowan River (NSW) when this photo was taken by Garry Brown. He says he wondered who gives way to whom? "Technically I am moored on the seaplane's taxiway, and the pilot is transiting through our mooring area, which is a 'no wash zone'," he said. "Anyhow, the lesson for yachties and aviators is never mess with a rotating prop!"



David and Rae Eldridge (*Aquitane*) enjoyed Opening Day 2020 with daughter Kim, son-in-law Jeremy, and children Henry and Darcy



Henry shows David Eldridge that sailing is child's play



Maisie and Bluey accompanied Fay and Alan Duncan to Port Vincent – clearly they enjoyed the view from *Amarina*



Bec Hardy with daughter Matilda and husband Richard

WHEN they hear the word 'Hardy' most South Australians automatically make the connection with wine, and Bec Hardy is part of this esteemed family.

Last July, Bec became custodian of the Pertaringa brand when it was handed down from her father Geoff after 40 years. Together with her husband and co-Managing Director Richard, and with a small, busy team, Bec is building on the heritage of generations before her, while putting her own, modern twist on winemaking and the visitor experience.

The family's story began back in the mid-19th century, when Thomas Hardy arrived in South Australia from Devon and planted vines on his property next to the River Torrens. Fast forward to today and Hardys is no longer family owned, but many of his descendants have followed their calling into the world of wine, including Bec's father. Geoff worked for the (then) family company before setting up on his own. Bec and her

husband Richard worked for the brand and grew it significantly, and today pour their heart and soul into Pertaringa and Bec Hardy Wines.

The Hardys have had a long history with the Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron. Bec's great-great-grandfather, Thomas Hardy, known as the 'Founder of South Australian wine' was elected a Member of the South Australian Yacht Club (as it was then known) back in 1887, as was his son Tom Mayfield Hardy who went on to be Rear Commodore and then Vice Commodore before his tragic death in 1938 – the Tom Hardy Library in the Clubhouse is named in his honour. Several generations of Hardys continued to be involved in yachting, including Bec's grandmother, Eileen Hardy. The Squadron Trophy was named in her

honour after she won the 1928 Ladies Race in *Noralie*. Eileen died in 1980 and the Trophy was rededicated by her grandson John Hardy in 2010. It is presented to the best performed yachtswoman each year. Sir James (Jim) Hardy is the youngest son of Tom Mayfield Hardy and has had a stellar yachting career. He has sailed in Squadron races and the Sydney to Hobart races, including in 1995 when he and the male members of the family raced in their yacht *Nerida*.

The Squadron is pleased to welcome Bec Hardy Wines as a Sponsor. Pertaringa kindly donated a 6-litre Methuselah of Shiraz as a raffle prize for the Melbourne Cup function last November, and further funds were raised on Opening Day before the prize was drawn.

The wine range includes many typical McLaren Vale varieties from the approachable Undercover Shiraz 2019 up to the single vineyard Topsy Hill Cabernet Sauvignon, which was recently afforded a near perfect 99 points from renowned critic James Halliday. There's also the Bec Hardy Wines portfolio, which includes a Premium Sparkling, a dry, classic fizz made from Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes, a perfect aperitif, and many other varieties to match all tastes, occasions and food pairings.

South Aussies can drop into the Pertaringa Cellar Door in McLaren Vale seven days a week and enjoy their choice of tastings. There are lawns to relax on with a cheese platter and play boules, and dogs are welcome. Or, for something a bit different, Bec and Richard have recently opened up their beautiful home, Topsy Hill, for wine-lovers to enjoy a dining experience that's like no other. Visitors can enjoy a meal of seasonal, local dishes paired with premium wines from the Bec Hardy portfolio, in a stunning Blewitt Springs location, and hear Bec share tales of the Hardy family history passed down the generations.

