



SHAG ISLET CRUISING YACHT CLUB

## Newsletter 53 – 3,410“Vice Commodores”

Membership from 15 nations

Since 1 June 14, 496 “New Members” have joined SICYC

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The 2015 SICYC “Vice Commodore” Rendezvous

Will be held from 27 to 30 August

**Don't miss it !!!! Looking forward to seeing you there...**

### Review of SICYC “Vice Commodore” Rendezvous 2014

**The 2014 Rendezvous was held 28 Aug to 31 Aug**

**Rendezvous Stats ....**

**Figures were approximate:**

**Meet and Greet ... 350 to 370 people**

**Shag Islet Party ... 460 to 480 people**

**Parrott Head Party ... 800 to 840 people**

**Pirates Fair ... 260 to 280 people**

**Total number of boats ... 200 to 240**

**The total of Funds Raised for prostate cancer Awareness and  
Research over the past 12 months is **\$74,510.00****

**This includes individual funds raised and donations received prior to the  
Rendezvous**

Well Done All !!!

**The progressive total of funds raised over the past five years is now over \$170,000... Great work Guys !!!!**

**PRESENTATION OF DONATION TO PROSTATE**  
**CANCER AWARENESS AND RESEARCH**

**The SICYC 2014 Presentation to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA) will take place at Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS), Kirribilli at 11.30pm for 12noon Sunday 23 November 2014.**



**Official guests from PCFA and Prostate Cancer Research will be in attendance**

The formal presentation of the money raised during 2014 will be presented at a Luncheon which will take the form of an on table Buffet.

The Buffet is \$65 per head (including assorted hot and cold dishes and seafood) .. drinks, pay as you go ..

Set aside this date ... Dress SICYC Polos

Make Payment for the above Lunch at RSYS to be paid by bank transfer to NAB

**BSB084 501 Account Number 490869584 tag Surname and RSYS**

or a cheque to **Ken Thackeray**, P.O. Box 5028, Manly Q4179 ... any questions phone 0428716243

**RSVP with payment No Later Than 14 November 14**

For those wishing to attend from interstate and who may wish to enjoy a weekend in Sydney... a "Lunch Cruise" on Sydney Harbour with Captain Cook Cruisers is available Saturday 22 November (those interested in the lunch cruise, contact Captain Cook Cruises on 0292061111 or online and reserve your seat/table .The lunch is a 3 course Top Deck Long Lunch and cruise for 3 and half hours. For more info about the Captain Cook Cruise, Google online or phone Rhonda on 0419711594.

# **A very “Big Thanks” to our Major Sponsors:**

## ***Abell Point Marina***



***The SICYC / Abell Point Marina Loyalty Card was well received by visiting “Vice Commodores”... Thanks to Abell Point Marina and Marina tenants who provided discounts for products and services. APM was the major SPONSOR OF “hands across the blue” and without their Logistical support, the event would not have been such a success.***

## ***Oceanic Risks Insurance***

***Oceanic Risk Sponsor of the “Fireworks” on the evening of Saturday 30 Aug***

***This was the first year of Sponsorship by Oceanic and we look forward to establishing a long term association over future years.***

***THANKS***



***The Rendezvous was sponsored by:***

***Abell Point Marina , Oceanic Risks Insurance, Boat Works Coomera, Montes Reef Resort***

***Mackay Reef Marina Shipyard , Cumberland Charter Yachts, Hervey Bay Boat Club***

***Catamaran Charters NZ, Whitsunday Sailing Club, Airlie Electronics***

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*Grotty Yachty, Clive and Angie Tudge, Coconut Cottage, Isonic*  
*Sweet Ideas Cannonvale, Dingo Beach Hotel, Whitsunday Transit,*  
*Whitsunday Marketing and Development Ltd*

***Please use these companies, should you require the products and services they provide ....***

## ***Volunteers .. How good were these guys ?***

***Thanks to the fantastic group of Volunteers***

***This year we were fortunate to have over 45 volunteers.  
Without these people giving up their own personal time the  
Rendezvous would not have been possible..... A Sincere  
Thanks Guys and Girls .. You were fantastic !!!!***



***At the time the photo was taken ... some other volunteers were out volunteering ....***

**"Vice Commodores" Volunteered to assist in the following tasks:**

**Raffle Ticket Sales, Wristband Sales**

**New Membership sign up team, Memorabilia Sales**

**Administration Assistants, Master of Ceremonies, Auctioneers**

**Raffle Draw Management Team, Sausage Sizzle Cooks**

**"Hands Across the Blue" Set Up / Co ordination**

**Shag Islet Party Set Up / Co ordination**

**Fireworks Security Team, Financial Management Team**

**Dinghy Transfers, VIP Support, Dinghy Trivia Co ordination**

**Book Swap Supervision, Sponsor Banner Management Team**

**Relocation and set up team for the Pirates Luncheon**

***A Job Well Done ONE AND ALL  
THANKS FOR GIVING YOUR TIME!!!***

### **Individual Efforts**

***Tiana Fry "Shagger Beach Barber"***

***Ian Anderson Graphic design .... Design of the Rendezvous Flyer***

***Keith and Debbie Cooper ... Personal Fund Raising Australia Day and blessing of the fleet !!***

***Richard and Sue Bax ... Personal Fund Raising ... Kite and Jewellery Sales***

***Debbie Cockle ... Personal Fund Raising Jewellery Sales***

***Heather James ... Artwork Donations***

***Daryl Collins ... Personal Fund Raising Movember Shave Off***

***Diana and Stewart Scarborough ... Personal Fund Raising Parrot Head and Pirate Costume Sales.***

***Ron Harris – Heli Taxis ... Fundraising from Helicopter Flights***

***Colin and Kerrie Bell ... management of the SICYC Courtesy Cars at Abell Point Marina***

***Mike and Linda Webber ... Fund Raising through Donation of SICYC Courtesy Cars***

***Chris Cernusco ... Fund Raising Crab Races at the “Meet and Greet”***

***Norm and Norma (The Boat People) ... Fund Raising performing for dinghy concerts on the water as they cruised up the coast***

***Polly and Gerry ... Donation of Accommodation for Official Guests for “Hands Across the Blue”***

***Patrick O’Brien ... Provision of Accommodation for Media and Rendezvous support personnel***

***Thanks to the very special Hydeaway Bay / Dingo Beach Team .. Planning and set up of the Shag Islet Party, Fundraising ... Sausage Sizzle on Shag Islet, Set up of Hands Across the Blue, and a heap more .. well done you Guys and Girls***

***Along with the many other very generous individual donations and contributions.....***

***A very big thanks to the Whitsunday Times for their support leading up to the Rendezvous***

***THANKS ALL....***

***Finally, recognition must go to the Whitsunday Water Police who assisted with the arrangement of Courtesy Boats and provided a passive presence in case of any serious incident .....***

***Early Bird Sundowners started on The Tuesday and Wednesday with a crazy hat and tie day ....***







***Tiana “the Beach Barber” Vice Commodore Seagull Reef ... set up...***



***The Fleet Assembled***





***Thursday 28 August 14***

***Helicopter Flights Commenced.***



***Heli Taxis donated \$360 from proceeds of scenic flights during the Rendezvous .. Thanks  
"Vice Commodore" Ron***

***"The Meet and Greet"***

***The "Meet and Greet" kicked off with a Book Swap, Happy Hour,  
Finger Food by Montes, Music by The Boat People ( Norm and  
Norma)***





## ***Crab Races***

***George was a winner***



***Friday 29 August 14***

***Champagne Breakfast at Cape Gloucester Resort***



***Thi Chi on the beach***



***Daily Radio Schedule on VHF 72 at 0800hrs daily.. Ken on his chair..***



### ***Shag Islet Party***



***The Kite Theme was well supported with an amazing variety of Kites***



***The party on the Islet was sponsored by the local Community, who always do a fantastic job !!!***





***Well over 400 "Vice Commodores" enjoyed a beautiful day !!***









*They danced to “ViceCommodore” Glastonbury Pop Standen*







*The Sausage sizzle was prepared by Ann, Rohan, Murray, Linda and Harold ... Thanks Guys and Girls ...*

**Saturday 30 August 14**

### ***“HANDS ACROSS THE BLUE” For Prostate Cancer***

*Official Guests ... SICYC was privileged to have these very special guests attend hands across the blue ..... Thanks to all!*



*L to R Professor Christian Gericke from the Wesley / St Andrews Medical Research Institute, Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA) Deputy Chair Jim Hughes AM, International Prostate Cancer Researcher Dr Les Thompson, Ken, World Leader in Prostate MRI Research from the Netherlands Professor Jelle Barentsz, Abell Point Marina Owner and event Sponsor Paul Darrouzet, Federal Minister for Health Hon Peter Dutton MP, Mayor of Whitsunday Regional Council Jennifer Whitney, Whitsunday MP Jason Costigan and Whitsunday Marketing and Development CEO Danial Rochford, were all in attendance at the inaugural “Hands Across the Blue” for prostate cancer*



***Attending "Vice Commodores" assembled in the rough shape of the PCFA logo while entertainment was provided by Pop Standen and official guests addressed the gathering from MV "Norseman".***



***Jim Hughes AM Deputy Chair of the National Board of (PCFA) with Linda and Mike Webber "Vice Commodores' Steepholt and Flatholt sponsors of the SICYC Courtesy Cars. Photo taken at the reception for official guests at Montes Reef Resort***





***Professor Barentsz, Jason Costigan MP, and Dr Les Thompson on the deck of MV "Norseman" .Official Guests were presented with "Hands Across the Blue" etched glasses and left as "Vice Commodores"***



***And after the official ceremony they Partied...to the music of Pop***





## ***Parrot Head Party***



***On the beach in front of Montes ... Before the “Parrot Head” Party  
Over 800 “Parrot Heads” enjoyed the Music of Montserrat ..***









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*The Fireworks were supplied by "Mr Fire Works" Gary Anderson*



## ***Pirates Luncheon***

### ***The Buses to Dingo Beach from Montes ...***



***Thanks to Whitsunday Transit and Mark and Sue “Vice Commodores” Gilligans Island and Newport Waterways for the sponsorship of the Pirates Express***



***The Pirate and Pirate Queen ... “Vice Commodores” Bishop Island and Darlingford Waters***





*Raffles and Auctions were held and music was provided by "The Barbary Coasters"*







***"Vice Commodores" come in all forms...***

***A Surprise Blessing of the fleet ... by the "Pope" ????***

## Record Rendezvous in Whitsundays

THE 2014 Shag Island Cruising Yacht Club (SICYC) annual rendezvous has broken all past records for the amount of money raised for the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA).

The event, which started with 94 people and raised \$396 in August 1988, attracted 520 boats and more than 800 people last weekend. The total amount raised for the PCFA was \$17,736, compared to \$428 last year.

The SICYC, a virtual yacht club, based in the Whitsundays and based after Shag Island in the Gloucester Shores, has a worldwide membership of more than 1000 people. Its founder, Ken Thackeray, said prostate cancer was chosen as a cause for the club to raise money for, because of its relevance to members in the 45-75 year-old age bracket, most of whom knew someone affected by the disease.

Leading prostate cancer researcher, Professor Jelle Barentse, who attended the event, said it was "just inspiring".

"I think people are here, not just because they like a party, but because they want to help their fellow man," he said.

Professor Barentse said the rendezvous was crucial because the money it raised would allow for research to



CUTTING THE CAKE: Deputy chairman of the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia, Jen Hughes and Rhonda Thackeray, cutting the 2014 SICYC Rendezvous cake, made by Arlene Sweet-Klein in the shape of Shag Island, where the cruising yacht club is based.

"If you apply for a grant it will take two years before you get it and that's too long," he said.

PCFA deputy chairman Jen Hughes said it was a privilege to attend the event and enjoy a fantastic celebration with

SICYC, with the money raised "immensely important".

"It gives us discretionary funds to use for the best possible outcomes," he said.

The SICYC has now raised more than \$300,000 for the PCFA to date.

## Cruising event to hit TV screens

THE Whitsunday-based Shag Island Cruising Yacht Club (SICYC) will feature in a documentary, some of which was filmed during the 2014 Rendezvous at Montee last weekend.

The documentary is by Maxine Gray, whose most recent role was executive producer of Channel 9's *House Rules* and her partner Dan Clougherty, who has edited popular television shows such as *My Kitchen Rules* and *Bringing Sexy Back*.

The couple have only recently quit their high-pressure city lives for a "sex change" aboard a cruising boat.

Mrs Gray said the idea to hit the water and "escape" came from sitting in a little bay in Sydney Harbour and seeing a catamaran that had obviously cruised the world.

"We just said, 'wow, wouldn't that be really cool to just take off and get out of the rat race', she said.

In April 2013, the couple bought a 42ft catamaran named *Whiffloose* and started learning to sail, before heading north to the Whitsundays.

With their new "house away from home" now Abell Point Marina, the couple have decided to document their life on



CAUGHT ON CAMERA: The Whitsundays and 2014 Shag Island Cruising Yacht Club annual rendezvous are set to feature in a documentary by Dan Clougherty and Maxine Gray, pictured at Montee last weekend.

the water, in the hope that other people might be inspired to do the same.

"So many people look out and see these boats and say 'that would be amazing' but no-one knows how to do it," Mr Clougherty said.

It was while they were in the marina that the couple learned about the SICYC and its annual rendezvous and decided to feature it on film.

Mr Clougherty said it was amazing that so many people had come from all parts of the globe to take part in such an inspiring event.

"It really shows how wonderful the cruising community is," he said.

The documentary, which is expected to be cut into three, half-hour episodes, will be finished by the end of the year, with a likely air date of 2015.

## Sailors join hands across the blue

HISTORY was made on the Whitsunday waters last Saturday when tenders from the 220 boats gathered for the annual Shag Island Cruising Yacht Club (SICYC) rendezvous, formed the shape of the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA) logo, in the inaugural "hands across the blue" event.

"Hands across the blue" was devised by SICYC founder Ken Thackeray, as a way of raising awareness of the disease and funding the vital research the PCFA does.

The event was attended by both local, state and federal dignitaries and world leaders in the field of prostate cancer research, including Professor Christian Gerken from the Wesley / St Andrew's Medical Research Institute, leading urologist Dr Les Thompson and Professor Jelle Barentse from the Netherlands, who has pioneered prostate MRI.

Professor Barentse said women were lucky enough to have had the mammogram for the past 30 years and now, the equivalent for men had the potential to save lives.

"Go and have your 'mammogram'," he urged.

Federal Health Minister Peter Dutton, who also attended

the event, said it was inspirational to see ordinary Australians "creating awareness that governments can't".

Mr Dutton said men were generally more reluctant to

visit the doctor than women or to talk about their problems.

"[But] they'll go away from this event and speak their friends and that may just save

the life of a cousin or a brother or an uncle," he said.

"If there's early detection people can lead a normal life."

Mr Thackeray said based on the success of this first event,

the SICYC would be challenging other organisations throughout Australia, and across the world, to join hands across the blue in their own location in the last weekend of

August each year.

The SICYC 2014 Rendezvous raised a record breaking total of \$17,736 for the PCFA.

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INFORMATION: Dinghies from the 220 boats gathered at the 2014 SICYC Rendezvous, formed the shape of the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia logo on the Whitsunday waters on Saturday. Abell Point Marina owner Paul Darmstadt anchored his boat, the *MV Adrienne* nearby, with local musician Pop Standen entertaining the on-water crowd.

## *By the Way .....*

*For those who may not be on Face Book .....*



*On Friday 5 September, Rhonda and I attended the Investiture Ceremony at which I received "The Order of Australia Medal". The Award was presented by His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC Governor of Queensland at Government House Queensland. I would like to thank those "Vice Commodores" who commenced the process and to the 2 Squadron RAAF Association, RSL and Military Associates, and the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia, all of whom supported the submission in its review processes. Obviously, this is a great personal honour however, the award reflects the commitment of many people and in particular of those fantastic "Vice Commodore" who without recognition, continue to support SICYC. I also thank Rhonda for her dedication and support.*

*Ken*

***The Citation read:***

***Founder of Shag Islet Cruising Yacht Club 2009; Conduct of Fund Raising for the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and Volunteer Marine Rescue.***

***Volunteer Pensions officer South East Queensland Returned and Services League of Australia office at Greenslopes Hospital.***

***President 2 Sqn RAAF Association.***





*We Hope you all had a fantastic Rendezvous ...*

*Thanks to all of the Wonderful Sponsors, Volunteers and Fund Raisers*

***Take Care and Keep Smiling..***

***Rhonda and Ken***

***Alias ...Miss Storm Rivers and Scallywag Head Rivers***

***“Vice Commodores” Caves Cove and Raby Bay***

***See You at the SICYC “Vice Commodore”  
Rendezvous 2015***

***27 to 30 August .... Plan to be there ....***