

Myall Lakes Aquatic Club

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Last Club Outing Nerong Creek August 26/27

Our August meeting was held in Nerong, just outside the harbour entrance. Six boats, one caravan and a Mercedes Sports with 22 members in total enjoyed a great weekend in a very peaceful setting. The locals welcomed us and it was all very friendly.

Our local hosts, Sandra and Kevin, made us very welcome on Friday evening as we sat around the campfire chatting to members and locals. A very pleasant evening.

The level of the lake was quite high and unfortunately, the area that Sandra and Kevin had earmarked for the meeting was still too damp to use. George and Barbara of the "Lodge" came to our assistance with the offer of their houseboats Top Deck for our meeting and the following meal. Our thanks go to George and Barbara for their hospitality. With 22 people on the top deck it was so spacious. We could not have wished for a better venue.



All the crew aboard "The Lodge"

All our vessels rafted around The Lodge for the

weekend and a BBQ was held following the meeting on Saturday night with all crews contributing a dish to the meal. All in all a great night with a very enjoyable meal.

During Saturday, a dinghy expedition set out to visit the "Secret Lake" further up the creek. This visit was an eye opener to all present and was thoroughly enjoyed. Undoubtedly it will see further visits by many when the water lillies are blooming. It is a little paradise.



Rafting up around "The Lodge"

Nerong has a Community Hall alongside the harbour. This hall has all the necessary facilities for a meeting and for a minimal cost our club can hire these facilities for some future event. There is a local caterer available as well as accommodation available so the facility would be able to handle an AGM..

Treasurer Sandra and Kevin are residents of Nerong Village and we thank them, and the residents of Nerong, for their hospitality during the weekend and especially for the campfire at night.

Annual General Meeting Lemon Tree Passage Bowling Club September 10th 2011

24 members attended the Annual General Meeting held at the Lemon Tree Passage Bowling Club. Thanks to Eve who valiantly did battle with reluctant caterers we were once again able to have our room separated from the main area.

Thank you to the ladies who decorated the tables and all who attended. Again a pleasant evening.

This year saw many changes to the committee Kevin Williams, our Commodore and our Secretary Eve decided it was time to withdraw from the executive. Both were elected to these positions at the 2005 AGM.. Both Kevin and Evon had held other executive positions prior to 2005. We thank them both for their tremendous efforts during the years.

Many other committee members also decided to pull the executive plug. To all of you, thanks for a job well done. We know we will be able to call on your expertise when we need it.

Our new committee



Treasurer Sandra, Commodore Terry & Secretary Alan

Commodore: Terry Coates
Vice Commodore: Tim Motum
Rear Commodore: Kevin Lawson

Secretary: Alan Coates
Treasurer: Sandra Ryan
Committee Social: 1. Chris Julian
2. Chris Marko
Committee Member: Ann Coates
Publicity Officer: Garry Hiles
Committee Construction: Bob Julian
Gear Steward: Joe Marko

Commodore Kevin's 2011 Report

Welcome everyone to the Annual General Meeting of the Myall Lakes Aquatic Club. Some of our regulars are still holidaying up north and convey their apologies to the meeting.

I would like to thank the outgoing committee for their efforts in the 2010 and 2011 year. A special thanks to Vice Commodore Peter Dodds and Rear Commodore Don Legge for their many years of service to the club. They are both stepping down from the committee this year, but I am sure they will both continue to assist in any way they can in any future club activities. Peter looks after our club insurances and represents us with the Boat Owners Association and the Port Stephens User Group and will continue to do so.

A special thanks also to our Treasurer Sandra Ryan, who jumped in at the deep end this year to take over the Treasurer's duties for the club and has done a sterling job.

Our Club Secretary Eve has decided to step down from the committee this year. She has once again managed to juggle her commitments with our boat club and her other commitments on the committee of the Tilligerry bridge club. It's always busy at the Williams household. We thank her for the many years of service in several roles on the executive committee of our club. Alan Coates also stepped in and lent a hand with secretarial duties in the latter part of the year and the club is very appreciative of his efforts.

Many thanks also to Chris Julian, Ann Coates

and Susie Sherwood and all the ladies who contributed this year with our social events and made them so enjoyable.

Life Member Carol Hayden stepped in as Publicity Officer this year in an attempt to bolster our club membership. This is a very difficult and frustrating position and we thank Carol for her efforts. Attracting new members continues to be one of our club's major problems. Following the committee election, our new committee will explore new avenues to try to attract and increase our membership, hopefully with some younger families to carry on the traditions of our club. Discussions also need to address the ongoing continuation of our club activities with the wharf maintenance and construction program, or whether our club scales back a little on the wharf program and is more selective on what we do.

Once again a very special thanks to Warren and Julie Tully, who have selflessly given their time and expertise once again to carry out the audit process on our club's finances. This is a major saving to our club and is very much appreciated. Our club continues to grow quite well financially. Interest from our investment accounts have shown good earnings for our club, and continue to bolster our financials.

We are at present carrying out some emergency repairs at Engel's Wharf which will be funded directly from our club working account.

I have decided to step down from committee commitments this year. I believe Executive Committee members should step down or retire after a given period to allow new blood with new ideas to move the club forward. Some health issues this year have stifled my ability to pursue and drive wharf issues within the lake. I have served continuously and passionately on the executive committee of the club's predecessors, the Myall Boating Club, the Myall Yacht Club and since its amalgamation the Myall Aquatic Club, for approximately 20 years, and I am looking forward to enjoying the lake with a reduced workload. I have been fortunate enough to have been involved in the

construction and ongoing repair program for all of our wharf commitments on the lake, and for the past 10 years have driven the Wharf program and secured Government grants for a number of Projects. I have thoroughly enjoyed my term on the executive committee of the club and am very proud of our achievements. I will continue to help in all club matters when and if required.

In finishing, all of our membership needs to take every opportunity to promote the Myall Lakes Aquatic Club to all the boating fraternity, and all associated clubs and relevant Government bodies involved in decision making in the park, and to advertise the traditions and the assets our club has contributed to the Myall Lakes National Park.

Thank you.

Sunday Morning Revival Breakfast



Many of us arrived at the Williams residence on Sunday morning to be greeted by a hearty breakfast. I don't think many needed lunch.

Once again, a big thank you to Eve and Kevin

Scheduled Outings

1. October 15 – 16 BYO Spit Roast @ Bandicoot – Meat & vegies supplied.
2. November 12 – 13 Christmas Party @ Violet Hill

Spit Roast at Bandicoot

We must know the number of attendees for this event by

5th October

Cost \$ 10 per head

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Our new Commodore

Terry Coates joined the RAN at the age of 18. He served in the Navy for 12 years. A highlight was a 2 week stint on the Royal Yacht. He was also awarded a Royal Humane Society and Queensland Police Bravery Citation. He then did the unthinkable and joined the Army where he served for another 12 years. Terry then moved wife Margaret and their two girls to Warren in Central NSW where he worked as a Radiographer for more than 19 years. Terry became an advisor to the Premier for the Western Area Radiography Group.

Terry and Margaret moved to Lemon Tree Passage in 2008 where they brought their hearts desire, a 30 ft Clipper Sundecker. Sailing the Lakes area has now become a passion.

As a footnote, Terry was awarded Life Membership of the Health Services Union since his retirement. Kevin Rudd made the presentation at a ceremony carried out in Sydney.

Thought for the day

Today is the first day of the rest of the mess.

Happy Boating

