

Dear Members and Friends of Claremont Yacht Club

Many of you will be getting out on the water, for a relaxing day on the river; for a fishing expedition to Rotto or for other adventures. Whatever excursion you take during this festive season, whether on water or on land, I wish you a safe and enjoyable trip.

Christmas festivities are already under way at CYC with the Kids Christmas party on Sunday. This event was a real success in spite of our plans for a mega-slide bouncy castle being blown 'out of the water'. Amazing Mr Jim, the ventriloquist was brought in at the last minute and was a great hit with the kids (and many of the adults). Finally, the day was topped off by a visit by the big jolly man in the red suit who handed out some joy to the gathered throng.



Tomorrow night will see the Christmas Buffet Dinner. This will be the Club's final major social event for 2018 – at least for the members who have booked in for this very popular event. I hope to see you there.

With the help of volunteers and staff, our Club will be offering a wide choice of events and functions in 2019. I look forward to seeing members with their family and friends at the Club enjoying the relaxed and friendly atmosphere throughout this summer.

I thank all of the volunteers who have contributed their time and energy through the Club's sub-committees and General Committee. I also thank all the members who have volunteered to do the jobs that allow the sailors and time trial enthusiasts to run their events or to keep the Club's facilities well maintained. A special thank you to members, Paul Hodgson, Richie Boykett, Walter Reeves and Darren Chatfield, who have put up their hands to take on the greater roles of Flag Officers to lead sections of the Club and also of course, thanks to Honorary Treasurer Dave Andrews.

Finally, thank you to all of our staff, especially General Manager Richard Teuchert, Food and Beverage Manager Damon Chandler, Chef Aaron Clark, Bosun Rob Depiazzi, as well as Sue, Laura and Lorraine in the office and all of the wonderful young people who work casually in our food and beverage service.



Best wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

*Bill MacLeod
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