



Happy and safe boating

# MLAC Bulletin

*"Respect the Past - Create the Future"*

SEPTEMBER 2017

## NEXT OUTING

**14 October**

**Korsmans' Landing**

(please note this has been changed from Bandicoot Point)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**11 November**

Korsmans' Landing  
for MLAC  
Christmas Party

Myall Lakes Aquatic Club  
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## Annual General Meeting

Weekend at Myall Shores  
8-10 September 2017

Early arrivals on Friday for the AGM weekend enjoyed happy hour and pizzas on the deck at the Myall Shores Holiday Park.

Saturday morning saw more boats and caravans arrive, some members duck into Bulahdelah to vote and plenty of general socialising until we all gathered in the conference room for the Annual General Meeting at 2 pm.



*Pizzas on the deck at Myall Shores*



*The Executive Committee looking very official in their club shirts ready for the start of the AGM.*

The Commodore and Treasurer presented their annual reports to the members. Paul Bendy presented a motion in the form of a Special Resolution to the meeting and asked that they vote to endorse a new Club Constitution aimed to assist the smooth running of our club.

The motion was passed unopposed.

All committee positions were declared vacant and Carol Hayden, the Returning Officer, proceeded to conduct the elections. All positions were filled with the only change to last year's committee being the election of Mitch Blanch as Rear Commodore, replacing Brett Motum.

Two new MLAC members were welcomed - Mitch Blanch and Torey Blanch.



*Carol Hayden*



*Annie Coates and Sandra Bell enjoying some nibbles*



*Janette and Peter Coppock with Jenni and Pat Drinkwater*

## Boats at Myall Shores were:

- Black Angus
- Independence
- John B II
- John's tri
- Lady Jennifer
- Lady Nelson
- Lazy Dayz
- Toy Ship
- TruBlu
- Violet May

Plus 4 caravans and one cabin booking.

## Patron Saints

Sailors have had at least two patron saints.

Saint Nicholas is probably the most famous; according to his hagiography, he calmed a storm by prayer.

Saint Elmo, may have become the patron of sailors because he is said to have continued preaching even after a thunderbolt struck the ground beside him.

This prompted sailors, who were in danger from storms, to claim his prayers.

The electrical discharges at the mastheads of ships were read as a sign of his protection and came to be called "Saint Elmo's Fire". Thus, Saint Elmo's Fire was usually good luck in traditional sailor's lore, but because it is a sign of electricity in the air and interferes with compass readings, sailors sometimes regarded it as an omen of bad luck and stormy weather.



*Carol gave Allan a bit of help with some songs*



*The boys weren't backward in coming forward for their helpings of dessert*

Dinner consisted of a 3-course meal provided by Myall Shores. Everyone enjoyed music provided by Allan Freihaut and it wasn't long before the line dancers were up on the dance floor, stepping it out to Allan's great tunes. A enjoyable night was had by all, with delicious food, pleasant company and great entertainment.



*Everyone gathered at the Myall Shores camp kitchen for the traditional Commodore's breakfast on Sunday morning.*

At the conclusion of our AGM, Carol Hayden thought it to be a fitting time to remember past members from all three boating clubs

- Myall Lakes Yacht Club
- Myall Boating Club, and
- Myall Lakes Aquatic Club



## Your 2017 MLAC committee

Commodore: Rod Blanch

Vice Commodore: Kerry McIntosh

Rear Commodore: Mitch Blanch

Treasurer: Paul Bendy

Honorary Secretary: Linda McIntosh

### Ordinary Committee Members:

Bob Julian

Chris Julian

Melissa Blanch

Tim Motum

Daphne Motum

Wendy Hammond

- Alan & Lyn Blanch
- Alan "Sol" Meyn
- Arther "Acka" McDonald
- Bede Bright
- Bob Glen
- Des Worth
- Don Blanch
- Fay Hocking
- Garry Hiles
- George Lodge
- John & June Crofton
- Kevin Blanch
- Lyn Manners
- Noel & Betty Huntington
- Noel "Pa" Motum
- Norm Hipwell
- Peter & Yvonne Kendal
- Peter Willing
- Phil "Grasshopper" Meyn
- Ron Sallaway
- Snow Hitchcock
- Terry Jenner
- Wally Woodland