

YaFT News

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Our test sail of Triplet went very well. We were all very relieved to sail with a full crew out from Hastings and discover Triplet is watertight and seaworthy!

Thankyou to the many people who gave many hours and minutes of summer to making her ready for the Sailing On trip of 2015. This included not only members of the three families who co-own Triplet but also Jake with his excellent electrical expertise and David with his skillful carpentry who generously gave of their time.

Robert embarked on the 2015 Sailing On adventure to Gippsland Lakes with 9 young people, 3 volunteers Kendalf the Grey, Rob & Gwen Laird from X-plore, also John, Chaplain of Neerim South District College and Adrian, Bush Adventure Support Worker from EACH.

So exciting to see *Triplet, The Three Kings (Ken's Farr)* and the 3 Triyaks sail the southern shores of Gippsland facing many exciting moments of growth to young people once again.

The Sailing On 2015 trip was a huge success with young people building sailing skills, growing in confidence and gaining communication and relationship skills to take with them back to their normal lives with family and friends. Of course, after such a life changing experience, normal is a new horizon waiting to be explored. We hope so much that possibilities open up for all of these 9 young people and with a bit more optimism and courage they be able to navigate the coming months with increased heartiness.

Another exciting phase of YaFT is a new partnership with Xplore Tri-yak Adventures that came about after many conversations where it was found that shared values and the desire to grow family relationships through adventure was a natural fit. Xplore Adventures is funding some of Robert's time to provide days training to volunteers and eventually offer days of sailing to small groups. Robert will write more about this later.

In the meantime, thankyou for reading, for supporting us and for praying for YaFT. We could not do this without you.

Ahoy me hearties!

Karen Coller
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