



Westernport Marina

Monthly Newsletter

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Image above: Spring is here and apparently we're not the only ones keeping busy around the marina. Our smallest visitor has been hard at work inspecting the gardens, although we're still waiting for their contractor induction paperwork.

Bee-lieve It or Not... Spring is Here!

Spring is officially here and with the warmer weather on the way, we're looking forward to another busy season at Westernport Marina.

Throughout September, we're offering a FREE water blast with every two-way Travel Lift booked, making it a great time to get your boat out of the water and ready for the months ahead. Our detailing team has also been keeping busy and we're currently looking at extending our detailing services beyond boats to include caravans. We'll have more information available further in this edition. Our partnership with Club Marine, one of Australia's leading

marine insurers, is continuing to develop. Marina clients now have the opportunity to connect with Club Marine and compare their current boat insurance policy with the cover and options available. More information about the partnership and how to get in touch with Club Marine is included in this edition.

You may also notice something new when you next visit the Marina Office. A new screen has been installed in the office window showcasing boats currently for sale through our preferred brokerage partner, Premier Yachting. It's another way we're helping connect buyers and sellers at the marina, with new listings able to be displayed in a prominent location for clients and visitors to see. Also included this month is some

important information for businesses and consumers, with new surcharge legislation coming into effect from 1 October. We've included an overview of the changes and what they will mean moving forward.

With winter now behind us, it's a good time to start getting boats ready, checking maintenance and planning for the warmer months ahead. There's plenty happening around the marina as we head into another busy boating season.

As always, thank you for being part of the Westernport Marina community. We hope you enjoy this month's newsletter and have a great start to spring!

With Father's Day this Sunday, we wish all the dads and father figures in our Marina community a very Happy Father's Day! ❤️

Marina News

A Whale of a Delivery is Coming!



The Dolphin Research Institute will soon take delivery of a very special new member of their education team, a 16-metre inflatable humpback whale!

Thanks to the generosity of several donors, an order has now been placed with a specialist company in the United States to create the bespoke, lifelike whale, with delivery expected sometime in November.

And this won't be your average delivery! The Westernport Marina maintenance team are on standby, ready to lend a hand with what could be a rather interesting "forklift delivery" when the whale arrives.

Designed as an interactive education experience, the inflatable whale opens by zipper, allowing schoolchildren to actually step inside. Once inside, they'll be able to see the whale's skeleton and internal organs, giving students a unique opportunity to learn about these incredible animals from the inside out. The new whale will become an important part of the Dolphin Research Institute's education program and is expected to benefit tens of thousands of children in the years ahead.

We're looking forward to seeing this rather large new arrival in November, although at 16 metres long, we don't think we'll have any trouble spotting it! 



Help Inspire the Next Generation

Projects like this are made possible through the generosity of donors and supporters.

If you would like to help the Dolphin Research Institute continue educating and inspiring future generations about dolphins, whales and our marine environment, you can support their work by making a donation.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Visit www.dolphinresearch.org.au to donate or learn more.

Australia's *Biggest* Morning Tea!

Thank you to everyone who hosted a Biggest Morning Tea this year!

Every cuppa, every treat and every generous donation is helping to make a life-changing difference for 1 in 2 Australians who will be impacted by cancer.



\$16,888,190
raised in 2026



20,497
registered morning tea hosts

You're making a real difference. 

Thank you for helping us create a future where no one faces cancer alone.

AMAZING ACHIEVEMENT



Australia's
Biggest Morning Tea
Cancer Council

50TH WARNEET AROUND FRENCH ISLAND RACE

A Milestone Worth Celebrating

Celebrating 50 years of sailing, community and memories around French Island.

Be part of the legacy.



50th Warneet Around French Island Race

This November, Warneet Motor Yacht Club will celebrate a major milestone with the 50th running of the Warneet Around French Island Race (WAFIR) on Saturday 21 November 2026.

The race will once again form part of the Victorian Trailable Yacht Division Traveller Series, with past competitors and new entrants invited to take part and help celebrate 50 years of WAFIR.

To mark the anniversary, more than \$2,500 worth of raffle prizes will be up for grabs, with every vessel entered automatically included in the draw. Prizes include a handheld VHF radio, Raymarine ST1000 Autohelm, marine and trailer vouchers and more. Celebrations will begin on Friday 20 November from 6:00pm with a 50th Anniversary Celebration Night and BBQ dinner, followed by the race briefing at 8:00pm and raffle draw.

Whether you've raced WAFIR before or are joining for the first time, this is a great opportunity to get involved and be part of its 50-year history.

Full event details and entry information:

www.warneetyachtclub.com.au/wafir

Marina News

New WPM Team Member

In September, we are welcoming the new Marina Operations Manager, Shane Vedamuttu, who joins the WPM team from 7 September.

Shane brings a wealth of marine experience to the role, having previously worked as Harbour Master for the Port of Hastings.

If you see Shane out and about around the marina, be sure to introduce yourself and say hello!

New Energy Efficient Hot Water Service

A new energy efficient hot water service was installed in the breezeway showers last week. The new system will help reduce energy use throughout the year.

While the system is more energy efficient, it is still a tank storage system, meaning the hot water supply is limited. To help ensure there is enough hot water for everyone, please be mindful of the amount of time spent in the shower.

Thank you for helping us conserve water and energy.

FISHING

Adventures

Start here at Westernport Marina

Whether you're chasing a tasty feed, a trophy catch or just a great day out on the water, these local operators offer unforgettable fishing experiences for everyone.

WESTERNPORT FISHING CHARTERS

Operating for over 25 years, Westernport Fishing Charters offers a fantastic range of charter options in Western Port Bay and Bass Strait.

Targeting Snapper, King George Whiting, Gummy Shark and a variety of other species.

0418 559 228

westernportfishingcharters.com.au

TRIPS & TARGETS

- Individual & Group Bookings
- Private Charters
- Snapper
- King George Whiting
- Gummy Shark
- Mixed Species

FIN CHASER FISHING CHARTERS

Fin Chaser Fishing Charters offers individual, group and private charters departing from Westernport Marina, Hastings.

Targeting Snapper, Whiting, Squid, Kingfish, Bluefin Tuna and more.

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TRIPS & TARGETS

- Individual & Group Bookings
- Private Charters
- Snapper
- Whiting
- Squid
- Kingfish
- Bluefin Tuna

PRO RED FISHING CHARTERS

Skipper with over 51 years of experience and offers charters for all levels of anglers.

Targeting Snapper, Whiting, Squid, Gummy Shark, Kingfish and other seasonal species.

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proredfishingcharters.com.au

TRIPS & TARGETS

- Individual & Group Bookings
- Private Charters
- Snapper
- Whiting
- Squid
- Gummy Shark
- Kingfish & More

BLUE MAGIC FISHING CHARTERS

Blue Magic Fishing Charters offers a friendly, reliable service with local knowledge of Western Port Bay.

Targeting Snapper, Whiting, Squid, Gummy Shark and other species.

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bluemag@bigpond.net.au

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- Individual & Group Bookings
- Private Charters
- Snapper
- Whiting
- Squid
- Gummy Shark
- Mixed Species

I'm Hooked! FISHING CHARTERS

Fishing Charter – Port Phillip Bay
Friendliest charter operator in Melbourne.

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imhookedfishingcharters.com.au

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- Private Charters
- Snapper
- Whiting
- Squid
- King George Whiting
- Gummy Shark & More

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Book a LIFT

— and get a —

FREE WATER BLAST!

WITH EVERY 2 WAY LIFT BOOKED & PAID FOR IN SEPTEMBER



EXPERT CARE
for your vessel



EFFICIENT &
RELIABLE



INCLUDES A
FREE WATER BLAST



**BOOK NOW
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Happy Father's Day from Westernport Marina ❤️

Wishing all the dads, grandads, stepdads and father figures in our Marina community a very Happy Father's Day this Sunday!

Whether you're spending the day out on the water, relaxing with family or enjoying a meal by the bay, we hope you have a fantastic day.

If you're looking for somewhere to celebrate, Deoro By The Bay at Westernport Marina has something special planned for Father's Day, check out the details below.

Happy Father's Day from the Westernport Marina team! ⚓❤️

Premier Yachting - New Boats for Sale Display

WALKAROUND Vessels For Sale	
JEANNEAU NC 34 \$299,000	RIVERA 43 FLYBRIDGE \$349,000
JEANNEAU LEADER 30 \$189,000	2012 1305m \$189,000
SEALINE SC25 \$99,000	BENETEAU ANTARES 30 \$135,000
BAYLINER 265 \$79,000	2006 120m \$79,000

**Image for promotional purposes only. Vessels shown are illustrative and do not represent current Premier Yachting listings.*

You may have noticed a new Premier Yachting display in the Marina office window, showcasing vessels currently available for sale.

As Westernport Marina's preferred yacht broker and dealer, Premier Yachting can assist whether you're looking to purchase your next boat or are considering putting your current vessel on the market.

If you would like to sell your boat, you can connect directly with Premier Yachting by visiting the Westernport Marina website and clicking the Premier Yachting link at the top left of the page. Alternatively, contact Premier Yachting on 03 9041 6335.

You can also find out more about the Westernport Marina and Premier Yachting partnership here: www.premieryachting.com.au/news-item/westernport-marina-and-premier-yachting

DEORO
BY THE BAY

FATHER'S DAY

AT DEORO BY THE BAY



OPEN LUNCH
FULL MENU & BAY VIEWS



SPECIAL DINNER SEATING
FROM 5:30PM - LIMITED SPOTS
Book early!



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

WE'RE PARTNERING WITH 

AND GIVING AWAY A

6 PIECE MAKITA COMBO KIT

VALUED AT \$1229



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Marina Notices

Current Fuel
Prices

as 01/09/2026

Diesel \$2.885

U/L 91 \$2.386

U/L \$2.45



Changes to Card Payments from 1 October 2026

From 1 October 2026, changes to Australia's card payment system will come into effect following the Reserve Bank of Australia's review of card payment costs and surcharging.

The changes are designed to make card payments simpler and more transparent for consumers, particularly as Australians increasingly rely on cards and other electronic payment methods for everyday transactions.

One of the most noticeable changes will be the removal of surcharges on eftpos, Mastercard and Visa transactions.

It is important to note that these changes relate specifically to card payment surcharges. Other types of surcharges and fees are separate and may still apply. For example, hospitality businesses can continue to charge weekend and public holiday surcharges and businesses may continue to charge booking, service or delivery fees where applicable.

What does this mean for Westernport Marina clients?

Westernport Marina does not currently charge a surcharge on card payments. However, our MYOB online Click to Pay facility currently applies a processing surcharge when clients choose to pay their invoice online.

As a result of the upcoming changes, from 1 October 2026 our online Click to Pay facility will no longer be available.

You will notice that your invoice looks a little different and payments can instead be made by:

- Bank transfer – bank details will continue to appear on your invoice.
- Phone – call the Marina office to make a card payment.
- In person – EFTPOS or cash payments (Not available on the weekend) can be made at the Marina office.

- And Cheque.

Clients using our self-service fuel facility, there is also no transaction fee applied when purchasing fuel.

We understand that the removal of Click to Pay will be a change for clients who regularly use this service and appreciate your understanding as we update our payment processes.

For further information about card surcharges and the upcoming changes, visit the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) or Reserve Bank of Australia websites.



MARINA MEMBERS RATE: 10% OFF

FREE PICKUP & DELIVERY - NO MINIMUM ORDER

WASH, DRY & FOLD

DOONAS & QUILTS

MENDING & ALTERATIONS

CUSTOM EMBROIDERY

**CALL 03 4713 9957
AND USE CODE: WPMARINA**



www.westernportlaundryco.com.au

Opening Season Dinner – Postponed

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone our Opening Season Dinner as the original date did not align with the availability of some of our key guest presenters.

We are now looking at November, with the possibility of a change in venue and event format.

Stay tuned for updates as we confirm the new details.

We apologise to those who had already expressed interest in attending and hope you'll be able to join us on the new date!



**MELBOURNE
BOAT SHOW**
DOCKLANDS 15 – 18 OCTOBER 2026

SAVE THE DATE

Marina Advertisement

Extending our **DETAILING SERVICE** to Caravans!

Our professional detailing team already loves making boats look their best – now we're bringing that same care and attention to your caravan.



**PRICED
PER FOOT***

Our detailing staff will be happy to give you a quote!



THE SAME CARE, NOW FOR YOUR CARAVAN



Professional exterior cleaning & detailing
Remove dirt, grime and road residue for a clean, well-presented finish.



A range of detailing options
From a classic wash to a full detail, we tailor the service to your needs.



Priced per foot
Services are priced per foot, similar to our boat detailing services.



**WESTERNPORT
MARINA**
GREAT BY DAY - MAGIC AT NIGHT
MORNINGTON PENINSULA

Speak with our detailing team for an obligation-free quote.

Scan
Here



FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on recent theft trends and helpful crime prevention tips provided by Victoria Police, please scan the QR code.

Let's work together to keep our marina safe and secure.



**VICTORIA
POLICE**



Neighbourhood Watch®
Let's watch out for each other

BEFORE

AFTER

PROFESSIONAL BOAT DETAILING

RESTORE. PROTECT. ENHANCE.



**EXPERIENCED
TEAM**

Skilled professionals who care for your vessel like it's our own.



**PREMIUM
PRODUCTS**

Marine-grade products for a superior finish and lasting protection.



**TAILORED
DETAILING**

From a classic wash to a full detail, we tailor the service to your vessel's needs.



**CUSTOM
QUOTES**

Every vessel is unique. We provide tailored recommendations and pricing.

WESTERNPORT MARINA & CLUB MARINE — REFERRAL PROGRAM —

Westernport Marina is a **Club Marine referrer**, making it easy for our clients to explore specialist boat insurance.



**CLUB
MARINE**



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THE CLUB MARINE ADVANTAGE



**Specialist
boat insurance**

Designed for boaters, by boaters.



**Exclusive
benefits**

Enjoy Club Marine membership benefits.



**24/7 claims
support**

We're here when you need us most.



Local expertise

Backed by a team that understands boating and our local waters.



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Email clientservices@westernportmarina.com.au for a **Referral Consent Form**.