

Birkenhead Tavern 25 October An overwhelming number, exceeding 320 people in about 50-60 boats, attended this year's event. The weather and no doubt the sensational Joy Buoys brought out many more people than anticipated. By cut off date (Thursday) 198 people had booked. By Friday the number swelled to 230 and by Saturday 300 had booked. Mike, the new publican at the Birkenhead Tavern, managed to supply 320 meals before he ran out of food. I understand that a few people missed out on the American Style BBQ provided by Mike. This was unfortunate, as these people had booked before the cut-off date. I hope this won't dampen the spirits of would be participants in future events and we will see even more people joining in the fun next year.

If we set out to make ourselves seen we certainly achieved that. If we also wanted to encourage people to try sailing, then I think (looking at the number of unfamiliar but happy faces on the day) we succeeded there as well.

The Joy Buoys (Brian Davidge, Roy Wooding, Andrew Ellison and Lee Sydenham) provided excellent entertainment throughout the day and a number of people were up dancing to the music. You appreciate just what talented musicians they are when you consider that the band really hadn't played together before the day.

Lucky anchoring spots were awarded and *Oberon* and *Para* were awarded the publican's choice for the best-dressed boat. And who ran aground on the way home? SQ

House and Social Committee Report

Allan Sinclair

As foreshadowed in my last report, this quarter has seen maintenance commence on the balcony and in the Dining Room. The balcony rafters and purlins have been cleaned, to remove the surface accumulation of cobwebs and dust. The 'Sunroom' at the western end has been repainted.

The broken ceiling tiles in the Dining Room and TM Hardy Library have been replaced. Repairs to the roof of the Clubhouse will stop leaks, after which the wooden tiles on the dance floor and in front of the bar will be resurfaced. The aluminium framework of the ceiling will be realigned.

Additional effort has gone into improving the attraction of the TM Hardy Library, which too often has been used to store chairs and tables. To overcome this as far as is possible, the storeroom adjacent to the Library has been cleaned out and reorganised, to make it easier to deal with spare furniture not in use. Other renovations have been made to the exterior of the Clubhouse at the western end. The Library should now remain an uncluttered area for the enjoyment of Members. It also makes an attractive venue for small private functions. The Hyde Park Rotary Club have booked it for 30-35 people on Wednesday, November 4.

Our traditional end-of-year Christmas functions are now approaching, beginning with Christmas Luncheon on Sunday, November 29, with Dr Peter Last as speaker. As indicated

in the title we gave him, *From whence have we come?* we expect him to give us an insight into some of the events and personalities of the Squadron's past. Those who know Peter will not be surprised to hear that he is guarded about what he will actually talk about, but we are confident he will be articulate and entertaining. Regular attenders at Quarterly Meetings know that he is rarely lost for a word. This year the luncheon is on Sunday instead of the usual Friday, to provide Members who would ordinarily be at work the opportunity to attend.

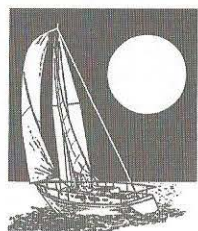
Saturday December 12 sees the launch and presentation of a video by Peter Drew of the most recent Antarctic voyage of Timothy Edkins in *Iniquity*. Invitations have gone out to other clubs and groups, so bookings will be essential for this interesting occasion. It will be preceded by a three-course meal, starting at 1900.

The Combined Committees' Christmas Party is on Saturday December 19, at which Father Christmas will dispense his customary parcels.

Boxing Day, 26 December will again see the Dining Room set up to watch the start of the Sydney-Hobart Race, with an interesting variation to the catering arrangements.

During December there are five private Christmas functions.

On 31 December the year will end with a spectacular Rio Carnivalé, so come prepared! SQ



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Vicsail will sponsor weekly prizes while Ausail Pittwater are presenting a weekend charter of a Catalina Yacht on the Pittwater. To get the combined series winner to & from Sydney, ANSETT AUSTRALIA* are flying two adults ex Adelaide. Jamesons will also sponsor an Overall Trophy.

Join the fun and bring your guests also.
Squadron dining room is open after the races for dinner and prize giving.

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