

**PORT CYGNET SAILING CLUB
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Thank you Geoff Doolan, Club Patron, for your introduction.

And good afternoon to all on this most auspicious of occasions, the annual Opening Day of the Port Cygnet Sailing Club!

This is as beautiful a place as any to have your club and port. I believe your history stretches back to the 1860s and it's no wonder you have held on to this unsurpassed piece of real estate for so long.

Earlier today Dick and I enjoyed another marvellous Huon Valley treat, and that was a visit to gorgeous Woodbank, the unique garden and nursery at Lucaston that has been restored by various Huon Valley and Channel Garden Clubs.

And on the 1st of November Dick and I will be back in Cygnet, to open the inaugural "Terror Australis Readers and Writers Festival" in the Cygnet Town Hall. It's in support of literacy and also aims to boost the local economy's recovery from the 2019 bushfires.

So in that sense we feel relatively well qualified to be part of your marvellous day. Thank you John Devereaux, Commodore for your official invitation to attend and open the Day. And thanks also to Clive Simpson, who informally suggested this quite some time ago in fact – at the October 2018 Combined Clubs Open Day, on board the Egeria, the former Governor's launch.

And of course I extend a hearty and generous welcome to all members, families and friends here today.

John has asked me to also pass on a big thanks to everyone who has been involved in the preparations for today – a very long list of names, I'm told.

I'm aware too that as well as the keelboat racing fleet, for this season there is considerably more to enjoy: a very active Etchells (one design) fleet which is raring to go; there is a newly formed cruising group; an active and expanding rowing group; a hyperactive group of junior sailors; a sail and powerboat training team; a fledgling "She Sails" initiative; and a radio-controlled model yacht group.

Well done to all by investing your time and passion in this way into the activities and facilities of the Port Cygnet Sailing Club.

And now its time to announce today's race winners ...