



NEWPORT NEWS

NEWPORT WATERWAYS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC

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SUNDOWNERS ON THE ESPLANADE

Join us for a relaxed get together on the beautiful Newport Esplanade to see some familiar faces and make new friends.

Everyone's welcome!

**Sunday 20th October at 4pm
The Esplanade, Newport**

BYO drinks, nibbles and chair.



PHOTO OF THE MONTH COMPETITION

Our winner for August was **Mac Daniels** and our winner for September was **Nathan Hebbard**. Well done!

Winners are picked based on the numbers of likes their photo receives and are displayed as our Facebook page banner image for a month.



August - Mac Daniels



September - Nathan Hebbard

Answers - 1: An echo 2: A map



RIDDLE ME TIMBERS!

1. I speak without a mouth and hear without ears. I have no body, but I come alive with wind. What am I?
2. I have cities, but no houses. I have mountains, but no trees. I have water, but no fish. What am I?

NEWPORT WATERWAYS DEVELOPMENT HISTORY by Trevor Hill - www.apriorisailing.com

Did you ever wonder about why some of the streets in Newport are named as they are? They were actually named after boats that raced in the America's Cup. Here's a little history on Australia.

Australia



Australia III and *IV* were unsuccessful entrants in Australia's first America's Cup defence in Fremantle in 1987 (The defender, *Kookaburra III*).

The star was always *Australia 11*, the yacht that successfully challenged the New York Yacht Club in 1983, ending the longest winning streak in history; 132 years.

While remembered for the "wing keel", the boat had numerous revolutionary

aspects to the design. The keel itself was of an inverted design, with the hull joint shorter than the length at the bottom. This allowed a lower centre of gravity and improved manoeuvrability, vital in the starts of match racing, and follows the principals of the modern bulb keel. The skipper, John Bertrand, was quoted as saying "she was great for city parking". The wings also stopped turbulence at the bottom of the keel. The keel wings were painted blue, when the rest of the keel was painted white, to disguise them from aircraft looking to see the keel when the boat was sailing.

While the keel was an easy difference that the public could easily understand, probably the most significant change in *Australia 11* was that she was the first yacht to carry "radial cut" sails. For many years, sails had been "cross cut", but Lexcen had designed long panels, radiating from the

corners of the sail. This led to lighter, stronger sails with less stretch, and they also incorporated kevlar. Radial cut sails are common now on racing and cruising yachts, and is a fantastic example of how technology breakthroughs in the highest levels competition of our sport trickles down to us competing at the club. To the left is a photo which demonstrates the difference in sails between *Australia 11* and the defender, *Liberty*.

1983 was still a close run challenge, with *Australia 11* winning 4-3, in the seventh and deciding race. She did suffer gear failure in two races, but it couldn't have been closer.

For many years, *Australia 11* was housed at the National Maritime Museum but is now permanently on display, hanging dramatically from the ceiling, of a purpose built building at the Western Australia Maritime Museum. She has come out of retirement once in 2001 for the 150th anniversary regatta of the America's Cup.

The mast had to be shortened to fit into the new museum, but one of the original masts is used as an impressive flagstaff at the Royal Perth Yacht Club, the yachts home club.

If you are in Fremantle, it is really worth a look!



DATES TO REMEMBER

**Sunday 20th October @ 4pm
Sundowners**

Endeavour Esplanade

**Tues 19th November @ 7pm
Newport Watch Meeting**

Oyster Point Scout Hall

YOUR COMMITTEE

President: Murray Gellert

Vice President: Norman Davey

Secretary: Terry Moore

Treasurer: David Clair

Membership Registrar:
Ann Moore

Newport Watch: Pam Bauze

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings to all at the start of this new year for the Association.

The AGM was held at the Scout Hall on the 11th September and we had a somewhat modest turnout. Thank you to those of you who were interested enough in the goings on of the association to turn up.

With little or no contentious issues currently in the news it appears as though the membership in general shows little concern in what the association brings to the community.

This was evident when it came to the election of officers for the new committee. If it hadn't been for 3 members who intended to stand down deciding to put their hands up again for another year the Association would have had no committee at all and we would now be in the process of closing the Association down.

I have been saying for some time that we need members to stand up and be counted, or all the good things the association does will be no more.

No Santa on Christmas morning, Pipers on the canal, Sundowners, possibly no Newport watch, no free trailer and so on.

Fortunately we have welcomed a new committee member David Clair to the position of Treasurer. Welcome David.

We still have committee member roles available and hope that you will join us to keep the Newport traditions going. If you're interested in a particular role on the committee, please let us know also.

We hope to see you at the next Sundowners and we will keep you updated with the upcoming Christmas festivities.

Murray Gellert - NWPOA President



Pictured: Zone Captain Joy Herrigan displays a featured article from 1972 when she was the first female coast guard member in Redcliffe.

Why not ask a neighbour to join the NWPOA?
"Supporting our Newport Community"



Contact us today at
nwpoa@newportwaters.com



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NEWPORT WATCH REPORT

Another year ahead following our Annual General Meeting in September and some changes on the Management Committee. A big **THANK YOU** to Jocelyn Davey who has moved on, for her support to myself and our zone captains and work carried out as Membership Registrar of NWPOA over many years. Welcome to our new committee members.

While positions on Committee are being filled, we are still in need of zone captains in some areas. "Street Watch" in the Redcliffe & Bayside Herald dated 26th September listed five streets in Newport as crime spots. Two of those streets, which is more often the case, are in the Stockland Estate but three of them are in the Newport Watch area near Dolphins Leagues Club. Three zones, fifty seven residences, only one zone captain and under ten members in those areas. We need volunteers to step up and become zone captains in that area particularly at this time. Please contact Pam on 3203 8354 if you are interested. It is not a difficult task.

Sergeant Aaron Firth, our Operational Support Officer from Redcliffe Police Station who regularly attends our Newport Watch quarterly meetings was accompanied by a Detective from the Moreton Police Division to speak on the programme that he is heading entitled **"Virtual Eyes on Crime"** which holds a register of residences/businesses that have CCTV security systems installed.

We have discussed this topic in our previous Newsletters and now have available an information sheet and registration form which was sent out to members by email recently. The registration form is returned directly to Redcliffe Police who take it from there. We are not even aware of our members who have registered.

This would be a big help to police who could quickly identify in areas where crime is happening who may have CCTV etc. who could assist them in identifying those responsible. The information sheet and registration are available and we could forward them on at your request.

Our next and final meeting of the year is at the Oyster Point Scout Hall on Tuesday 19th November at 7.00pm. Our guest speaker for the evening will be our very own Communications Officer, Susanna Rossetto, who will tell us a little of her adventure in Uganda earlier this year and the half marathon endurance event she undertook to raise money for the Compassion child sponsorship agency. Hope to see you there.

Pamela Bauze – Newport Watch Area Coordinator.

NEWPORT WATCH MEETING

Our final Newport Watch meeting is on:

Tues 19th November @ 7pm
Oyster Point Scout Hall

Come along - everyone is welcome.



MEET JOY AND TOM HERRIGAN



Joy and Tom Herrigan were married in 1966 at St Johns Cathedral in Brisbane. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 5 grand-dogs. They built their home in Newport 20 years ago where they moved from the Everton Park / Chermerside area.

Joy was the first female coast guard member in Redcliffe back in 1972, at a time when they had to supply their own boat plus fuel to make their rescues. Joy and Tom's boat was called the Jean-Marie and they volunteered in the coast guard for numerous years. What dedication!

After retiring last year from working in a family business, Joy keeps herself busy as part of local community groups such as the Redcliffe Seniors Association 500 group, Healthy Aging and U3A. She also hosts a weekly mahjong group at her home with around a dozen players.

Joy and Tom enjoy travelling, recently spending 23 days in China which they thoroughly enjoyed. They also own a motorhome in which they have travelled to various places such as Cape York, Adelaide and the Great Ocean Road.

Since moving to Newport, Joy and Tom have been NWPOA members, regularly attending Newport Watch meetings and Joy has been Zone Captain of multiple zones including 1,2 and 14 for over 6 years. She enjoys getting to know her neighbours, being community minded and finding out the latest crime news from Newport Watch.

The NWPOA committee would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to Joy for her commitment to being a Zone Captain for numerous zones and volunteering her time for the benefit of her community.

I'm sure many of you appreciate the time and dedication she shows to help others around her.

THANK YOU JOY - We appreciate you!



COME & SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE!

REDCLIFFE PINK Snapdragons
Breast Cancer Dragon Boat Club Inc.

Laughternoon Tea

Redcliffe Pink Snapdragons invite you to our Fundraising High Tea!

Enjoy an afternoon of delicious treats and laughter. Fashion parade, prizes and raffles.

Fundraising in support of the Brisbane Breast Bank and to send our dragon boating team of Breast Cancer Survivors to the International Breast Cancer Participatory Festival in New Zealand in 2022.

Date: Sunday 27th October 2019
Time: 2.00pm to 5.00pm
Place: Scarborough Bowls Club, Sunnyside Road, Scarborough
Tickets: \$30 (Bookings essential. No ticket sales at the door.)

Please RSVP by 19th October 2019
Phone Lyn Grigg on 0418 194 623
or email lyng_53@yahoo.com.au



6 KNOTS / NO WASH

If you see a "No Wash" sign, it means you are operating in an area where vessel wash could easily annoy others or damage the foreshore or adjacent property.



6 KNOTS NO WASH

This means you should:

- Reduce speed as necessary to avoid creating wash that effects others.
- Look behind occasionally to see if your boat is creating wash that effects other boats or the shore.
- If your wash is causing other vessels to rock at all, or is causing any sort of breaking or slapping waves on the shore, you need to slow down further.

MEMBER COURTESY TRAILER

Don't forget - we have a trailer available free for our members to use. The trailer can be borrowed dependent on time and availability by calling Pam on 3203 8354.



CANAL REVETMENT WALL FACTS

Revetment walls are permanent structures located along the canal frontage of land. They prevent subsidence of the land into the canal and protect it from erosion caused by the canal system's tidal waters and boat wash. The concrete canal retaining walls have an engineered design life and will require regular inspection and proper maintenance.



Who is responsible for these walls?

Canal walls located in front of private property are the responsibility of the property owner, including maintenance and ultimate replacement.

Canal walls located in front of Council-controlled land such as parks, road reserves or drainage reserves are the responsibility for Council to maintain or eventually replace.

Minimum recommended maintenance

As a minimum, it is recommended that the following maintenance works be undertaken:

- Regular maintenance inspections;
- Weep hole maintenance; and
- Joint maintenance.

What can property owners do that can assist in maintaining the wall?

In addition to regular maintenance inspections, the following matters must be considered to ensure that revetment walls are not inadvertently compromised:

- Do not place structures and fill in close proximity to the wall;
- Planting of any vegetation, particularly trees, close to the wall;
- Checking that pools or irrigation systems on the property do not leak;
- Ensuring pool overflows and roof water drainage systems are directed to the street drainage system; and
- Ensuring landscaping improvements on the property do not concentrate storm water flows over the wall, which can lead to scours on the canal bank, particularly at low tide.

How often should these walls be inspected?

Due to the dynamic environment where these walls are located, it is important to inspect the condition of your wall regularly.

If you require further information, contact Moreton Bay Regional Council on 3205 0555 or visit www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Services/Property-Ownership/Canals for more canal related fact sheets.