

**WELCOME TO
MERRICKS YACHT CLUB**



New Members Introduction

Merricks Yacht Club



Merricks Yacht Club was formed in 1964 by an enthusiastic group of Merricks sailors with the express purpose of providing a sailing club that served the village of the time and a venue for locals to gather and socialise.

Thank goodness they did. Today we have a club that is a multipurpose social centre that welcomes all residents and holiday makers of all ages and interests, whether sailors, anglers and others with a more social view of life.

The strong tradition of community spirit and involvement of the Merricks residences is manifest in the Yacht Club with activities being orientated where the young and retired share activities summer after summer. The club actively promotes sailing and other water sports* as a worthwhile and rewarding pastime. For most, one that has become part of the Merricks way of life.

Our sailing program includes an extensive racing calendar both at Merricks and nearby clubs. This program also has a sail and boat training component with an emphasis on increasing the level of competency of our members with a focus on safety. Many cruises are organised both formally and informally providing a perfect opportunity to explore the fabulous Western Port in the safe company of good friends.

While Merricks Yacht Club was formed as a sailing club, some of our members use the facilities to launch* their fishing boats, often returning with a fish or two. Under our lease with the DSE, Merricks Yacht Club is required to conduct boating activities in a way which is sympathetic to the environment.

The many social functions are always a success and include activities ranging from post race drinks, the 'Social Thursday' evenings supported by many of the retired residents, to more formal dinners. Children's activities are also a highlight of the club during the Christmas holiday season, fun and activities for all.

As a member of Merricks Yacht Club you are offered the opportunity to be a participant in and enjoy a unique part of Australia and its sailing heritage. Offering conditional boat storage, members are provided access to the yard and boat launching facilities; ably supported by many of the members in sharing their time as active sailors and/or as committee members to maintain the club for the enjoyment of all members.

The annual Sailing and Social Programme provides a full calendar of seasonal activities, so come and make yourself known at the club, join in as a crew member on a boat, enjoy the social activities or just soak up the atmosphere relaxing with a drink enjoying the view from the balcony but certainly be a part of the Merricks Yacht Club as it is in turn part of the Merricks community.

* Powered craft over 6 meters, PWC & Jet skis are not able to be launched at Merricks Beach.

Launching and retrieval of member's boats can only be undertaken by use of the tractor and or winches. Merricks Yacht Club is not a general purpose boat ramp, only club members may launch their power boats. Please discuss any queries or concerns with a committee member if clarification of these conditions is required.