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March Outing at Stoney Point

There was only a small contingent for this outing at a new spot on the lake. Four boats enjoyed a magnificent Friday night before the *Independence* headed off up the lake to do what she does each Saturday - (empty out the black water on our boats. At least we know that this particular pump-out always works).



(Photo Bob Julian)

However, the black clouds rolled in on Saturday afternoon, with first hand reports stating; *"The wind picked up and by the time we looked outside there was a wall of water heading straight for us, I've never seen anything like it. The wind was that strong that it was picking up the water from the lake. It was that blue-black and that white. There was no time for a camera. We were all just stunned. And then it hit! One boat lost it's solar panel, the cleat on a house boat was ripped out, and one of our members got bruised rather badly. Some distance away the Independence, lost her signage. In 5 minutes it was over."*

Hmm, interesting weekend.

April Outing at Shelly's

What glorious weather we had. The first morning, there were some waves and then it was so still, the afternoons being perfection itself. We had nine boats turn up. It should have been ten but the Commodore's boat is out of action for a while.



(Photo Ann Coates)

We put our chefs, Tim, Shane & Brett, to work frying the fish and chips and the entrée of some salt & pepper squid. Yum. There were some darts played in the afternoon by the adults, but the children had a good go at magnetic darts and quoits. There seemed to be too much catching up to have a serious go at the masters games.



(Photo Marg Coates)

It was wonderful to see so many children enjoying new friends. The nippers had fun looking for all the Easter eggs that the bunny had left for them. Hard to tell who was having the most fun.



(Photo Marg Coates)



(Photo Ann Coates)

It was a handicap race, but Zac beat the others back to shore, closely followed by Anna, then Denise, Adrian and Toby.

With all that boundless energy the adults decided on another “cuppa” before dismantling the shade shelter while agreeing that a most enjoyable weekend was had by all participants.



(Photo Marg Coates)



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With all that energy from chocolate consumption, a kayak race was decided upon. The adults, having missed out on the Easter egg hunt, decided to conserve their energy and leave the children to race.

For those who missed it there’s an egg up a tree and it needed co-operation to retrieve!

Next Outing

24th & 25th May
Tamboi or Tamboy

Please note this is a **Captain's Stew**.

The meal is to be prepared onshore (to promote fairness). The Commodore says he will be happy to pass on the **"Pal Award"**.

There will be a **savoury damper** for the ladies to cook for breaky/brunch as well.

Please ring Chris Marko on 0417 406 182 for details and for numbers.

Calendar for 2014

May 24/25th

Tamboi Captain's Stew

July 12th

Lemon Tree Winter Outing

August 9/10th

Engels Curry Night

September 13/14th

Nerong AGM Catered

October 25/26th

Tea Gardens Sailpast

November 15/16th

Violet Hill Christmas

Thought for the day:

Do you know the origin of "Getting steamed"?

A colloquial expression primarily used north of the border (Scotland) to describe someone, who is, either heavily under the influence of alcohol or someone whose intention is to become so.

*In and around the city of Glasgow at the start of the twentieth century, one of the most popular forms of relaxation was to take one of the local steam ships for a cruise up and down the Clyde river - or they would say locally *doon the waater*.*

In order to encourage the public to participate in this particular form of relaxation, and presumably to enhance the coffers of the steamship owners, copious quantities of relatively cheap alcohol were provided for the duration of the cruise.

*On completion of the outing, assuming of course it was completed, many of the participants could be seen making their way ashore with varying degrees of competency - hence the expression **getting steamed**.*



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Our thanks to Alan Coates for finding another gem.

Commodore's Comments:

An informal [General] meeting was held at Shelly's on the 20th of April 2014 to bring the membership up to date regarding what has been happening, as well as discussing what direction we (as a club) should be taking in the immediate future.

Points of discussion at the meeting included:

- ✓ We've heard that there is a new ladder in place at Korsman's and we thought that Bob Julian may have been responsible. (Upon enquiries, Bobby Dee donated the ladders and Bob Julian installed them). A big thank-you goes out to them both.
- ✓ With regards to Bombah Point wharf, It is now serviceable (just). Members questioned as to whose job is it to check the integrity of the wharves.
- ✓ Shane Elvy & Stephen Legge are continuing to work on the website for us - we should see some improvement in the near future.
- ✓ I have put forward the idea of a club motto to be used in conjunction with all our communication and publications. So far I have come up with "***Respect the past, Create the future***". I feel that this phrase reflects our club and its history. If you 'google' the phrase you will find that this is a commonly used phrase throughout the world at large and therefore I don't think we should have any copyright issues. If anybody has another suggestion or comment, please contact me.
- ✓ Plans are being finalized for the Tamboi emergency wharf and a quote should be forthcoming in the near future. A Committee meeting will be convened as soon as practical after receiving this quote.
- ✓ We have been asked by Marine Parks to renew our application (at no cost to us) for our license to operate in the Myall Lakes Marine Park. Paul Bendy raised the question as to the application only applying to commercial operators. A motion was then put to enquire into why we have to fill out this form as well as the national parks. I will look into this.

At the conclusion of the meeting we had enquiries from two prospective new members who stated that they were impressed by the fact that we were the group that had updated Korsman's. Their membership will be reviewed at the next Committee meeting.

P.S. The meeting lasted a whole 20 minutes!

Happy and Safe Boating

Margaret & Terry

