



RGYC FOUNDATION

Assisting Royal Geelong Yacht Club to foster the
sport of sailing & give back to our community

Last Thursday evening we held the Robbie Miller dinner which was preceded by the Annual Get-Together which was missed last year. The Get-Together was well attended and it was pleasing to see many of those who could not get to the dinner come to join in the fun at the Get-Together. It is a very important event in our calendar as it draws Members together in a convivial atmosphere in order to share stories and hear about the progress of the RGYC Foundation.

Certificates of Membership were presented to Keryn Levick and Stuart Coffield and Brendan and Delia Lee joined that evening. This brings our new members to ten in the last year. We also heard from Conall Green who spoke with gratitude on behalf of the young RGYC sailors whom we supported in their various regattas last year. Cadet World Champion Josh Garner, who we supported in Plymouth, attended, along with his elder brother, Ben, who was Assistant Coach of the Australian Team and also Tony Bull who was Head Coach.



Our guest speaker at the Robbie Miller dinner was Foundation Member and RGYC Honorary Life Member Murray McRae. He took us on his 2016 adventure cruise with GEE Expeditions from South America to the Antarctic Peninsula. His talk showed his enthusiasm for the wildlife and the historical aspects of several South American cities as well as his interest in all aspects of the remote islands of the South Atlantic Ocean and the Antarctic Peninsula. He had many dramatic photographs and interesting anecdotes to go with them. Thank you, Murray for your entertaining and informative presentation.



We continue to be very grateful to Foundation Member Paul Loughnan of European Affair for his regular and generous support of the Get-Together. We are also grateful for the sponsorship from Stuart Coffield of Geelong Travel, in association with Scenic Eclipse, of the Robbie Miller dinner. Alex Ruggero, from

Scenic Eclipse, gave a presentation of the various cruises operated in the Antarctic region by Scenic Eclipse. These amazing cruise ships are light years ahead of the boat on which Murray completed his cruise nearly ten years ago. With Zodiacs, helicopters, huge stabilisers, highly energy efficient systems and many creature comforts, they are the pinnacle of this luxury cruising class.

We gave out numerous spot prizes at the dinner – a Five Times distilled Vodka and a Black Spiced Rum donated by Morgan and Jo Cornelius of Learning Organisation, several bottles of wine, courtesy of the Highton Bottle-Oh, a beautiful box of delicious chocolates from Hahndorf Chocolates of Pakington Street, Geelong West and, to balance the aforementioned indulgences, some two and three week memberships of the 10 South gymnasium in Fyans street, courtesy of Gerard Spriet. We are grateful for their support.

We are always interested in encouraging others to join us in the RGYC Foundation. We are going through a period of significant growth – in memberships and in our finances. We encourage you to join us this financial year. Tax deductibility is available through our link with the Australian Sports Foundation. A donation of \$1,050 will result in \$1,000 coming to the Foundation and being recognised with membership. Can we join up another ten Members before the end of this financial year?

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