

Myall Lakes Aquatic Club

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Last Outing - Captain's Stew - Shedden's Landing Tamboi- August 16th



Due to many last minute cancellations due to ill health and the current influenza going around, the Captain's Stew had only a small attendance this year. The weather on the lake was uncomfortable with south westers up to 30 knots so an executive decision was made to relocate to Tamboi, where we enjoyed the protection of the river with no wind and very much appreciated sunshine on the wharf. It was decided to forgo the judging this year because of the limited number of entries, however, competition was still intense for those who participated and some very tasty stews were delivered for the evening meal. Sunday pm saw a short respite from the wind so an excursion via dinghy to Mungo Brush and a walk across to the beach was enjoyed by all. A dingo fitted with a radio collar was also spotted during the walk as it foraged along the shoreline looking for food.

Next Meeting - AGM 2008 -Sept 6th

**DON'T FORGET WE NEED NUMBERS FOR
THE AGM ASAP.**

The Annual general Meeting for the Myall Lakes Aquatic Club will be held at 6.00pm on Saturday **September 6th 2008** at the Hawks Nest Surf Life Saving Club. Dinner will be held at 7.00pm. All positions will be declared vacant and we are looking for committee members. Remember it is your club. If it is to continue to grow, we need active, committed, passionate people to run the club, so if you feel you can contribute and spare a little time, please put your hand up and volunteer to carry a little of the load on the committee and help continue the club traditions to make the Myall's a special place.

The dinner is \$30 per head to be payable when you book. We will have dinner and dancing afterwards. The Raffle will be drawn at the meeting so be sure to return your tickets ASAP.

On the back of the bulletin is a sheet to send in with your money to Eve at 37 Whitbread Drive Lemon Tree Passage 2319 or you can BPay to our account BSB is 032-507 and the account number is 165513

Please advise on transaction who is the sender and for what i.e. J Public MLAC AGM dinner and send an email to Eve at emw48@internode.on.net to let me know what it is for.

For those travelling by boat, Carol Hayden has organised the bus to again pick up at the Tea Gardens Public Wharf at 5.30pm to transport members to the Surf Club and return again when it's over.

Support your club and come to the AGM!

Club Fund Raiser

We need all the tickets returned now for the raffle so we can draw it at the AGM. If you have tickets could you please send them to Evon at 37

Whitbread Drive, Lemon Tree Passage 2319 as soon as possible along with money and any unsold tickets.

Reminder about Annual Club Subscriptions

Club subs are now **OVERDUE**. If you intend to remain a member please pay now. Fees remain the same.

Member \$30.00

Member plus partner \$35.00

Please forward subs to treasurer Suzie Sturman at 77 Horace St, Shoal Bay 2315 or BPay to our account BSB is 032-507 and the account number is 165513

Please advise on transaction who is the sender and for what i.e. J Public MLAC subs and send an email to Suzie at

pdoddsconsulting@hotmail.net.au so we can check the money arrived.

Upcoming Event Calendar

1. AGM – Hawks Nest – 6th September
 2. Tea Gardens Festival Sailpast – 25 October – see last bulletin
 3. Blessing of the Fleet – Sunday 15 November – see last bulletin
 4. Christmas Party – 29-30 November – more details in next bulletin.
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Happenings!

With only a small meeting for the captain's Stew there was not a great deal to report... however... our newest members, Terry and Margaret Coates from Lemon Tree Passage made the trip upriver to Tamboi in their newly acquired Clipper Sundecker for the meeting. He vessel will be renamed "Finally" and the background behind the choice of name came from 1st Mate Margaret and family who reckoned Terry had inspected 4,286 boats since 2001 before FINALLY deciding on the clipper. Obviously 1st mate Margaret was impressed with having to attend all the inspections. Terry was so impressed with his choice, he decided to wash out

the inside of the saloon on Sunday am. His method of washing was different although very effective.
Step 1 – Turn on the galley tap over the sink
Step 2 – Get distracted and forget about it.
Step 3 – Get the mop
Step 4 – Fess up to the 1st Mate
Step 5 – Learn to shut the door so NOBODY sees.
WELCOME TO THE BOAT CLUB, TERRY!

Get Well Soon

Terry Hayden had a trip to hospital last week to undergo surgery. He is now back home convalescing (I don't know how long he will get away with that!) so get well soon, Terry!

Make the switch to 406

Recreational boat owners with vessels eight metres or longer must replace their distress beacons



under new rules to take effect on 1 July.

Operators of commercial vessels (Class A, B or C) working in offshore waters must also make the switch to 406 MHz distress beacons under these new rules.

An amendment to the Boating (Safety Equipment)



Regulation – NSW, under the Maritime Services Act, will require 406 MHz digital beacons to replace any 121.5 MHz analogue beacons by July. Distress beacons are also known as Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs).

To comply with the new requirement, 406 MHz beacons must also be registered with the Australian Maritime Safety Authority and carry a registration sticker.

From 1 February 2009, the outdated 121.5 MHz signal will no longer be monitored by aircraft or satellite.

Each 406 MHz beacons – registered to an individual person and their craft – carries a unique identification code, transmitted when the beacons is activated.

The unique code provides vital information about the registered boat and its owner – ensuring a faster and more effective search and rescue response appropriate to vessel size. Outdated analogue beacons provided only a position to rescuers.

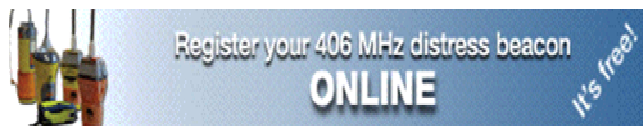
Boaters – including recreational vessels 8m or larger required by law to carry a distress beacon – must make the switch for safety’s sake.

As an additional safety measure, any skipper going offshore should use their marine radio to alert the volunteer marine radio network with the details of the expected journey, and then log off on return.

For more information go to <http://beacons.amsa.gov.au/index.asp> and <http://www.cospas-sarsat.org/MainPages/indexEnglish.htm>

To purchase a “RFD” ARC Satelite2 406Mhz. EPIRB . which complies with GMDSS, COSPAS-SARSAT requirements. Transmits on 406 & 121.5 Mhz. Unique coded signal for registration of owner and vessel. Lithium battery operates for 48 hours. Manual operation. RFD is a world leader in search and rescue equipment.

Contact club member Don Legge for a special price of \$450.00 (retail \$493.00)
Contact Don on 02 49845353, 0418845358 or email leg33@exemail.net.au



MLAC Membership Renewal

Names:

We/I enclose a cheque for the following amount:

Membership 08-09 \$30

Partner Membership \$5

Total amount

Please send cheque to Suzie Sturman, 77 Horace St, Shoal Bay 2315.

If you have already paid your fees please disregard this notice

AGM Dinner

Names:

We/I enclose a cheque for the following amount:

\$30 per head

Total amount.....

Please send cheque to Suzie Sturman, 77 Horace St, Shoal Bay 2315. Or you can BPay the same time as you pay your subs.

Safe boating until next time

