



Westernport Marina

Monthly Newsletter

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Image above: Some special little visitors dropped by last week, giving a few of our staff quite the show while they were out on the boat! Moments like these are a great reminder of just how beautiful our bay really is.

Just One Month of Winter to Go!

While winter still has a little way to go, we're already looking ahead to an exciting spring at Westernport Marina.

Planning is well underway for our Opening of the Season Night, with the venue being finalised and a few special guests in the works. We look forward to sharing more details soon. If you're thinking about selling your boat, you can now connect directly with our preferred brokerage partner, Premier Yachting, through the new "Selling Your Boat?" link on our website. A dedicated Premier Yachting page is also currently being developed.

Our FREE Classic Wash promotion continues for clients l

who pay their annual berthing fees or switch from monthly or six-monthly payments to annual. Perfect timing before the warmer weather arrives.

We're also excited to be working with Club Marine, one of Australia's leading marine insurers. As part of this new partnership, Westernport Marina clients will soon have the opportunity to connect with Club Marine and compare their current boat insurance policy with the cover and options available. We're currently working behind the scenes to finalise the details and will share more information soon.

The Breezeway shower block hot water system is also due to be replaced shortly. There may be some temporary disruption to the showers while the work is completed, but we'll keep this to a

minimum.

A few important reminders around the marina: dogs are not permitted in the Members Lounge and please help us keep this shared space clean and tidy. All contractors must sign in at the Marina Office and must not use owners' FOBs to access the marina.

Paddle boarding is not permitted within the marina due to the safety risks created by vessel movements and marina activity. Finally, Census Night is Tuesday, 11 August. Further details are included later in this issue.

As always, thank you for being part of the Westernport Marina community. We hope you enjoy this month's newsletter!



Marina News

Sam is.....Setting Sail for a New Adventure

After 16 years with Westernport Marina, it's with mixed emotions that we say goodbye to one of our long-serving team members, Sam Adams, as he sets sail for a new adventure at a marina in a much warmer state! Sam first joined Westernport Marina at just 15 years old, working casually in the yard before heading overseas to the UK. Following his return in 2015, he rejoined the team and has been an integral part of the marina ever since.

Over the years, Sam worked in the yard as part of the maintenance crew, then as a travel lift operator and team leader, eventually becoming the Marina Operations Manager and a familiar face to so many of our clients. His knowledge of the marina, willingness to help and genuine passion for what he does has made him an invaluable member of the team. Nothing was ever too much trouble and he was always willing to lend a hand or share his knowledge with staff and clients alike.

While Sam is setting sail for warmer weather, we're fairly certain he won't miss the late-night call-outs, early morning wake-up calls or being the first phone call whenever something unexpected happened around the marina. And we'll have to get used to no longer hearing his trademark "easy peasy" or "too easy" whenever something was asked of him! We have a feeling his phone might seem a little too quiet at first, while we will certainly miss having him as the person we could always count on.

Sam will be finishing up with us at the end of August, so if you see him around the marina over the coming weeks, please stop and say goodbye and wish him all the very best for his new adventure.

On a personal note, I've had the privilege of working alongside Sam for the past nine years. During that time, I've watched him grow from a young 20-something into the person he is today, building his own home, getting married and becoming a Dad. We've shared plenty of memorable work functions, more than a few laughs and certainly a few stories that are probably best left out of the newsletter!

While I'm incredibly excited for what lies ahead for Sam and his family, it certainly won't be quite the same around the marina without him. Although, there is one thing I am hoping for – that whoever takes on his role is just a little better at keeping their receipts than Sam was! After nine years of chasing them, I think I've earned that much.

On behalf of everyone at Westernport Marina, we sincerely thank Sam for his 16 years of hard work, commitment and friendship. We wish him, Katie and little Charley every success and happiness in Queensland and know he'll make a fantastic addition to his new marina. *All the best Sam!* 🚢



Apparently this is the face of someone escaping Victorian winters! ☺️



From four seasons in one day, to warmer days all the way, "I'm fantastic!" just got real, sunshine awaits, what a deal!



Marina News



NEW SLINGS

CELEBRATE WITH
25% OFF
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We've invested in brand new, high-quality slings for our travel lifts to ensure your vessel is handled with the utmost care.

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Engineered for superior strength and durability, our new slings provide enhanced support and added protection for your vessel.

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• MORE DETAILS COMING SOON! •

WHERE IS THE

Georgiana McHaffie

NOW?



Some of our long-term clients may remember the Georgiana McHaffie, a familiar sight at Westernport Marina for many years. In May 2024, she left the marina bound for Queensland. Unfortunately, mechanical trouble brought the journey to an early stop at Port Welshpool, where she has remained ever since. More than two years later, preparations are now underway for the Georgiana McHaffie to finally continue her journey north, pending final ship registration approval. Once in Queensland, there are exciting plans to extensively renovate the vessel and transform her into unique accommodation on the reef, where guests will eventually be able to stay onboard. We're hoping to keep in touch with her owner and follow the next chapter of a vessel that was part of Westernport Marina for so many years. After a slightly longer stopover at Port Welshpool than planned, hopefully the next time we report on the Georgiana McHaffie, she'll finally be in Queensland!

Marina News

From the Archives – Uncovering Our Marina's History

Our search into the history of Westernport Marina actually started when we were putting together a piece for Club Marine Magazine and came across some fantastic old photos of the marina.

Those photos raised a few questions and highlighted some gaps in what we knew about the marina's early years. So, we started reaching out to past and present marina members and locals who may remember Westhaven Boat Harbour, as it was originally known, to see what else we could uncover.

Since then, we've heard some great stories, found more old photos and most recently, come across a collection of original marina paperwork and correspondence dating back to 1982.

The documents provide an interesting glimpse into the original vision for Westhaven. From the beginning, it was planned as much more than somewhere to berth a boat, with ideas for marine services, boat sales, shops and restaurants as part of a larger boating destination at Hastings.

We've also discovered that Westhaven Marine operated a boat sales business, representing a number of power and sailing boat brands, with plans for boats to be displayed and sold from the marina. There's still plenty we're piecing together and probably a few stories we've yet to discover. Over the coming months, we'll share some of the photos, documents and interesting pieces of history we've uncovered along the way.

Were you around in the Westhaven days? If you have old photos, stories or memories of the marina, we'd love to hear from you and continue filling in the gaps.



Image above: An early aerial view of Westhaven Boat Harbour, now Westernport Marina. While the exact date of this photo is unknown, it appears to have been taken during the marina's early years, before the restaurant and later car park development.

Our Feathered Marina Visitors



Seagulls might be part of life by the water, but lately a few seem to have decided that some boats around the marina make particularly good places to hang out – much to the frustration of the owners left cleaning up after them!



The silver gull is a native Australian bird and, while they are common and not endangered, they are protected wildlife in Victoria. It is illegal to harm, trap or deliberately disturb them.

Thank you for helping us respect and protect our native wildlife.

Help keep them off your boat —



Don't feed the seagulls

Avoid leaving food, bait, fish scraps or rubbish accessible around your vessel. Feeding wildlife can encourage birds to remain in an area.



Keep your boat less inviting

If your boat has become a favourite resting spot, try keeping covers tidy and taut and remove any food sources.



Use passive deterrents

Bird spikes or other exclusion methods can help make perching areas less appealing. These are humane options that discourage birds without harming them.



Prime waterfront accommodation – unfortunately they don't seem interested in paying berthing fees! 

Marina Notices



NEW SAFETY LADDERS
Installed on each row!

You may have noticed some bright new additions around the marina!

New high-visibility yellow safety ladders have now been installed on each row, providing an accessible way to climb out of the water in the event that someone accidentally falls in.

HIGH VISIBILITY
Their bright yellow finish makes them easy to identify in an emergency.

IMPROVING SAFETY
Their locations have been selected as part of our ongoing commitment to improving safety throughout the marina.

COMPLIANT STANDARDS
The new ladders have been installed in line with WorkSafe Victoria and Marina Industries Association (MIA) guidance.

Hopefully THEY'RE SOMETHING YOU'LL NEVER NEED TO USE – but if you do, you'll know exactly where to find them.



Census

Tuesday 11 August 2026

Staying on a boat on Census night?

Everyone in Australia on Census Night must be included on a Census form, including anyone staying onboard a vessel at Westernport Marina.

If you're staying onboard on Tuesday 11 August, please collect a Census form from the Marina Office. You can complete the paper form or complete it online using the unique code provided, which is linked to this location. Alternatively, follow the instructions below to generate your own Census code and complete it online.

COMPLETE THE CENSUS ONLINE



HOW TO ANSWER THE QUESTION

'WHAT IS THE ADDRESS OF THIS DWELLING?'

- If you're at a marina, enter the address location, including the mooring or berth number. The marina name can be added to the Property/Building name field.
- If you're outside of a marina, on a waterway on Census night, enter the words 'On a boat' in the Property/Building name field along with the name of the waterway (e.g. 'On a boat in Western Port Bay'). Include your latitude and longitude if known.

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