



Happy and safe boating

# MLAC Bulletin

*"Respect the Past - Create the Future"*

JUNE 2017

## NEXT OUTING

15 & 16  
July

Bulahdelah river  
and land based  
winter outing

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2017

26 & 27 August  
– Engels Curry/Hot Pot

9 & 10 Sept  
– Annual General  
Meeting at Myall  
Shores

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## Tait's Venue Change

1 April 2017

Due to the inclement weather and even worse predictions, our Commodore made the wise decision to cancel the weekend trip to Tait's. Not being the sort of group to be so easily thwarted, a party was quickly organized at Paul and Wendy's house in Tea Gardens instead.



The theme for this month's outing was an Aussie BBQ. Have a look at the photos above . . . it looks like a typical Aussie BBQ to me – the men in one corner, ladies in the other!



Thanks to great planning by Melissa and Linda, the meal was fantastic and Paul's BBQ skills were impressive too.

There was further cause for celebration with Chris Julian celebrating a special birthday, so there was cake, singing and dancing.

## Korsman's Landing

6 May 2017

The popular spit roast dinner attracted plenty of members to Korsman's Landing, a location that has the added benefit of being accessible by water or land. So, apart from boat owners, we had members come by caravan with quite a few day trippers to add to the happy gathering.

# Maritime Trivia

## Boating superstitions:

### NO BANANAS ONBOARD

In the 1700s, many of the boats that disappeared were those that were carrying bananas.

The theories go:

- Boat captains, rushing to deliver their fruit cargo before it rotted, made some bad decisions
- Fermenting bananas let off a lethal fume
- Spiders with a deadly bite that lived in the bananas came aboard with the fruit.

### WHAT AFFECTS THE WEATHER?

- Whistling may bring on the winds, so be careful
- Throwing a stone in the water might bring on swells
- Clapping can cause thunder

### WOMEN ONBOARD

Women onboard were considered distracting to the men and could potentially cause rivalries.

However, if a woman was nude, it was believed she could calm the angry sea which is why ships were often constructed with a topless maiden figurehead leading the way.

The club committee catered with nibbles to start, then a hot spit roast dinner, followed by sweets. Commodore Rod gave a run down on the latest maintenance projects planned for various wharfs in the lake.



## Tamboy

3 June 2017

Tamboy's theme was the annual Captain's Stew competition. Once again, the weather was not kind to us but every time the sun shone briefly between the clouds, our Commodore was on the phone trying to entice reluctant members to join us, spouting assurances of sun shine in Tamboy. This practice increased our boat attendances to 5 but did not increase the sunshine or his credibility as weatherman.

Unfortunately, the designated "stew judge" hit a particularly vicious downpour when crossing the Broadwater. Apparently, he lost his way and somehow ended up back where he started from in Professors.

With the use of some ingenuity, the fire was lit and kept burning even through the heaviest of showers. Too late, though, for the camp oven stews, so the Captains took to their galleys to start cooking and the ladies took to the drinks on deck - just the way we like it.

The ladies skillfully judged the stews and, even though all were declared of a high quality and delicious, the overall winner was Rod Blanch. The winning, and only damper, was Wendy's.

On Sunday, we found the missing judge and some other members at Myall Shores where we all enjoyed the hospitality of the new owners and pizza for lunch before heading for home.



*A touch of rain at Tamboy (in between the barely noticeable sunshine!) didn't dampen the spirits of the intrepid Captain's Stew team.*



*Even the cold couldn't keep us away.*



*The things we will do to keep the fires burning.*



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## Boats at Tamboy were:

- Independence
- Malolo
- Polimer
- Toy Ship
- Violet May



*Wendy's winning damper*

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## Tamboy Captain's Stew Storyboard

3 June 2017



*Rod, looking happy and confident in the galley, creating his soon to be winning stew.*



*Paul looks like he has some interesting ingredients lined up for his stew.*



*With subterfuge in mind, Col pokes his head out from the back deck of Polimer.*



*The Captain's present their stews.*



*Meanwhile, Joe is still reading the recipe.*



*The eager ladies dig in. Even though Christine and Wendy look as though they don't like what they are tasting, the stews were all very good.*



*I eventually located this happy stew-cooking captain through the smoke haze on Independence.*



*All dig into the delicious and warming winter stew feast.*