

memorable devotion and a wonderful capacity to remain apparently serene at a cost we can only guess. We convey to her, to his daughters Bronwyn and Brigid, his grandson Matthew, his mother and all his close family our sincere condolences at the loss of a unique and wonderful man.

Austin loved the Squadron and was keenly interested in its development. We will miss his

participation in discussions on its future and how best to preserve the best of its long history and traditions. When he was elected to membership it was necessary for a Member to be a British gentleman. Austin was fiercely loyal to Australia's British past, and he was certainly a nonpareil gentleman of huge courage and complete integrity. He will be remembered with deep respect and affection by all who knew him. SO

FORTHCOMING DINING ROOM FUNCTIONS

July 2005

- | | | | |
|----|------------------------------------|----|----------------------------|
| 15 | Priscilla Night Party | 20 | Cruising Information Night |
| 16 | Cruising The Louisiades Night 1900 | 26 | Friday Club Night 1900 |
| 20 | Sailing Theory 2000 | 27 | Private Function |
| 29 | RSAYS Ltd and RSAYS Inc AGM 2000 | 31 | Sailing Theory 2000 |
| | Dining Room open 1800 | | Bar open 1900 |
| 31 | Winter Brunch | | |

August 2005

- | | | | |
|----|------------------------|--|--|
| 3 | Sailing Theory 2000 | | |
| | Bar Open 1900 | | |
| 5 | Friday Club Night 1900 | | |
| 12 | Friday Club Night 1900 | | |
| 17 | Sailing Theory 2000 | | |
| | Bar Open 1900 | | |
| 18 | Private Function | | |
| 19 | Friday Club Night 1900 | | |

September 2005

- | | |
|----|-----------------------------------|
| 2 | Friday Club Night 1900 |
| 9 | Friday Club Night 1900 |
| 14 | Sailing Theory 2000 |
| | Bar Open 1900 |
| 16 | Friday Club Night 1900 |
| 21 | Quarterly Meeting of Members 2000 |
| | Dining Room open 1800 |
| 23 | Friday Club Night 1900 |
| 25 | New Members Reception 1100 |



All aboard Blue Water II! For Happy Hour Drinks at Port Vincent on Good Friday 2005, 72 people and 2 dogs managed to get aboard.

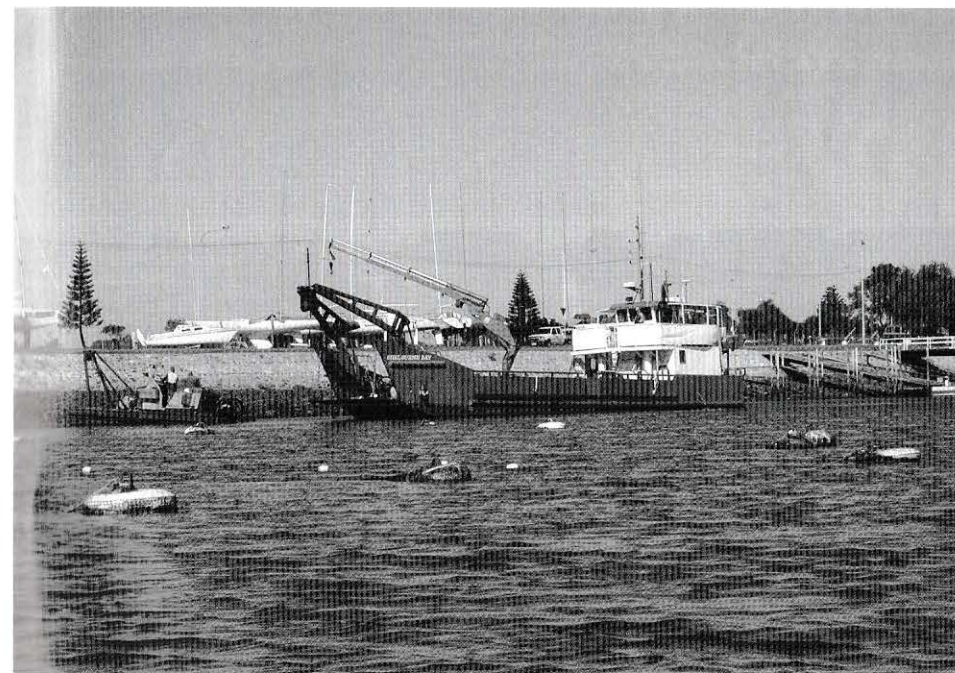
Quarterdeck

The Editor wishes to thank Di Moncrieff for her great help in seeing this issue through the press, when he has again been absent. This time it has been an enjoyable journey on *Mary Ann*, taking her from Punyelroo below Swan Reach to Chowilla and beyond. For most of this time we have enjoyed the company of Past Commodore Ion Ullett and Margaret. In spite of drought and low river levels, the scenery has been lovely, at night the stars have been magnificent, and particularly the Magellanic clouds on the cusp of the solstice. It's a different form of cruising, a great contrast to some of the journeys on *Alpha Centauri* and *Fine Romance*, and with the great benefit that gum trees don't drag.

Peter Dermott and Allan Sinclair want to thank all those honest Members who have returned absent books from the TM Hardy Library. Unfortunately, many are still missing. Please

check your own collections of books, both afloat and ashore. You can return books to the Office on the basis of 'no names, no pack drill,' and then we hope to know the true state of our collection.

The issue for December 2005 will complete Volume 19 of *Squadron Quarterly* and will be the last under the editorial regime dating from 1992. After that, something different will arise phoenix-like, and in his Message the Commodore has suggested doing something rather special in commemoration. Suitable copy will be welcome, subject to our usual policy on publication.



The contractor's dredge and RSAYS mooring barge lifting chains.