



**Cruise in Company Rendezvous to Pittwater and Surrounds  
October Long Weekend  
By John Hancox**

Perfect weather prevailed for the October long weekend Cruise in Company when eight boats and 24 Members and guests met in Pittwater and then for a BBQ ashore at The Basin on the Sunday. Two attendees made a last-minute decision and came by ferry.



This is a great location which for many years has been one of the Squadron's favourite places for the lay-day picnic during the Annual Cruise. Facilities are excellent for families: a covered BBQ area with electrically heated cooking plates and about 12 tables, each able to comfortably seat six persons at a good, safe distance. All this for a \$3 pp entry fee payable to the Ranger on duty as each public ferry arrives.





Wildlife provided plenty of entertainment in the form of two large goannas, who were being attacked by brave ravens to ensure they didn't rob their eggs in nests above, and then persistently roamed under all the tables looking for food scraps. The usual wallabies wandering on the site and a plover nesting on the grass added to the delight of young children.



Attendees were: *Allegro* (John and Jackie Taylor); *Magnificat* (John and Robbie Hancox); *Mercier* (James and Gaila Merrington); *MV Duchess* (Peter Hamilton); *Nautelee* (Lee Laurie and Lorna); *Patsy* (David and Victoria Yaffe with children Alex and James) and *Sweet Chariot* (David and Jill Henry, Richard & Sandy Lawson). Phil and Kristina Watts left their boat *Prime Time* in Sydney and came by ferry. *Emma Jane* from RPAYC (all female crew: Emma Harvey, Candice Cushway, Amanda Green and Maggie Loaney).