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Notes from the Editor

As winter draws to a close, we're gearing up for the new sailing season, when we'll be back to full schedule and lots of visitors! We turned our attention this month to one final aspect of sprucing things up during the quiet season: sailing skills. As always, our experienced sailors were incredibly generous in taking the time to share their knowledge and I, for one, learned a lot.

With all the annual maintenance now completed, safety training up to date, a fresh crop of sailors in training and our committee members for the coming year in place, we're ready for another fantastic season of sailing on Manly Cove.

August Photo Board

Libby with Denis in Woody



Joshua and his teacher in Charlie's Chariot



Michael with John W on a training run



Warwick at the helm of Charlie's Chariot



Rodney tries his hand at driving Charlie's Chariot with help from David



Skye takes a solo sail



Ivan out in Clea

You can find full reports about each of our past sailing dates on our website, along with a selection of photographs, under LATEST NEWS.

August Highlights

Sailors In Training

Over two dedicated mornings this month, our experienced sailors put on practical training for those of us who are keen to improve our skill – and confidence – out on the water.

We covered rigging, a practical (dry) demonstration of sail trim and race tactics on the dock, before putting those skills into practice on the water. Each student was accompanied by an expert sailor – Denis, David W, Michael B, John, Jeremy – with Charlie's Chariot assisting on-water swap overs, to give trainees as broad an experience as possible.

Those involved found it very valuable practice time, even if the winds were a little light. Keep an eye out for new faces skipping our dinghies soon!



*John W
explaining
sail trim*



*Nola with
Denis in
Woody*



*Shelly with
David W in
Black Swan*

(Re)-Election of Officers

Manly Sailability's AGM was held this month, with all officers re-elected to their posts. In addition, we welcome Nomusa to the committee, who will be taking over as Grants Officer from Jeremy (who remains Groups Liaison Officer) and acting as Social Secretary too. Thank you Nomusa for taking on these roles!

After the success of our Sailor Training days, the committee agreed to create a new position – Training Officer – which will be filled by John W, who was the architect behind the training this month.

While Eli has handed over the reins as Secretary to Steve, she'll remain an honorary member of the committee.

Very special thanks to all of those who serve on the committee (the full list is on the final page of each issue of *Signals*). This crew works incredibly hard to keep Manly Sailability going from strength to strength!



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*Our newest committee
member, Nomusa*

August Highlights

Mini-Bus Parking Permits Extended

For volunteers and participants traveling by car or mini-bus, we have street parking permits available to be loaned to you on the day of your visit, if you expect to exceed the parking time limit. While the mini-bus permits expired at the end of August, the council has extended these until the 30th September while they get the new ones issued. Therefore if you are using a mini-bus permit with an expiry date of August, you can disregard that date, and will not receive an infringement notice. Note that car permits are already valid to the end of September.

If you require a parking permit, please ask at the registration table – usually overseen by Helen – and be sure to return it when you leave so we can loan it to someone else.

Award Winner Series

In May we announced the winners of our Volunteer Awards, and each month *Signals* will be featuring a different winner and their story. With Eli officially handing over her duties this month, we're reflecting on some of the memories and accolades shared on the Awards Night, and from our volunteers. Congratulations, Eli, and enjoy your well-deserved rest!

The 'Angel' Award: Eli Demeny



Eli in her Angel wings

Former president Keith Woodward put it simply and concisely: *“Eli is Sailability. She started with two boats and four disabled sailors.”*

Eli's daughter, Beth, told us that *“all the things Eli does are just normal for her, she doesn't realise how special she is.”*

Current President, Warwick McKenzie, remarked that *“Eli is the backbone of Manly Sailability.”* Though he has never seen her out as a skipper on one of our boats, and wondered if maybe that's next in her second retirement!

Some of our volunteers fondly recall:

“Eli is the incredible hulk when it comes to lifting boats. She puts most of us who are half her age to shame!”

“Eli is always ready with a swimsuit on under her shirt. She's the first to dive into the water whatever the season to retrieve sinking items!”

“Eli is one of the most determined people I have ever known. Whatever is needed, she finds a way to get it!”

For **groups of up to 8**, you can book quickly and easily via our website!

Go to www.manlysailability.com and click on **BOOKINGS**. Choose your sailing date from the list and complete the form with your details.

For **larger group bookings** (more than 8) please reach out to Jeremy. (jeremy@tebutts.net)

Check our website on the day of your booking to confirm if sailing will be going ahead under current weather conditions

Our **Saturday sailing dates** are often the least busy, so can be a great option for a relaxed morning of sailing.

Upcoming Sailing Dates

Saturday	2 nd September	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	6 th September	Fully booked
Saturday	16 th September	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	20 th September	<i>Bookings available</i>
Monday	25 th September	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	30 th September	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	4 th October	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	14 th October	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	18 th October	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	28 th October	<i>Bookings available</i>
Monday	30 th October	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	1 st November	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	11 th November	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	15 th November	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	25 th November	Family & Sponsors Day
Monday	27 th November	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	29 th November	<i>Bookings available</i>

Upcoming Special Events

Family & Sponsors' Day

Saturday 25th November

A chance to invite our families, friends and supporters to see the work we do at Manly Sailability first hand. Watch this space for details!

Christmas Regatta

Saturday 9th December

Our annual Christmas racing event! Please reach out to John Weaver (jweaver172@gmail.com) if you'd like to sign up as a skipper or crew.

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Spotted at Manly Cove

We share our stunning home at Manly Cove with all sorts of other clubs, visitors and marine life. Spotted this month: An unusually bold echidna going happily about his business just up on North Head.

