## Cruise Report BMS Melbourne Cup Cruise 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

The Melbourne Cup lunch and celebrations were held at the Pacific Hotel, in the Australia Fair shopping centre. This is a great venue and 33 SYC members who attended had an enjoyable celebration. It was good to see most dressing for the occasion, prizes for the best dressed male and female, plus a lucky door prize provided thanks to our club sponsor, BMS. Only 5 boats braved the perfect conditions and anchored off the Southport Parklands jetty. The rest chose to drive to the venue.

11 boats attended either the Paradise Point and/or Dux anchorages. We had a pleasant stayover at Paradise Point with lunchtime fish and chips in the park, followed by an afternoon sundowner and BBQ. The Paradise Point park has excellent facilities.

The final day, prior to heading home was at Dux, which was a glorious sunny day. 16 members ventured to Tipplers Cafe for lunch, then everyone came ashore at Dux for an afternoon get together, drinks and BBQ. The evening finished with the BMS sponsored random member draw for \$50 club cash, then the Precision Engineering sponsored random boat draw for some appreciated bottles of wine.

The following day most headed home with a few staying on to enjoy the Dux facilities and great weather. Overall, this was a short but very enjoyable cruise.

