

Myall Lakes Aquatic Club

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Last Outing - Christmas Party - Violet Hill- 29th November



Our annual club Christmas Party was held at Violet Hill on a very wet weekend in late November. However the Christmas spirit shone through and about 10 boats made the trip up the lakes and a good crowd of about 50 people enjoyed the weekend's festivities. A special thank you to Santa and his not so little elf, who once again made a stop on his busy schedule, and, as usual, did a terrific job. Just the look on the littlies faces makes it all worthwhile. It was great to see our life member, Noel Huntington, made it up for the weekend, and

looking as fit as a fiddle again following a bout of illness. Once again our ladies did an amazing job organising all the food and entertainment. They all deserve a huge vote of thanks for preparing such a feast – and all done from within the club. A special thanks to Terry and Carol Hayden for the cooking and carving of the meats. Chris Marko once again led the line dancing exhibition, which set a lot of toes tapping. Great job, Chris! Christmas Carols were the predominant music for the weekend and Chris' line dancing brigade and Carol Hayden led the vocals. Ian Sherwood once again took lots and lots of great happy snaps of all who attended with some really good shots of Santa with the kids – and big kids. We plan to get another disk going soon with all our photos from our outings for the past couple of years. Special thanks to Ian and Susie.

And then came the desserts, and desserts, and desserts. Once again our ladies excelled with an array of goodies to die for (That should get me some free samples, don't you think.) a great weekend was had by all, even though the rain did not let up until Sunday, except when Santa came and we had our Christmas feast.

Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting

We wish to advise that an extraordinary general meeting is called on February 14th at Joe's Cove on the Myall Lakes, for the purpose of a proposed change to the constitution of the Myall Lakes Aquatic Club.

As our club now has accumulated considerable funds within its accounts, our committee feels that some additional controls should be put in place to direct the funds should the club ever face dissolution. A proposal for this change was tabled at our AGM by Garry Hiles.

The reason for the proposed change in the constitution is to direct any monies held and accumulated within the club's accounts, should it ever find itself in a position where the club is dissolved for any reason. This issue hopefully may never arise, however, it is always better discussed, planned for and decided beforehand rather than following any such dissolution. The present clause in our constitution which deals with this issue is a standard club constitution script, which was agreed to at the time of formation of our present club. However, this clause does not give our club the ability to select the direction of such accumulated monies beforehand.

Also, it should be pointed out that any such change in our constitution can be changed again in the future by another special general meeting should circumstances change within the proposed recipient of any such monies.

The present club constitution clause on page 5 Article 10A regarding the dissolution reads:

In the event of the Club being dissolved, the amount that remains after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred to any organisation with similar purposes and which has rules prohibiting the distribution of its assets and income to its members. The complying organisation to which the transfer shall be made shall be chosen by majority vote of the members.

The proposed change for this clause will read:

In the event of the club being dissolved, the amount that remains after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred to and shared in the following way: 60% to the Hunter Region Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service and 40% to the Hunter Medical Research Institute-Cancer research.

A proxy vote form is included at the end of bulletin should you wish to avail yourself of this option and should be posted to Evon Williams 37 Whitbread

Drive, Lemon Tree Passage, NSW 2319 to arrive before the 6th February 2009

Christmas on the Lake

Christmas was busy once again on the lakes with lots of visiting boats enjoying our waterways. Our club members enjoyed their favourite spots as usual with groups mainly at Blossom and Neranie. The weather was kind to us although a rather nasty southerly created a bit of havoc when it hit. Mainly all nor'easters with sun and good water temperatures saw most people enjoy their stay. An unfortunate death on the Broadwater of a canoeist caught in the nasty southerly blow during the Christmas break should heighten our awareness of the ever present dangers of being on the water during a storm. Another costly but preventable incident occurred when a number of parachute flares were set off in the top lake on New Year's Eve. It is alleged that one of the flares started a bush fire on the hill behind One Horse Sands. This resulted in a NPWS crew being called out to fight the fire all night, followed by a helicopter and bucket working from first light until mid morning to extinguish the fire. People should be much more aware of the dangers and costs involved to rectify the damage of such a thoughtless act and refrain from doing so. Thankfully, none of our club boats were within the vicinity of the fire outbreak. However, as responsible members we should discourage all boaters from setting off flares within our lakes system, as we do not want further regulations imposed on us as a result of the thoughtless actions of others.

Next Outing - Joe's Cove - February 14th

Our next club outing is to be at Joe's Cove on the weekend of the 14-15th February, which is the venue for our extraordinary general meeting as discussed earlier in the bulletin. It is a BYO everything outing and the club BBQ will be available for cooking your meals. It will be a Valentine's Pyjama Party Theme.

Happenings

Good to see Brian Brett's "Wyandotte" back on the water again following a 2 year conversion from a sailing jarcat to a cabin power cat. Brian has been undergoing an intense 2 year training program to ensure he remembers to undo the bleeder screw on his fuel tanks and so alleviate the need for a tow home.

Ian Sherwood's "Serayah" has been seen going around in circles again. In fact, on his way to the Christmas Party, one propeller was seen making significantly bigger circles in the water than the other following a dredging exercise in the river above Black Oaks.

Don and Jeanette Matts have seen the light following the sale of "Le Frog" and have purchased a very smart looking Executive 800 called Serenity II. They have now completed a 2 week shakedown cruise over Christmas and its all go-go-go. Don has now undergone a retraining programme from watching the telltales on his sails to watching the telltale on the diesel tank.

Upcoming Event Calendar

1. February 14th – Joe's Cove
2. March 14th – Fish & chips – Johnsons – more info in next bulletin

Safe boating until next time



FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I,

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being a financial member of the Myall Lakes Aquatic Club, hereby wish to vote in the change of the clause Article 10A of the constitution

I wish to have the clause changed as per proposal

I wish to leave the clause the same as it is now

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(Signature of Member Appointing Proxy)

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(Date)