

A changing of the guard



Allan Cayzer has stepped down as Manager of Queenscliff Harbour after some three and a half years to make way for a full time Harbour Manager. Allan was unable to make a full time commitment to the Harbour due to ongoing management responsibilities at a number of marina facilities around Port Phillip Bay.

QHPL has been most fortunate to have had the benefit of Allan expertise during the critical development period of the Harbour, and he has been a valuable resource for the Company during this time. Allan will have an on-going role with QHPL in an advisory capacity.

In other staff changes at the Harbour, Anne Omant, Administration Manager will take Maternity Leave at the end of July and will return to the Harbour part-time next year.

Anne also joined the QHPL team in 2006 and has made an enormous contribution to the establishing the Harbour Office and managing operations during the difficult construction period.

The Board wishes both Anne and Allan well with their new challenges.

Harbour has great tourism potential

"Queenscliff Harbour has great tourism potential" said International Marine Industry expert Dr. Ed Mahoney on a recent visit to Queenscliff Harbour.

The Queenscliff Harbour Development was recently chosen as one of the 14 marine developments that were visited by Dr Mahoney, professor and marine industry extension specialist at Michigan State University and a co director of the Recreation Marine Research Centre.

The visit was part of a field trip to assess the economic and social value of modern harbours' to the community.

Dr Mahoney was invited to Australia by the Australian Marinas Association to undertake research into the value of marinas as a consequence of his developing a methodology to measure the value of marinas in the USA.

He was accompanied on his visit to Queenscliff by Daniel Stynes, Emeritus Professor from the Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies, University of Michigan.

Dr. Mahoney believes that facilities like Queenscliff Harbour have great potential to be community resources that encourage recreation and promote tourism.

"I really like the concept of developing this Harbour as a community resource that also attracts and serves tourists. It has great potential to encourage recreational boating and maritime tourism," said Dr. Mahoney. "It is one of the best opportunities for creating sustainable communities and businesses that I have witnessed anywhere in the world," he added.

Dr. Mahoney also complimented the State of Victoria on its overall vision for recreational development, restoration and adaptive re-use of a range of diverse waterfronts.

The international visitors were joined on their tour by Marina Association of Australia Alternate Chairman, Allan Cayzer, representing Queenscliff Harbour Pty Ltd and Parks Victoria's Chris Hardman and Trevor Miles.

Parks Victoria is a partner in the Australian Marinas Values Study.



From left: Allan Cayzer, Dr. Ed Mahoney and Prof. Daniel Stynes.

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Introducing the new Queenscliff Harbour SHARBOURSIDE



Environment Minister visits Harbour



Cr. Bob Merriman, Mayor of Queenscliff, Tim Price, QHPL Project Director and Minister Gavin Jennings take in the view from the first floor of the Restaurant.

The Hon Gavin Jennings, Minister for the Environment and Climate Change toured Queenscliff Harbour in April to take a first hand look at progress with the development.

He was joined by QHPL Chairman, Doug Rathbone, Tim Price Project Director, Gerard O'Neil, Deputy CEO, Parks Victoria and the Mayor of Queenscliff, Cr Bob Merriman.

Tim Price gave a brief overview of the construction program and progress to date, which was followed by a tour of the site taking in the retail development, restaurant dry stack buildings and newly constructed basins.

The Minister also made time to talk with construction workers on site and left very impressed with the whole development and the progress achieved.

Harbour update

It's been a busy couple of months at Queenscliff Harbour as we move closer to a pre-Christmas opening.

We are now well into the third and final stage of the development, which comprises a range of public amenities, the retail component and the harbourside restaurant.

The retail buildings will house some 11 shops, all of which are nearing lockup and we anticipate shop fit-outs to commence immediately upon conclusion of the main Contract Works in September. Work on the restaurant is also progressing well and we expect the roof and walls to be installed by early July and the commercial fit-out of kitchen equipment to commence soon after.

The Navigation Tower Observation Deck, which will provide stunning views out over the harbour and Port Phillip Bay, will not be opened to the public until the remainder of the re-development has been completed due to on-going construction activities.

During the next month a stainless steel

handrail will be fitted to the external stairs which will complete the external tower works. We expect the Observation Deck to be a huge attraction for tourists during both peak and off peak periods.

The workshops have been completed with tenants starting to move in this month. The boatyard continues to be busy and is increasingly attracting large boats that need to utilise the lifting facilities on offer at the Harbour. All wet berth areas have been completed, the internal part of the drystack is full and we are now in the process of filling the drystack annex.

The final elements of the re-development will be the promenade and landscaping around the carpark and buildings. The carpark itself is 85% completed and was opened pre Christmas 2008 to ensure that Queenscliff could cater for the busy holiday season.

Finally, the western carpark was sealed earlier last month, a move welcomed by boat owners and locals alike.



Paddy Handbury, owner of 'Phantastic', a 15.5 metre long catamaran, has described the boatyard and maintenance facilities at Queenscliff Harbour as "just fantastic". His new catamaran, 'Phantastic' was successfully lifted from the harbour during May for maintenance after its long journey from France.

With a width of 8.5 metres, Phantastic is one of the widest catamarans in the bay and was lifted from the straddle carrier berth with a tiny 4cm clearance on either side. After undertaking extensive research of maintenance facilities around the State, Paddy said Queenscliff Harbour was the only place in Victoria where the boat could be lifted.

"I'm thrilled that I can do everything that needs doing here in Queenscliff - it's a great facility and the boys did a fantastic job", he said.

Phantastic was given a cleanup that included anti-fouling and an anodes change carried out by a local, Geelong based tradesman.

Phantastic was launched in Bordeaux in June 2008, and Paddy and his wife, Helen (the ph in 'Phantastic' stands for Paddy & Helen) sailed it to La Rochelle in the Bay of Biscay.

It then began the long journey to Australia under the guidance of Morrie Morgan via a route that took in the Atlantic, the Panama Canal - narrowly avoiding Hurricane Ike, Tahiti and New Caledonia, finally arriving in Port Macquarie on December 26. It was moved to Geelong in February and to Queenscliff in May.



Phantastic is lifted with little room to spare.

Harbour under new Management

QHPL's two senior new Managers have wasted no time in putting their imprint on Queenscliff Harbour.

Harbour Manager, Angus Craig has already met with most berth holders, and is working closely with them as the Harbour moves towards completion later this year.

Sales and Marketing Manager, Sean Blackwood is also meeting with berth holders and will focus on the opportunities that come with the Harbour redevelopment, including the benefits of the boat yard and maintenance facilities to existing users and a range of potential users, as well as promoting the Harbour from a commercial perspective.

The appointments of Angus and Sean come as the Harbour redevelopment enters its final stages and reflect the need for a new promotional and marketing focus.

Both Angus and Sean have extensive Marina experience. Angus has spent the past two years based in Victoria working for D'Albora Marinas managing its operations at

Victoria Harbour and Pier 35. He was previously responsible for the Company's daily operations at Rushcutter's Bay in Sydney.

He has strong drystack experience in both Victoria and New South Wales, holds a commercial boat licence and has completed several marina management courses through the Marina Industries Association of Australia (MIAA).

Sean is a marine skipper who has extensive experience in the retailing of boats in Victoria. Sean is known for his friendly and amiable approach and is excited about the future prospects for the Harbour.

QHPL is committed to increasing tourism to Queenscliff and the wider Bellarine Region by actively promoting the benefits of the Harbour.

With Angus and Sean now on board, we expect Queenscliff Harbour to take on the mantle of Victoria's newest tourism destination.



(inset photo) Sean Blackwood (left) and Angus Craig - big plans for Queenscliff Harbour.



Web Update

QHPL is in the process of developing a new website that will promote both Queenscliff Harbour and the Bellarine Region. The new website will be the portal for QHPL and will contain a full list of current commercial berth holders and retail tenants, with a description of the services they provide.

We will also use the website to actively market our tenants and their businesses. Links to various marine related websites, businesses, the Ferry Service, and Government departments such as the Bureau of Meteorology, will form part of the new website. News and harbour related articles and a history of the harbour will also feature on the site.

We expect our new website to be up and running within the next month.



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Melbourne Boat Show here we come

Queenscliff Harbour will once again be featured at the BIA Melbourne Boat Show to be held in the Melbourne Exhibition Centre from July 2 - 6.

New Harbour Manager, Angus Craig and Sales and Marketing Manager, Sean Blackwood will be on hand to discuss the full range of berthing opportunities and boatyard and maintenance facilities with visitors to the stand.

They will be joined by Harbour staff members, Anne Omant and Rosemary Rogers. The Stand will feature a scale model of the finished Harbour, pricing material and a plasma screen slide show of the latest photographs of the development.

Please join us at Stand No. D12 and pick up a Sales and Information pack, which details the wide range of berthing opportunities available at Queenscliff Harbour. We hope to see you there.