

Myall Lakes Aquatic Club

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Last Outing - Fish-n-chips - Violet Hill- 14th March 2009

This annual event seems to be one of the most popular on our calendar of events each year. Last Saturday there were 34 members and friends attending with at last count 12 vessels berthed at the jetties and or on moorings (may be this number could be 14 as George Lodge's houseboat could be counted as 2). We also had 2 couples who camped on shore as well as 6 regular campers (non members) on the hill who willingly paid to partake in the feast.

A big thank you to Chris and Joe, Terry and Carol, Anne Coates, Susie Sherwood and all the others not mentioned for the tireless and so willing effort that is given in support to our Club. The few fish that were left over after all tummies were full were sold - not that there was much left. It is great to see the camaraderie and friendliness that is so evident within the Club. Chris Marko arranged a 100 Club for the weekend which was a sell out - thank you to all those who participated and made it a success.

New and old faces

Several members invited friends to the last meeting and we extend a warm welcome to new members Bob and Christine Julian experienced a great night an in fine weather. It was indeed good to see a return to the club outing 'old' faces - Jeff and Veronica, Viv and Neville, Tim and Daphne (they are not really 'old' faces - only familiar ones) - hope to see you more often in the future.

Courtesy Moorings

The Club has received a reply from NSW Maritime courtesy Charlie Dunkley, Regional Manager Hunter Inland. NSW Maritime in conjunction with

Great Lakes - Port Stephens Marine Parks have had discussions and it is proposed -

- The Three 'dump' type moorings at Nelson Bay are to be relocated at Fame Cove.
- The courtesy mooring at Shoal Bay is to be re-located to Karuah.
- This results in 5 courtesy moorings in Fame Cove and will be of value to vessels using the Cove (if you get there early enough to score one).
- The Shoal Bay and Nelson Bay moorings will be replaced with 'seagrass friendly' type apparatus.

Any Spare Diesel?

One of our members (unnamed) who always has a camera in his hand was bemoaning the fact that somehow his vessel never seems to have fuel in the tank - why?? - because he uses it. Some careful mathematical calculations as to quantum and usage Rate was being appraised if there was enough in the tank for the return journey home - apparently Susie is to blame for so many trips with the 'relos'.

New Boats

Long time member Andrew Henderson has gone bigger and now is the proud owner of a Stebber 33 which will be on the Lakes over Easter we hear - congratulations Andrew.

Next Outing - 9th - 10th May

Our next meeting will be at Johnsons Beach and will feature the Masters Games. This is a family friendly outing and indeed brings out the skills for all ages - male - female - boys - girls in horse shoe throwing, boules and gum boot throwing but to name a few - a non-catered event so bring all you need (and enough diesel for the journey home).

There is no scheduled outing in April however as is usual members will join up in the Lakes over the Easter period – let's hope the weather is fine.

Safe boating and a joyous Easter until next time

