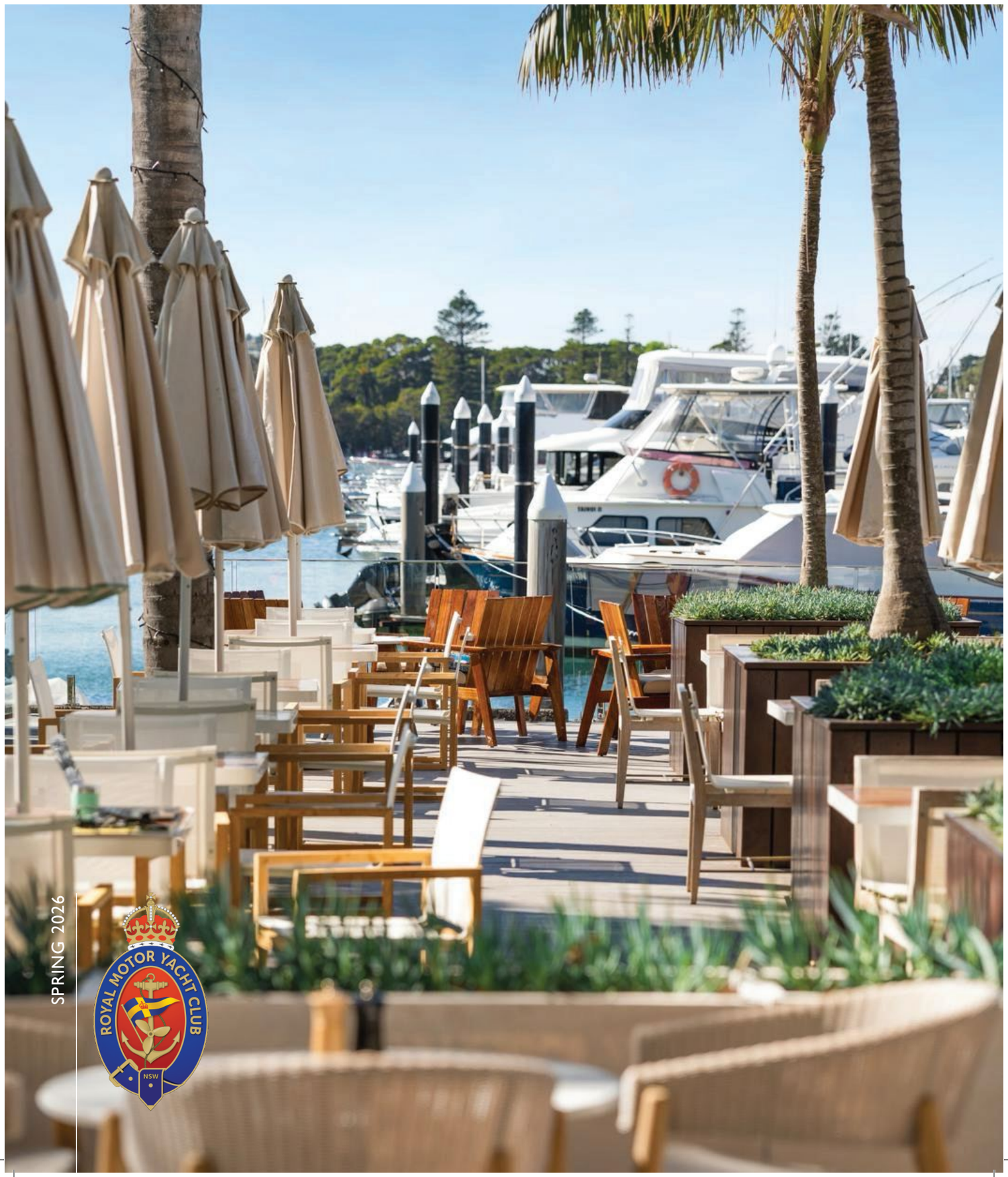
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SALT AIR.



SPRING 2026







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Wednesday - Saturday dinner 5:30pm - 9pm
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Available on weekends and public holidays from 10am - 4pm

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Playground
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SALT AIR SPRING 2026



Welcome to the Spring edition of Salt Air.

As the weather warms up, so does the energy around the club. Spring is always one of my favourite times at RMYC - the marina comes alive, the calendar fills up, and there's a real buzz as members shake off winter and get back out on the water.

I'm pleased to share that our restaurant renovations are progressing well, and we're getting closer to unveiling this exciting new space for members and their families to enjoy. Thank you for your patience as we work towards something truly special.

This edition we shine a light on some of the wonderful things happening across the club, from our members' stories to the activities that make RMYC such a special place to belong. A big thank you to everyone who continues to contribute to Salt Air, it's your stories and involvement that make this publication what it is.

With longer days ahead, there's no better time to get out on the water, join a class, or simply enjoy the club with family and friends. We'd love to see you around.

Stay in the loop

Visit **www.rmycnsw.com.au** or download the RMYC App to keep up to date with everything happening at RMYC NSW.

We hope you enjoy this edition of SALT AIR.

John M Barbouttis
Commodore

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UPDATE FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

BY CHARLOTTE GILES

As we head into the warmer months, the Club is preparing for another exciting boating season, with a fantastic calendar of exclusive events just around the corner.

Our next major event is the Navy Gala on Wednesday the 30th of September, proudly held in conjunction with the Royal Australian Navy and the Martin Youth Foundation. This spectacular evening will be hosted aboard a Royal Australian Navy vessel and will feature drinks, delicious canapés, a fresh oyster station, exciting prizes and auctions. All in support of a very worthy cause. Tickets are now on sale and are limited so be sure to secure your place early.

The Club will then celebrate its 121st Opening Day on Saturday the 14th of November, marking the official commencement of our boating season. One of the most anticipated events on our calendar, Opening Day brings members together to celebrate another exciting season on our Harbour.

To finish the year, we'll once again host our much-loved Father Neptune's Christmas Party on Saturday the 5th of December. A favourite among the children, the afternoon will include boat rides, jumping castles, face painting, glitter tattoos, fairy floss, popcorn, foam fun, delicious food and refreshments with every child receiving a special Christmas gift. Keep an eye out for ticket information coming soon.



SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday 13th October
Boat Licence Evening

Friday 23rd October
Global Champagne Day

Saturday 14th November
Opening Day

Neptunes Christmas Party
Saturday 5th December

BOAT LICENCE COURSE

Thinking about getting your NSW Boat or Jet Ski Licence or simply wanting to renew an existing boat licence?

Our next Boat Licence Course will be held at the Club on Tuesday the 13th of October in conjunction with Maritime Training School. Whether you're new to boating or looking to obtain your Personal Watercraft (PWC) Licence, this is a convenient way to become licensed at our Club. Places are always popular, so keep an eye out for bookings opening soon.

GYM

The gym is open seven days a week from 5:30am to 11:30pm.

Please note the gym is strictly for members aged 18 years and over, and guests are not permitted. Members are kindly reminded to bring their own towel and water bottle. Towels are available for hire from Reception for $5, and filtered drinking water is available within the gym.

ZEST CATERING

Planning a birthday, wedding, corporate event or special celebration?

The Club offers two exceptional waterfront function spaces, professionally managed by Zest Catering. For bookings and enquiries, please contact Raphael at raphael@zest.net.au.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Club throughout the busy spring and summer season and thank you for your continued support. We hope to see you at one (or all!) of our upcoming events!

BOAT CATERING

Heading out on the water? Let us take care of the catering.

Our boat catering menu is available year-round and offers a delicious selection of fresh sandwiches, seafood, antipasto and cheese platters, with sushi also available upon request. Takeaway beverages can be arranged at Club bottle shop pricing, making entertaining on board effortless.

FUEL & MARINA SERVICES

Our Marina team is available seven days a week from 7:30am to 4:00pm to assist with:

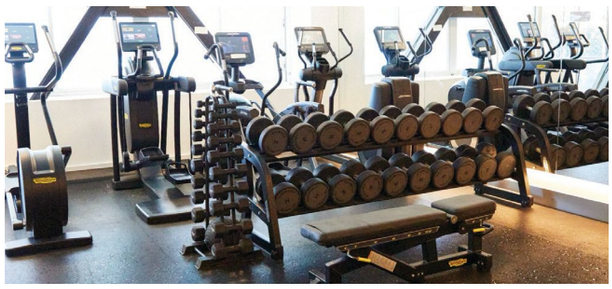
- Premium diesel and unleaded fuel
- Tender transfers
- Berthing assistance
- General marina enquiries

Whether you're heading out for a day on the harbour or returning from a cruise, our friendly Marina team is here to help make your visit as enjoyable as possible.

PARKING

Valet parking will continue to be available on Sundays throughout winter. As we move closer to the busy spring and summer boating season, valet parking will also be available on Saturdays and Sundays.

Please remember that overnight parking is not permitted due to local parking restrictions.



MEMBER REMINDERS

To help ensure everyone enjoys their time at the Club, we'd like to remind members of a few important points:

- **Guest Sign-In:** All guests must be signed in via Visit Us upon arrival, including anyone accessing the Club solely to board your vessel.
- **Guest Allowance:** Members may host up to 12 guests at any one time.
- **Overnight Parking:** Overnight parking is not permitted due to local parking restrictions.
- **Reciprocal Club Visits:** If you're planning to visit another yacht club, Reception can arrange a letter of introduction to participating clubs. Simply contact the office prior to your trip and we'll be happy to assist.

Did You Know?

You can do more than just view Club news through the RMYC NSW App.

Members can also:

- Book the Marina Restaurant
- Register for gym classes
- Access their digital membership card
- View Club notices and updates

If you haven't downloaded the app yet or need assistance logging in, our office team will be happy to help.

MARINA RESTAURANT

The Marina Restaurant is currently closed for renovations! It's set to reopen in time for the 2026 summer season.

Stay Tuned - we can't wait to welcome you back to an even better dining experience!



A NEW CHAPTER: OUR RESTAURANT'S BIG REVEAL IS COMING

BY JASON LEVEN

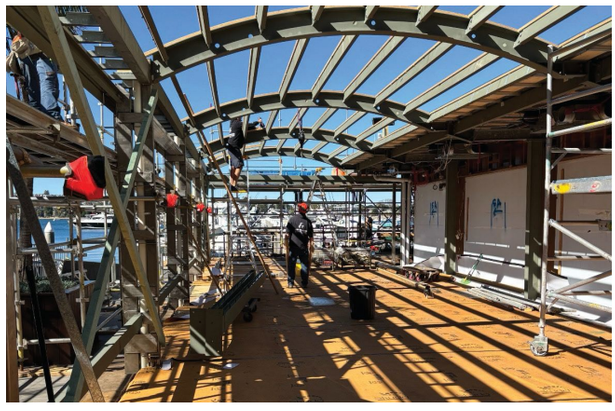
It's been a big year of change at the Club, and nowhere more so than in our restaurant. As many of you will have noticed this space has been closed for an extensive renovation — and I'm delighted to say the works are on schedule with a bigger better dining experience set to open its doors in early November.

We've brought on a new Food & Beverage Manager to lead the relaunch and behind the scenes, Head Chef has been developing an exciting new menu to match the fresh new space. The interior will have a complete transformation and members will be genuinely impressed when they walk in for the first time.

In the meantime the rest of the Club has been thriving. Our Café has stepped up in a big way as members make it their go-to spot — and with the menu constantly evolving, there's always something new to try.

Opening day this year will be on the **14th of November** and we can't wait to welcome you back to the table.



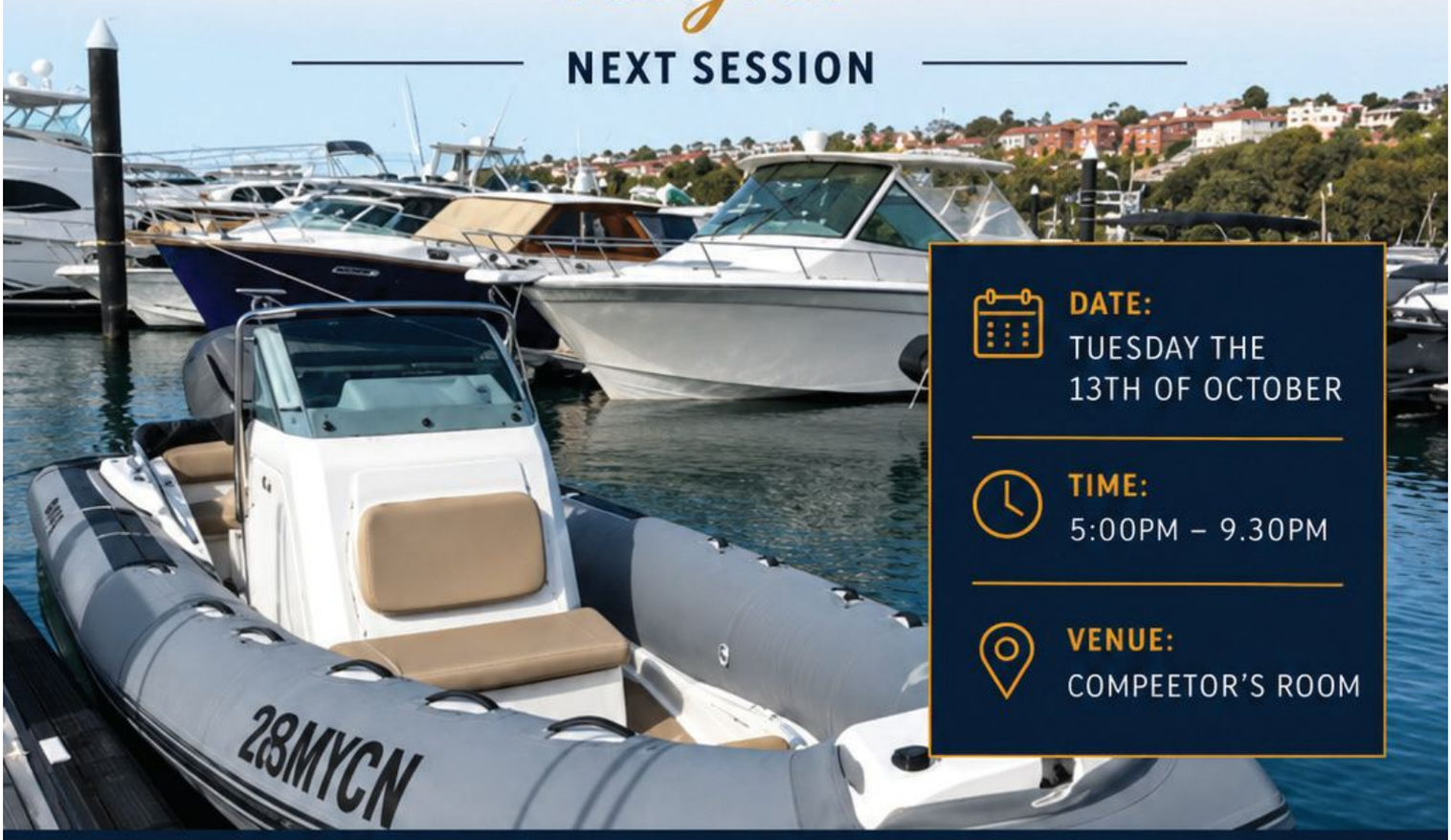


ROYAL MOTOR YACHT CLUB
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BOAT LICENCE

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NEXT SESSION



DATE:
TUESDAY THE
13TH OF OCTOBER

TIME:
5:00PM – 9.30PM

VENUE:
COMPEETOR'S ROOM

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THEORY AND EXAM
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BOAT LICENCE AND PWC
THEORY AND EXAM
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LETS GET TO KNOW ... BILL BRACEY



A Commitment to Community and the Royal Motor Yacht Club

I have been a member of the club for approximately 25 years, and to boating and to the community that surrounds it. Being 3rd Generation of Bracey living on the harbour at Vaucluse I first started boating an early age of 12 . From humble beginnings with a small “tinnie” powered by a 6-horsepower motor, my interest for boating steadily evolved over the years. What began as youthful fascination developed into a lifelong pursuit, marked not only by larger vessels but by a deep respect for the maritime lifestyle and camaraderie it fosters.

Throughout my longstanding membership at RMYC, I experienced the club across multiple stages of life. In earlier years, I fondly recall enjoying family oriented traditions such as Father Neptune celebrations events, that left lasting impressions on our children, and now grandchildren will continue to remember those times with great affection. These experiences highlight the club’s unique role as both a social hub and a multi-generational community.

In more recent years, i have dedicated significant energy to strengthening the club’s broader community impact.A pivotal moment came through his involvement with the Martin Youth Foundation, a charity focused on supporting young people overcoming drug and alcohol challenges. After attending a graduation event at Triple Care Farm, Bill was deeply moved by the stories of transformation and resilience. That experience, shared with the RMYC Commodore, sparked a renewed partnership between the Club, the Foundation, and the Navy. Since then, this collaboration has contributed to meaningful initiatives supporting young people aged 17 to 24, demonstrating the positive role the Club can play beyond its immediate membership.

In late 2024 I was invited to join the RMYC Board. Now serving, both the Marina and Finance Committees.

What I love most about this role is that it has introduced me to many members I never got to know and formed warm friendships. Now I go out of my way to stop and talk to members I don’t know, and found a simple “hello we have never met” opening a conversation has led to me getting not only to know more members, but feeling more like a community that makes our club somewhere that feels like home.

Professional Leadership: Founder and CEO of Sydney Financial Planning

Outside of his involvement with RMYC, Bill Bracey is the Founder and CEO of Sydney Financial Planning, a firm he has led for nearly 40 years. Based in Edgecliff, the business has grown into a well-established and respected financial planning practice, reflecting Bill’s long-standing expertise and commitment to his clients.

My professional background brings a valuable perspective to the board, particularly in areas of financial management and long-term strategic planning. With decades of experience navigating complex financial landscapes, I feel I can help the club with financial discipline and a forward-thinking approach to ensuring the continued success and sustainability of the Club.

Looking to the Future

As a board member, I’m passionate about the future of the Royal Motor Yacht Club. My vision is to attract younger members and families, as they represent the next generation of the Club’s vitality and longevity.

I value the relationships formed within the Club and see the RMYC not only as a place for boating enthusiasts but as a community, and a place where you enjoy the wonderful facilities the club offers and are proud to say I’m a member of the RTMYC Point Piper. Whether through social events, charitable initiatives, enjoying the clubs facilities or simple moments on the water, i remain committed to build this feeling for all members.







ZEST

“Our guests honestly cannot stop raving about the food - starting to think it was their highlight 😂”

Zest is renowned for its food — not just the quality and presentation, but the quantity. If there's one thing we can't stand, it's a guest going home hungry.

As industry leaders in new and exciting food concepts, Zest pioneered the food station — bringing food theatre to life. Think dumpling bars with chefs live-steaming to order, gnocchi stations with pans flipping tableside, or decadent sushi displays built for both eyes and appetite. Whatever the vision, we can bring it to life.

We've also thrown out the traditional tiered cake in favour of something with a lot more drama: PavLIVEa, our take on the classic pavlova.

The guest — or guests — of honour toss fresh berries onto a meringue base piled high with whipped cream, while our team flambés the fruit with flame throwers as fresh petals fall around it. It's a feast for every sense, and always stops the room.

With tiramisu having its moment again, we've introduced the I Do Tiramisu — chocolate shavings, swirling mist and a generous dose of dry ice, built purely for theatre and atmosphere.

There's nothing quite like an event at Zest — food is always the hero (well, that and the view).

Get in touch with the team to chat through end-of-year celebrations, birthdays, corporate offsites, weddings, and everything in between.









JOIN ME FOR A GYM SESSION

Hi My name is Jeannette.

I'm the Gym Supervisor and one of the trainers at the RMYC Gym.
I run the Circuit Class every Monday morning from 9-9.45am.

This class is for all ages and includes abdominal work, an all-over body workout with machines and free weights, as well as some stretching to cool down.

Whether it's your first time stepping into the RMYC gym, you're coming back after having some time out or looking to get motivated through training in a small group, please come and join us here!

Book online through the RMYC Gym App.

I'm looking forward to see you in my class!

Jeannette"v





STICKY DATE PUDDING

BY CHEF KAZU



INGREDIENTS

300 g pitted dates, chopped

300 ml water

250 g dark brown sugar

80 g butter

3 large eggs

300 g self-raising flour

1 tsp ground cinnamon

1 tsp ground cloves

METHOD

1. Prepare the dates

Place the chopped dates and water in a saucepan.

Bring to a gentle simmer and cook for 3–5 minutes until the dates soften.

Remove from the heat and allow to cool slightly.

Blend or mash until you have a coarse purée.

2. Cream butter and sugar

Beat the 80 g butter and 250 g dark brown sugar until light and well combined.

3. Add eggs

Add the eggs one at a time, mixing well after each addition.

Scrape down the bowl as required.

4. Combine

Add the date mixture and mix until evenly incorporated.

Sift in the self-raising flour, cinnamon and cloves.

Fold gently until just combined. Do not overmix.

5. Bake

Grease a baking dish or individual pudding moulds.

Pour in the mixture, filling moulds approximately ⅔ full.

Bake at 170°C fan-forced until the pudding is risen, soft and cooked through.

Individual moulds: approximately 18–25 minutes

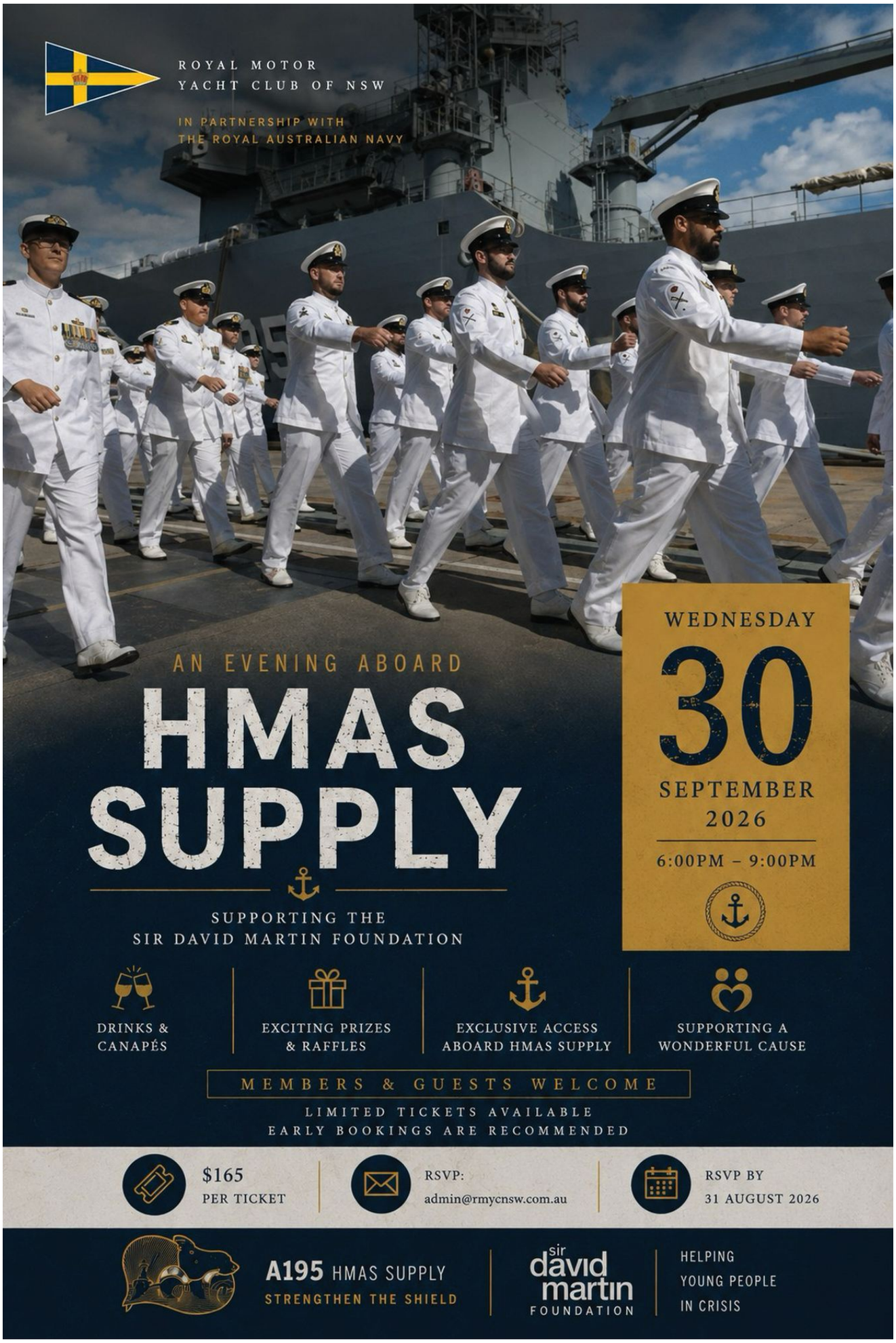
Large baking dish: approximately 30–40 minutes

Check with a skewer; it should come out clean or with a few moist crumbs.

6. Serve

Allow to rest for 5–10 minutes.

Serve warm with butterscotch/toffee sauce and vanilla ice cream.


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AN OASIS IN OXFORD ST

BY PAT TUCKER

The address 251-255 Oxford Street probably doesn't ring any bells for Sydneysiders, even those who travel regularly along the traffic-congested, boutique-lined section of that road that passes through Paddington. What they would find, should they seek it out, is an unexpected touch of green beauty amid the urban sprawl.

Here, overlooked by the remnants of the original vaulted construction of the Paddington Reservoir, lies a little gem – a sunken garden and pond surrounded by lush vegetation including a 'Victorian' tree-fern garden reminiscent of the era in which the reservoir was built.

Magically, even the roar of the passing traffic cannot subdue the sound of birdcall or disturb the peace of this tranquil spot rescued from the ruins of what was once the source of the suburb's water supply.

Eons before that, the route that is now Oxford Street was an ancient walking track once used by the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. As the colony developed, the walking track, like so much else, fell victim to development. A mere three kilometres to the east of Sydney Cove, where the First Fleet arrived in 1788, it became an important thoroughfare and was cleared (by convicts) in 1803 and turned into a bullock road connecting Sydney Cove to Watsons Bay.

The plan for Paddington Reservoir, designed by Edward Bell and a unique example of the construction methods and technological advances in Australia in the 19th century, began with the creation of the Botany Swamps water scheme in 1859. The reservoir was completed by 1866 and connected to Lords Dam, the water supply site in the Botany Wetlands, supplying Paddington and its surrounds until the turn of the century.

Decommissioned as a reservoir in 1899, the building was initially used for storage and garaging for the Sydney Water Board and, from 1920, for a mechanical workshop.

In the 1930s the roof was grassed over and seats and steps were built in what became known as the Reservoir Gardens. In 1953 it was renamed The Walter Read Reserve, after Walter Farley Read, an alderman and mayor of the Paddington Municipal Council.

Preserved in perpetuity by a conservation order issued under the Heritage Act in 1987, the reservoir gardens continued to delight those who discovered them. Disaster struck, however, when, in July 1990, part of the roof of the western chamber, which was used as a motor vehicle service station, collapsed, resulting in the closure of both the reserve and the service station. The site fell into disuse and remained unloved and unvisited until, in 2006, it was saved from oblivion by a firm of architects, commissioned to turn the space into an urban park. In March 2009 the park was reopened to the public.

The story of the reservoir is only a small part of the history of Paddington, with its rows of beguiling terrace houses adorned by intricate ironwork. It owes much of its character to the construction between 1841 and 1849 of Victora Barracks. The construction process brought to what was then known as the 'village of Paddington', named by Robert Cooper after the London borough, an influx of artisans – stonemasons, quarrymen, carpenters and labourers, all of them needing accommodation.

Paddington's fortunes waxed and waned as overcrowding brought social problems and disease. At one point the entire area was scheduled to be demolished. Happily, those plans were abandoned, leaving intact one of Sydney's more fascinating suburbs, home, since the 1960s, to many professionals, living and enjoying life in the beautifully preserved workmen's homes.

In 1968, 400 acres of the housing was rezoned and enshrined in law as a conservation area, the first to be declared in Australia, leaving it a rare and largely intact example of an early Victorian residential suburb.







LEXUS ENCORE: THE NEXT CHAPTER IN LUXURY OWNERSHIP

For Lexus, luxury has never been defined solely by the vehicle. It is shaped by the feeling of ownership, the moments that surround it, and the confidence that comes from knowing every detail has been thoughtfully considered.

More than three decades ago, Lexus introduced Encore[1] in Australia with the simple belief that ownership should be every bit as rewarding as the drive itself. Since then, Encore has continuously evolved alongside the changing needs and expectations of Lexus owners, delivering a proposition that is personal, seamless and distinctly Lexus.

Today, Encore enters its next chapter. The complimentary period has been extended from three to five years[2] for all new Lexus owners and, for the first time, brings together Capped Price Servicing[7], Lexus Warranty Experience[8], Lexus Connected Services[3] and lifestyle benefits within one seamlessly integrated ownership proposition.

Every new Lexus owner is welcomed into either Encore Signature[4] or Encore Platinum[5], depending on the model selected, while Encore Elevate[6] provides the opportunity to continue enjoying premium lifestyle experiences beyond the five year[2] complimentary period.

Among these benefits available are exclusive events designed around the passions and interests of Lexus owners. Earlier this year, that philosophy came to life through Lexus Australia's first international Encore experience.

Twenty-four Australian owners were invited to New Zealand for a four-day itinerary combining world-class golf, luxury hospitality and exclusive access. The journey took owners from the members-only Royal Auckland and Grange Golf Club, home to a renowned 27-hole Nicklaus Design course, to the celebrated Te Arai Links, where two internationally acclaimed courses unfold across a breathtaking coastal landscape.

Complemented by premium accommodation and thoughtfully curated moments throughout, the itinerary showcased the very best of New Zealand's natural beauty, culture and hospitality, with professional golfer and Lexus Ambassador Dimitrios Papadatos accompanying owners throughout the journey and adding a personal dimension through his passion for the game.

Across the entire four days, owners experienced the spirit of omotenashi, the Japanese philosophy of thoughtful hospitality that sits at the heart of the Lexus brand. From exclusive access and seamless service to carefully considered personal touches, every detail was designed to feel intuitive and meaningful.

More than a golfing event, it showcased how Encore continues to evolve beyond traditional ownership programs, creating opportunities for owners to pursue their passions, forge new connections and access extraordinary moments.

More than three decades after its introduction, Encore remains a defining expression of the Lexus approach to luxury, one measured not by features or inclusions, but by the meaningful experiences it creates. To discover more, visit lexus.com.au/encore or visit one of the 31 Lexus dealerships across the country.

1 Encore Program is available to all Lexus Vehicle Owners to join. Memberships and benefits vary depending on eligibility and vehicle model owned. Encore Vehicle and Lifestyle Benefits last for 5 years except for paid Encore Elevate which lasts 1 year from activation by Lexus. Inclusions may be substituted from time to time & subject to availability. For full T&Cs, see your Lexus Dealer or **lexus.com.au/encore**.

2 Excludes Streaming Connect (1 year complimentary period for eligible vehicles). Different components of Lexus Connected Services may have different complimentary periods. Full 5 year period may not apply to Lexus Connected Services (subject to 4G / 5G sunset, depending on the applicable DCM fitted to the vehicle and or termination under T&Cs, whichever is earlier) and all components under Lexus Warranty Experience. T&Cs apply. See **lexus.com.au/smallprint/encore-terms** for specific Encore T&Cs.

3 Complimentary periods and available features vary depending on vehicle model, production date and subscription choice, and are subject to change. Complimentary periods commence upon delivery date. Fees may apply thereafter. See **lexus.com.au/connected**.

4 Encore Lifestyle Benefits apply on all eligible new and demonstrator Lexus vehicles, for a 5 year period from the date Encore is first activated by the Dealership. Inclusions may be substituted from time to time and may be subject to availability. For full T&Cs and eligible models, see your Lexus Dealer or **lexus.com.au/encore**.

5 Encore Platinum Lifestyle Benefits apply on selected new and demonstrator vehicles for a 5 year period from the date Encore is first activated by the Dealership. Inclusions may be substituted from time to time & subject to availability. For full T&Cs and eligible models see your Lexus Dealer or **lexus.com.au/encore**.

6 Encore Platinum members receive 8 complimentary valet parking redemptions at selected locations over the 5 year membership. Encore Elevate members receive 4 complimentary valet parking redemptions at selected locations over the 1 year membership. Subject to availability.

7 Applies to standard scheduled logbook servicing (normal operating conditions) for specified yrs/kms (whichever occurs first) up to a max. specified no. of services (whichever occurs first). Lexus vehicles that receive complimentary servicing are not eligible for Capped Price Servicing. For details or to confirm eligibility see your Lexus dealer or visit **lexus.com.au/smallprint/capped-price-servicing**.

8 New Vehicle Warranty is for 5 years from date of first delivery (unlimited kms). Commercial use vehicles are 5 years from date of first registration or 160,000km (whichever occurs first). See **lexus.com.au/owners/warranty** or your vehicle's Warranty and Service Book for T&Cs. This warranty does not limit and may not necessarily exceed your rights

MEET THE MARINA TEAM



PHIL, MARINA MANAGER

Hello RMYC Point Piper Members,

I'm delighted to introduce myself as your new Marina Manager. I was born and raised in Sydney, and I've always had a passion for the marine industry. I love being on and around the water, and I'm fortunate to have built a career doing something I genuinely enjoy.

Most recently, I completed a five-year tenure as Marina Manager at the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, and prior to that spent several years with EastSail, a yacht charter company operating from d'Albora Marina at Rushcutters Bay. Between those roles, I've picked up a solid grounding in marina operations, team leadership, and above all, looking after members and boat owners properly.

What drew me to RMYC was the chance to bring that experience into a genuinely vibrant boating community. My focus here will be on streamlining how the marina runs day to day, keeping it safe and well-presented, and making sure the team behind the scenes, including Nicco, our Assistant Marina Manager, has what it needs to deliver a great experience for members.

Outside of work, I'm a husband and proud father to one young boy, a lifelong (and long-suffering) Balmain Tigers supporter, and an over-35s soccer player in the loosest sense of the word. If you see me hobbling around the marina on a Monday, that'll be why.

I'm looking forward to getting to know you all. If you see me around, don't hesitate to say hello.

- Phil, Marina Manager

NICCO, ASSISTANT MARINA MANAGER

Hi, my name is Nicco, for those of you who don't already know me I'm the Assistant Marina Manager at the RMYC.

You could say I've got seawater in my veins, coming from a family with a long history of working on and around the water. My great-great-grandfather was a whaling ship captain, born in Mattapoisett, a small coastal town in Massachusetts, USA. His father owned whaling ships, and he went to sea as a teenager during the Moby Dick era, when a single whaling expedition could last for years.

He eventually came to Australia after the ship he was sailing on was wrecked on an island near New Guinea that was inhabited by cannibals. According to family history, a barrel of flour washed ashore from the wreck, and the crew kept the locals occupied by teaching them how to make damper. Fortunately, they were rescued by a passing ship. He later settled in Queensland and went on to captain ships trading up and down Australia's east coast.

My grandfather also went to sea as a teenager, serving as an officer cadet during the later years of World War II. He had an incredibly lucky run—three ships he had previously been transferred from were later sunk. He eventually became a ship's captain, and for a time his brother served as his First Officer. Later in his career, he became a Sydney Harbour Pilot based at the Pilot Station at Watsons Bay.

I've spent much of my childhood growing up in Sydney around boats, including many visits to the Club. I have fond memories of coming here as a guest, swimming in the pool, and getting ice creams from the vending machine. And lucky enough to spend days out on boats. Those experiences make it especially rewarding to now be working at a place that has meant so much to me over the years.

I've been with the Club for just under four years, having started as a full-time Marina Attendant. My role involved looking after mooring and berthing lines and carrying out general maintenance and repairs around the marina, and of course keeping the marina well presented for our members.

More recently, I was promoted to Assistant Marina Manager, and I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity. This role has allowed me to become more involved in the day-to-day management and behind-the-scenes operations of the marina. I now oversee our rental boats and their ongoing maintenance, ensuring they're always in excellent condition for our members to enjoy.

I also work alongside Phil, our Marina Manager, and have already learned a great deal from him. I look forward to continuing to develop my skills and knowledge under his guidance. The Club has also supported my professional development by sending me to complete my Coxswain qualification, and I am committed to continuing to build on my skills. Next year, I hope to complete my Intermediate Marina Management course as I continue to grow in my role.

I've thoroughly enjoyed my time at the Royal Motor Yacht Club and look forward to many more years here. Please don't hesitate to come and say hello or ask me any questions. If I can't help you directly, I'll be more than happy to point you in the right direction.

- Nicco, Assistant Marina Manager


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Timber Boat Festival

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Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th November 2026

CELEBRATE CRAFTSMANSHIP, COMMUNITY & A GREAT CAUSE AT THE RMYC TIMBER BOAT FESTIVAL!

The Timber Boat Festival is back at the Royal Motor Yacht Club Broken Bay, bringing together classic timber boats, maritime traditions, family fun and community spirit for an unforgettable waterfront weekend. Whether you're a boating enthusiast, a lover of craftsmanship or simply looking for a great day out, the festival offers something for everyone.

As RMYC celebrates its Centenary year, this year's event carries extra significance. Set against the stunning backdrop of Pittwater, visitors can enjoy the festival while discovering the Club's new world-class facilities, showcasing the exciting future of a Club that has been at the heart of the boating community for 100 years.

A Festival for Boating Enthusiasts and Families

From beautifully restored timber boats to interactive displays showcasing the art of traditional boatbuilding, the festival offers a unique opportunity to experience the passion, skill and heritage behind these remarkable vessels. Visitors can explore a partially built timber boat and gain insight into the craftsmanship that keeps this maritime tradition alive.

Experience Pittwater on the Water

Enjoy the colourful Rainbow sailing display across Pittwater or take part in a popular "Try a Rainbow" sailing session and experience the thrill of getting out on the water. For younger visitors, face painting, arts and crafts activities and family-friendly entertainment ensure there's plenty to enjoy throughout the weekend.

Supporting Our Community

The festival also shines a spotlight on organisations making a difference. The Australian Skin Cancer Foundation will provide free skin checks onsite, while the Making Waves Foundation will share how sailing programs are helping young people build confidence and resilience. Visitors can also meet the volunteers from Marine Rescue NSW and learn more about their vital role in keeping our waterways safe.

Whether you're passionate about boating, interested in maritime heritage or simply looking for a great family day out by the water, the Timber Boat Festival offers something for everyone.

Join us this October as we celebrate 100 years of RMYC, showcasing the best of boating, community and waterfront living on beautiful Pittwater.







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SUMMER READY

GETTING YOUR BOAT SET FOR THE SEASON AHEAD

With the days growing longer and Sydney Harbour becoming busier each weekend, now is the ideal time to prepare your boat for the busiest boating season of the year. A little preventative maintenance now can make the difference between a trouble-free summer on the water and an unexpected breakdown when conditions are perfect.

Whether you're planning family days on the harbour, weekend cruises to Pittwater or the Hawkesbury, or longer coastal passages, taking the time to thoroughly inspect your vessel before the season begins will improve reliability, safety and enjoyment. Completing these jobs before the pre-Christmas rush also means better access to slipways, marine trades and servicing appointments.

Start with the Hull

Summer brings longer periods in the water, warmer temperatures and increased marine growth, making hull maintenance one of the most important pre-season tasks.

- If your boat hasn't been hauled out since autumn, now is the final opportunity before slipways become heavily booked.
- Inspect the antifouling for wear and touch up any exposed areas.
- Check the propeller, shaft, rudder and trim tabs for damage or fishing line that may have wrapped around moving components.
- Inspect sacrificial anodes. Warmer water can accelerate corrosion, so ensure they have sufficient life remaining for the season.
- Give the topsides a thorough wash, polish and wax to protect against the harsh Australian summer sun and salt exposure.
- Clean deck drains and cockpit scuppers to ensure rainwater drains freely during summer storms.

Engine and Mechanical Systems

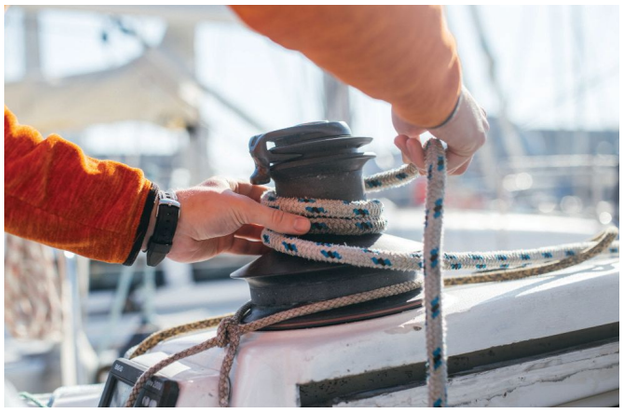
Longer trips and warmer conditions place additional demands on your engine and cooling system. Preventative servicing is far less costly than an avoidable breakdown.

- Inspect or replace the raw water pump impeller, one of the most common causes of summer engine failures.
- Change engine oil and filters if scheduled or nearing service intervals.
- Check coolant levels, belts and hoses for signs of wear, cracking or leaks.
- Inspect fuel lines and primer bulbs for deterioration.
- Drain or replace fuel-water separator filters, particularly after periods of heavy rain where water contamination may occur.
- Test the engine under normal operating load rather than simply idling at the berth.
- Confirm steering and throttle controls operate smoothly without stiffness or excessive play.

Electrical Systems and Batteries

Electrical issues are among the most common causes of boating inconvenience and are often simple to prevent.

- Clean battery terminals and check for corrosion.
- Confirm batteries hold charge overnight and test their condition if they're more than a few seasons old.
- Test both manual and automatic operation of the bilge pump and float switch.
- Check navigation lights, anchor light and deck lighting, particularly if you anticipate returning after sunset.
- Test the VHF radio and confirm your MMSI details remain current.





- Inspect shore power leads, connections and residual current devices (RCDs) for signs of damage or overheating.
- Verify all onboard electronics, including GPS, chart plotters, sounders and autopilot systems, are functioning correctly and running current chart updates where applicable.

Safety Equipment

Summer brings increased boating activity, making properly maintained safety equipment more important than ever.

- Check expiry dates on all flares.
- Confirm your EPIRB registration is current and verify battery expiry dates.
- Inspect lifejackets for wear, damaged buckles or failed inflation cylinders where applicable.
- Ensure sufficient lifejackets are carried for the maximum number of people likely to be onboard.
- Replenish first aid supplies and replace expired medications.
- Check fire extinguishers are in date and mounted securely.
- Review emergency procedures with regular crew and family members so everyone knows where essential safety equipment is located.

Canvas, Deck Gear and Onboard Comfort

Comfort items often receive little attention until they fail at the busiest time of year.

- Inspect biminis, clears and cockpit covers for UV damage, loose stitching and worn zips.
- Lubricate deck hardware including winches, hinges, locks and latches.
- Check windlass operation and inspect anchor chain, rope and shackles for wear or corrosion.
- Test freshwater pumps, taps and showers.
- Clean freshwater tanks if required and confirm refrigeration systems are operating efficiently before the first hot weekend.
- Check air-conditioning or ventilation systems where fitted.

Trailer Owners

If your boat is trailered, don't overlook the equipment that gets you to the water.

- Inspect wheel bearings, tyres and brakes.
- Check trailer lights and electrical connections.
- Ensure the winch, safety chain and tie-down straps remain in good condition.
- Verify registration is current before the busy holiday period.

Final Checks Before Your First Cruise

Before heading away for your first major outing, spend a few minutes completing a final walk-through.

- Confirm vessel registration, insurance and licences are current.
- Update charts and navigation software where applicable.
- Check weather forecasts and tidal information before departure.
- Lodge a trip plan with Marine Rescue or leave details with someone ashore, particularly for longer trips to Pittwater, Broken Bay or the Hawkesbury.
- Inspect your tender, outboard and safety equipment if you intend making beach landings or overnight stops.
- Conduct a full onboard briefing so everyone knows the location of lifejackets, fire extinguishers, first aid equipment and emergency shut-offs.

Enjoy the Season

A well-prepared boat is a safer, more reliable and more enjoyable boat. Investing a few weekends in preventative maintenance before summer arrives allows you to spend the season doing what your boat was built for—getting out on the water with confidence.

If you're unsure where to begin, or simply don't have the time before the season gets underway, the Marina Office can recommend trusted local marine trades for slipway services, engine servicing, antifouling, canvas repairs, electrical work and electronics installation.

For recommendations or assistance, contact the Marina Office on **0418 406 816.**



We Are Open!

Royal Motor Yacht Club Broken Bay is proudly celebrating its Centenary and the opening of our new Clubhouse. Featuring vibrant dining venues, wellness facilities and exceptional waterfront experiences, the Club has been reimagined for every generation. Join us as we honour our heritage, celebrate our community, and look ahead to the next 100 years on beautiful Pittwater.

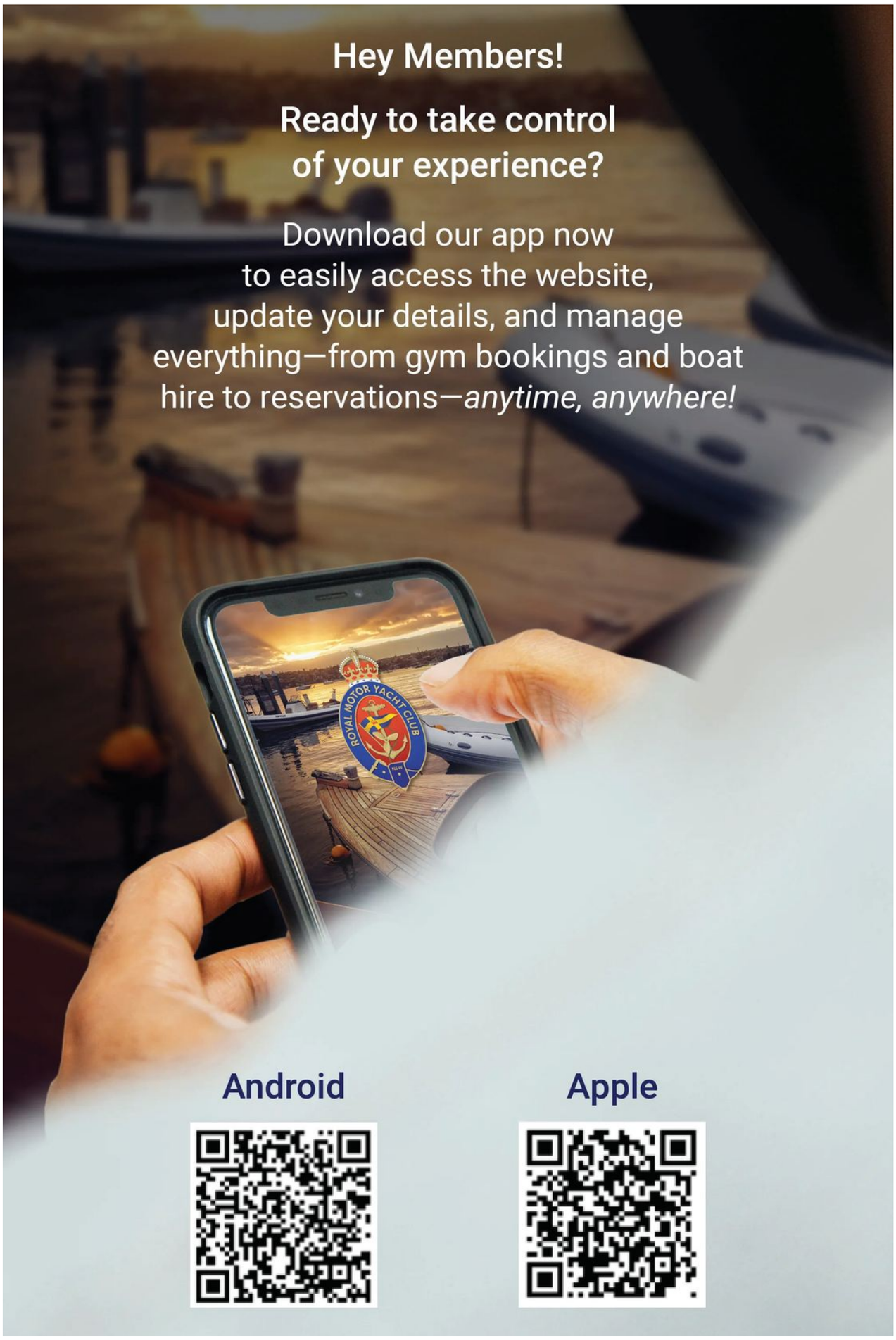






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