



THE COUNTDOWN IS ON: THE 16TH SICYC RENDEZVOUS CALLS YOU HOME!



Nine weeks to go.

The ultimate tropical celebration is back. The Whitsundays are waiting. From across Australia and around the globe, the Shag Islet Cruising Yacht Club family is converging. This is more than a meetup. It is our legendary 16th Annual Rendezvous—four days of pure magic, laughter, and lifelong memories.

When a fleet of sailors, caravanners, and wandering storytellers converges on Cape Gloucester Resort, routine dissolves into something closer to a travelling village built on salt, laughter, and shared mischief. The SICYC Rendezvous 2026 is not just a schedule of events—it is a rhythm of connection unfolding across four sunlit days.

Thursday begins with the practical hum of VHF radio updates on CH72, grounding the event in maritime order before Coconut Radio lifts the mood with music drifting through camp and anchorage. Volunteers gather, wristbands are issued, caravans are registered, and the informal economy of generosity begins at the SICYC stand.

Even the playful presence of “The Beach Barber” and Jon Retford’s games hints that seriousness will not be welcome for long.

By late afternoon, the tone shifts into reunion. The Meet and Greet is less an introduction than a continuation of stories already decades in the making. SICYC polos highlight the event, while auctions and resort entertainment keep the energy circulating. The “toenail painting Port and Starboard” fundraiser is a fun, practical nautical tradition where you paint the nails on your left foot red (Port) and the right foot green (Starboard). It acts as a clever visual cheat sheet to help you quickly remember which side of a boat is which.

Friday stretches the mood further offshore. Pilates on the grass resets tired bodies before the tide of anticipation builds toward Shag Island.

Boats and caravans become floating extensions of the party, hats and kites marking the horizon with colour. By evening, the masquerade transforms identity itself—judging boats, caravans, and costumes blurring into one shared spectacle.

At its heart, the SICYC Rendezvous is less an itinerary than a temporary society—anchored by community, carried by tide, and fuelled by stories retold just a little differently each year. When the SICYC Rendezvous unfolds across four days at Cape Gloucester Resort, it becomes less a programmed event and more a drifting coastal township assembled from boats, caravans, and shared intent. Hosted by SICYC, the gathering builds in layers, each day adding momentum like tides stacking on a reef.

Saturday, Shag Island emerges as a symbolic centrepiece—an offshore celebration where boats gather, hats fly, and laughter carries across water.

The party atmosphere is balanced by the familiar resort comforts, where meals, auctions, and evening entertainment keep the community anchored even as the horizon pulls attention to Shag Island.

The final day is where the event quietly transforms again. There is a softening: farewells that take longer than expected, last swims, final bids at auctions, and the slow dismantling of temporary lives assembled along the coast. Boats depart in clusters, caravans roll out in convoys, and the resort returns to its natural quiet.

Yet what lingers is not the schedule but the shared narrative—four days where strangers briefly became neighbours, and neighbours became stories carried home on salt-stained memory. Already looking ahead to next year’s tide-bound reunion once again awaits.

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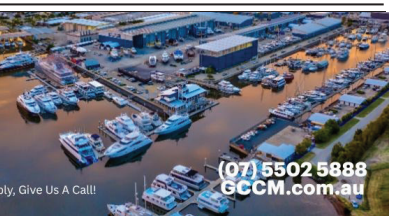
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d'Albora Marinas completes acquisition of Gold Coast City Marina & Shipyard and appoints key onsite leadership

d'Albora Marinas has announced the successful settlement of its acquisition of Gold Coast City Marina & Shipyard (GCCM), effective 7 May 2026. This milestone marks a significant expansion of d'Albora's national footprint and reinforces its commitment to delivering premium marina and marine service facilities across Australia.

Located in the heart of Queensland's premier boating region, Gold Coast City Marina & Shipyard is widely recognised as a leading full-service marina and shipyard refit destination. The acquisition aligns with d'Albora's strategic vision to enhance its portfolio with world-class facilities that support both recreational and commercial marine customers and business partners.

"GCCM is a cornerstone of the Australian yachting refit market and one of the main reasons Australia competes favourably on the world stage. Having D'Albora, another landmark Australian marine company now in ownership, means that the excellent reputation will remain. D'Albora will gain increased international recognition through the hard work done and trust built up by the Gay Family over the last few decades" – David Good, CEO Superyacht Australia.

As part of this transition, Darrell Barnett has been appointed as General Manager of the facility. Mr Barnett is a highly respected and long-serving marina operator with extensive industry experience. He holds the internationally recognised Certified Marina Manager (CMM) designation and serves as a board member of the Marina Industries Association (MIA). His leadership and deep understanding of marina operations are expected to further strengthen the site's reputation and performance.

Supporting Darrell onsite on the Shipyard side of the facility will be Paul Vernon, Paul has over 25 years of practical and

managerial experience in the boat building, shipyard management, construction and engineering industries. Paul's specialist skillset and invaluable

service providers, creating a purpose-built marine hub for industry professionals and business partners.



General Manager, Darrell Barnett is supported by Paul Vernon,

experience will provide enhanced service delivery and operational optimisation across the site.

d'Albora continues to demonstrate a strong commitment to growth, development, and customer service across Southeast Queensland. This is highlighted by recent acquisitions in the region, including Tin Can Bay Marina and East Coast Marina, alongside ongoing enhancements at Pacific Point Marina & Boatyard, located just up the road from GCCM.

Pacific Point Marina & Boatyard is progressing an approved 14,000 m² commercial precinct designed specifically for marine trades and services. The development will cater to boat builders, dealers, chandlery, showrooms, and

The project will significantly expand operational capacity through the construction of new buildings, sheds, an enlarged hardstand, a second dry stacker, and upgraded boatyard infrastructure. Discussions are already underway with prospective business partners, with strong interest being shown.

Long-term plans include increasing capacity to 880 wet berths and 600 dry storage spaces, along with further enhancements to vessel handling capabilities. Food and beverage offerings will continue to support a steady flow of customers and marine professionals year-round.

Importantly, this development is positioned as a complementary marine hub to GCCM, strengthening the broader marine services ecosystem in the region.

Julien Pouteau, Managing Director of d'Albora Marinas said: "This is an exciting step forward for d'Albora as we continue to grow our presence in key marine markets. Gold Coast City Marina & Shipyard is an exceptional facility with a strong legacy, and we are thrilled to welcome it into our network. Our ongoing investment across Southeast Queensland underscores our commitment for growth and delivering an outstanding customer experience."

Mr Barnett added: "I am delighted to take on this role and work with the talented team at Gold Coast City Marina & Shipyard. The facility has an outstanding reputation, and I look forward to building on its success as part of the d'Albora network."

d'Albora Marinas remains focused on investing in its people, infrastructure, customer experience, and business partners ensuring it continues to set the benchmark for marine excellence in Australia.



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New Prostate Cancer Specialist Nurse strengthens support for patients in the Hunter



From left to right: PCSN Mistie Honeyman, Icon Maitland Radiation Oncologist Dr Kate Martin and Icon Maitland prostate cancer patient Neil Hansford.

Men diagnosed with prostate cancer across the Hunter region now have access to dedicated specialist support closer to home, with the appointment of a Prostate Cancer Specialist Nurse (PCSN) at Icon Cancer Centre Maitland.

The role is designed to help patients and their families navigate the complexities of a prostate cancer diagnosis and treatment, providing ongoing education, care coordination and personalised support from diagnosis through to survivorship.

Icon Maitland PCSN, Mistie Honeyman, says prostate cancer can have a significant impact on all aspects of a patient's life, making access to specialist support an important part of their care journey.

"Many men face not only the physical effects of prostate cancer treatment, but also emotional and practical challenges that can affect both them and their loved ones," Mistie says.

"My role is to provide a consistent point of contact throughout their treatment and beyond, ensuring patients have someone they can turn to for information, support and reassurance when they need it most."

The new PCSN role was made possible thanks to a generous donation to the Icon Cancer Foundation from TV

personality Charli Robinson and her husband, race car driver Liam Talbot. Charli grew up in the Hunter region.

"I think everybody knows someone who's been through cancer in some way, and having someone to turn to, like a qualified nurse, during that time is essential.

"This donation is possible through my partner Liam Talbot and his late father Ken Talbot. It is a legacy he would be proud of to support those going through this trying time," Charli says.

"I'd heard about Icon Cancer Centre and what they do, and I was so grateful for the care and innovative support they give to so many from my home area of the Hunter region. It felt right to support them."

The addition of a PCSN is welcome news for Port Stephens resident Neil Hansford (77), who was diagnosed with prostate cancer in February 2023 after elevated PSA readings prompted further investigation.

Following his diagnosis, Neil underwent 20 radiotherapy sessions at Icon Cancer Centre Maitland, alongside hormone therapy.

Neil, who underwent treatment prior to Mistie's appointment, believes access to a dedicated specialist nurse will

provide an additional layer of support for future patients.

"Since medical professionals run to such overly tight schedules, access to a specialist nurse will allow patients to talk to a person with specialist knowledge and access to records," Neil says.

"The Icon Maitland staff have always filled the advice component well, but now there will be a specialist able to provide additional guidance and counselling when patients need it."

Looking to the future, Mistie hopes to see continued growth in survivorship care and support services for men living with and beyond prostate cancer.

"Cancer care doesn't end when treatment finishes," Mistie says.

"I'd like to see an even greater focus on supporting the long-term physical, emotional and psychosocial wellbeing of men with prostate cancer, ensuring they feel supported every step of the way."

Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Australia.

PCSN's are registered nurses who have received additional training from the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia to make them an expert in prostate cancer care.

Look out for the return of our crowd-favourite monthly... 'MARINA MINGLES'



To be held at a variety of locations this year, including:

The Lookout Lounge, The Garden Bar Bistro and Coral Sea Resort

The first Marina Mingle will be in May, with more information to follow in the coming months - so keep an eye out on your emails!

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A Shag Islet Cruising Yacht Club Members Only Event
Have you been to Maggie? Even though I'm the SICYC VC for Baird Bay in SA, Vellamo spends a good deal of time in her berth at Magnetic Island Marina when we're not out cruising.

Magnetic island is one of the most popular destinations for yachties cruising the northern QLD coast. Horseshoe bay is a great anchorage in the trades but the marina offers year-round protection.

With the bus outside, the resort surrounding the marina, coffee shops just steps away and friendly local islanders happy to offer advice, it's a must-visit destination. It's also the perfect staging point for jumping to the wonderful cruising grounds among the Palm Islands, Dunk, Hinchinbrook and the nearby reefs.

I would love to see more shaggers pop in, so I organised this little deal to sweeten the idea!
Traci Ayris SV Vellamo



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After last week's gathering at WSC, Shaggers
is making the LAST Saturday of the month as
a SICYC event at the beach, so Peter Utber
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The People Behind the Scenes

Where would we be without those dedicated members who are always there when needed?

As Rendezvous time approaches, it is fitting to recognise Brian and Kay Bond, who have been active members of Shaggers for almost the entire 17-year history of the club.

Local residents of Hideaway Bay, Brian and Kay know just about everyone in the area and have been invaluable contributors to the success of our annual Rendezvous.

Brian is the consummate hands-on volunteer. Over the years he has helped transport equipment, set up facilities on Shag Islet, organise toilets, marquees, stands and stage infrastructure, and store and maintain the many assets required for the event each year. Many members will remember the old bar that was ferried across to the islet, where countless initials were engraved over the years.

One of Brian's most cherished contributions has been the commemorative glasses he carefully etched for each Rendezvous. Whether whisky tumblers, wine glasses or champagne flutes, often personalised with boat names, many of these treasured keepsakes can still be found aboard members' boats and in homes throughout the fleet.

Of course, Brian also ensures that the famous Shaggers flag flies proudly over Shag Islet during our annual gathering. The island itself, governed by the tides, is where our club proudly takes its name.

Along with many other volunteers, Brian also helps ferry members from Cape Gloucester to Shag Islet on party day, ensuring everyone can enjoy the festivities.

Kay is equally dedicated. She is always



Kay Bond playing the part as hippie Rendezvous 2025 while Brian Bond still on the job even after knee surgery

hard at work at the merchandise stand, helping manage stock and keeping track of club assets.

She is also responsible for creating the legendary Shaggers birthday cake, beautifully decorated each year to resemble Shag Islet itself.

The cake-cutting ceremony takes place during our very special Shag Islet Party, traditionally held on Friday afternoon, the second day of the Rendezvous. Festivities usually begin around midday—tide permitting—and, as always, everyone must be safely evacuated before the incoming tide reclaims the island.

Brian and Kay's commitment, enthusiasm and countless hours of volunteer work have helped make the Rendezvous the special event it is today.

Their contributions, both seen and unseen, are a wonderful example of the community spirit that defines Shaggers.



The famous Shag islet cake.

'...there's a Shagger not far behind.'

They arrive by sea, by road, by air from quiet anchorages, bustling marinas, and far flung corners of the globe.

No matter the distance, no matter the journey, one thing is certain: wherever you look, there's a Shagger not far behind.

From seasoned cruisers drifting in from the Whitsundays, to first timers making the trek from interstate, to our international friends who proudly fly the flag from oceans away... the spirit is the same. Connection, Camaraderie.

A shared love of salty stories and good company.

As Rendezvous season draws closer, that familiar tide begins to rise — messages from afar, boats on the move, plans being made, and that unmistakable buzz that says: "We're coming. We're ready. And we can't wait to be together again."

Because that's the magic of SICYC. Not just a club — a community that stretches further than any chart can show.

Shaggers everywhere...and proud of it.



Dennis, Lori, and Heather Ahoy from La Paz, Mexico SICYC Vice Commodores

Join Us for the PCFA Buffet Breakfast at Cape Gloucester Resort

Fellow Shaggers, we invite you to come together for one of the most meaningful moments of the Rendezvous — the PCFA Buffet Breakfast at Cape Gloucester Resort.

This year, the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia has once again arranged for a guest speaker to join us and share valuable insights into prostate cancer awareness and men's health. It's an important conversation, with more than 29,000 Australian men diagnosed each year.

Saturday, 29 August 8:30 am at Cape.

Gloucester Resort
\$30 per person

Enjoy a hearty breakfast, connect with fellow Shaggers, and take part in an informative and supportive session that reflects the heart of what SICYC stands for — community, awareness, and looking out for one another. Over a hundred members attended last years buffet breakfast at Cape Gloucester resort.

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Rendezvous Breakfast - Guest Speaker 2025

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