

News from Middle Percy Island

By Steve Kenyon, PIYC Secretary

Hi folks,

As you are probably aware, Middle Percy Island has a rich, varied and quite unique history. nomadic Aborigines, european explorers, escaped convicts, shipwrecks, a hermit with buried treasure, and resilient early pioneers.

This has all been well documented in the Hickling's excellent publication "*The History of the Percy Islands Past to Present*", however I've long desired to capture and preserve a living history on film and have now edited much old film, plus recent footage into a 40min video.

If you would like a copy, (\$35 for usb and postage), please email me with your postal address. I'll then send bank details and post the usb via the next boat. (It's too large for a dvd). Also, as you may like to show your friends some history of this special Island, I'll also include a condensed 5min Trailer:

Join the Percy Island Yacht Club now!

Middle Percy Island truly is one of the last places on the coast where Mariners can come ashore freely; meet other seafarers from all from all walks of life, exchange voyaging yarns, enjoy sundowners, share a common meal or goat stew, watch a sunset over a distant land and then often times cut loose into a good old fashioned sing-a-long.

You can also walk pristine island trails, and visit the historical homestead where they are made welcome.

This would not be possible without the enormous effort put in by Cate and

John, plus their charismatic helpers, nor would it be possible without terrific support from your own Percy Island Yacht Club (PIYC).

The Island generates only minimal income, (from Honey and a few odds and ends like

Marmalade), yet, to keep West Bay open for free public use costs heaps in Liability Insurance, plus

more for maintenance, etc. Even to supply water to the A frame is a major undertaking. After pumping from a creek, they then have to maintain, and frequently replace, 3 km of pipe buried under fallen debris in thick scrub. Hard yacka and a fair bit of expense.

This is where you, the PIYC members help out ever so much. 35 to 40 new Members a year just covers most expenses incurred in keeping West Bay alive for any mariners to freely visit. After 6 years we are getting close to 300 members! So by joining you help to preserve this quite unique place for future generations. See the Percy island website www.percyisland.com.au for information on how to join or email me at: kilroykenyon@hotmail.com

Here's wishing you a great New Year, favouring winds and blue skies, Steve



The tree house has had extensive renovations. A new kitchen, veranda; louvre windows; cupboards; and soon a shower and laundry.