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## **Dining by the Water at Yaringa a Sensational Experience**

Patrons at the recently refurbished Yaringa Marina Restaurant have been overwhelming in their praise of the quieter, more comfortable setting, outstanding meals and impeccable service provided at this popular waterfront restaurant in Somerville since it underwent a major makeover two months ago.

Head Chef **Claire Kearns-Smale** who first joined the brilliant team at Yaringa in 2004 has revitalized the kitchen with dazzling additions to the menu while retaining the popular lunch and dinner favorites.

Born into a Chef's family in Christchurch - New Zealand, Claire developed her passion for cooking very early in life and was engaged in work experience in a busy Air Force base kitchen at the age of 14. She completed the highest chef's qualification with distinction at the Southern Alps Hotel School in Timaru and worked in restaurants before coming to Australia four years ago. Claire worked as second chef at The Rocks in Mornington and started at Yaringa Marina Restaurant over two years ago.

The Restaurant is now more popular than ever with lovers of delicious food and great, very affordable wines. Appointment of a maitre'd in September has really lifted the 'front of house' service at Yaringa. **Yves Bauer** has all the charm of a very experienced French- speaking Swiss waiter and restaurant manager. He brings to Yaringa the skills of twenty years experience in Swiss restaurants, then locally at Benitos in Mt Eliza and in the city at The Melbourne Oyster Bar. His attention to detail and provision of the highest level of personalized service in the dining rooms and new lounge bar is now widely acclaimed.

Yaringa Marina Restaurant is open Wednesday to Sunday for lunch and Wednesday to Saturday for dinner but will open 7 days a week during summer. Bookings are advisable (**phone Yves on 5977 3735 to secure your table**).

*To get there take Bungower Rd towards Westernport & follow the signs (Melway Map 149 K7)*