

# Myall Lakes Aquatic Club

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## Christmas Party 2007-Joe's Cove

Our annual club Christmas Party was held this year on 24<sup>th</sup> November at Joe's Cove. The Club filled the cove with about 12 boats, and the weather was very kind to us. About 35 members attended and all had a great time. Santa and his little helper, "The Elf", arrived about 4pm and distributed presents to



the kids, and then the big kids. Once again, Santa and his not-so-little helper did a great job. The kids all enjoyed the day, and "Grandpa Joe" Marko was seen to be creating havoc when he "borrowed" one of the kid's water guns. He did get his comeuppance on Sunday morning when he accidentally missed the first step off the back of the boat after he was summoned by the first mate for the 6<sup>th</sup> time for his breakfast. It really was an accident!! Thanks Lisa, we believe you!

Veronica Hamilton once again starred as the conductor / lead singer as she led the Christmas Carols. Welcome back Veronica and Jeff.

Carol & Terry Hayden with the help of Chris Marko prepared a wonderful Christmas feast for all present. There is an enormous amount of preparation work involved in putting together a club Christmas dinner and we are very fortunate in having committee members prepared to step up and provide the expertise, time and effort necessary to bring it all together. A very special thanks go to

Carol & Terry Hayden, Chris & Joe Marko, and the ladies involved in helping with the preparation of the salads. Chris also ran a 100 club fund raiser during the evening and the big winner was ... (drum roll)... Carol Hayden. Congratulations Carol! I wonder if Terry got his cut of the winnings!

The Best Dressed boat winners were Ian and Susie Sherwood, Ann & Alan Coates with equal third Kevin & Evon Williams and Steve and Leesa Ellicott.

Thanks also to our resident photographer Ian Sherwood for all the great photos of the event.

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## New Members

A big welcome to our club to Tony and Lisa Raponi, Wayne & Lisa Ekert, Trevor & Kylie Peck, Shane & Kim Katte. We hope to see you at some of our meetings soon!

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## Sailpast at Tea Gardens - Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup>

About 15 vessels took part in the Tea Gardens Festival Sail Past. Our Club organised the event and all went very well on the day. Several boats were decorated and our club presented a perpetual trophy for winning the event to Chris & Joe Marko and new members Tony & Lisa Raponi for renewing their vows on the bow of "Come By Chance". Good job and well done by the club and a big "Thank You" to Tony Woodfield from NSW Maritime for once again leading the event and Coast Guard for participating again. Most members moored up on shore and enjoyed the rest of the day's festivities.

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## Tilligerry Blessing of the Fleet

About 30 boats took part in this years Blessing of the Fleet at the Lemon Tree Passage Fair. Karuah boat club came first. However Ian and Susie Sherwood gained a second prize and Ann and Alan Coates received an Honourable mention. Well done!

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## Violet Hill Wharf



After nearly 2 year preparatory work (seems like 6 years), the floating pontoon is finally in place and complete. It looks great and will be a great asset to the park. National Parks will be finishing the shoreline landscaping to complete the project, hopefully before the Christmas Rush. There will be an opening ceremony for the wharf organised by NSW Maritime and NPWS at a time not yet decided. I will keep you informed.

Our volunteers had a tough but enjoyable time during the 5 days involved in the preparation, pouring and stripping of the ground anchors. It absolutely bucketed down rain for the whole time. The second session went very smoothly with the pontoon & gangway arriving at Neranie Bay where we craned it into the water for its tow down the lake to Violet Hill by Don Legge in Sagitta.

The connection brackets were craned into position and secured, the gangway and strut were craned in and connected, and the walkway was prepared and paved off the gangway. It was a great effort by all volunteers involved. A special thanks goes to

Warren Tully for his engineering expertise and labour; Don Legge for his tow vessel and his involvement on the entire project; his wife Wendy, our camp cook; Dick Riddell and Morris Hadley for their help with the concrete works and the supply of the paving; the Lemon Tree Boys – Ian Sherwood, Al Ford, Al Coates, Don Matts, Brian Brett for their labour contribution throughout the project, and Anthony Rodgers for his labour contribution and supply of a compactor for the paving, NPWS for their contribution with labour, back hoe, truck and driver, and especially Ranger Brett Cann for his contribution with the paperwork necessary for the project to proceed.

Our club should be very proud of the fact that we have provided a \$70,000 Asset to the park, which we hope will have the longevity of the previous old log wharf which was built by our club and continually maintained ever since its construction.

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## Life Member

Who says you get too old to go boating!! One of our oldest and original Life Members, Dorrie Henderson, still goes boating on the Broadwater in Surfers Paradise at 89 years of age. We received a nice note from her son, Graeme Henderson, now residing on the Gold Coast, where he helps look after his mum. Dorrie still enjoys reading our club newsletter to keep in touch with what's going on down here on the Myalls. Well done, Dorrie! Make sure you keep the skipper in line!

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## Next Outings

**Christmas on the Lakes** – Informal gatherings wherever and when ever.

**February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Johnson's Beach** – Masters Games – Horse Shoes, Gumboot Throwing, Quoits etc

**April 12-13 – Violet Hill** – Fish & Chip Night

**June 7-9 – Bandicoot Point** – Captain's Stew and Ladies Damper Cooking Competitions in camp ovens

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## Happenings - STOP PRESS - Securitary!

Riviera has a new model. Very Cheap to run, 34ft, twin 260HP engines. Doesn't need Fuel! Just a rope, a very strong rope, a very long rope, better known as a **TOW ROPE**! A well known, very experienced, Coast Guard trained skipper of some repute, whilst returning home following our violet Hill Project, had an unexpected engine failure around Middle Island. His luck was not in! You know what they say about twin engine vessels. What happens to one engine usually happens to the other engine, not long after the first failure. WELL, GUESS WHAT! The second engine failed. Only new engines, too. What about warranty he says? I mean to say, what's a guy got to do to get reliability? New engines, new shafts, new propellers, new fuel tank – what more could you need?

**“MAYBE A LITTLE FUEL WOULD HELP.”**

So, this very experienced, Coast Guard trained, skipper of some repute, decided to strap the tinny on the side, tie up the tiller, fire her up, and off he goes. **“I'll get home”** he says, **“They won't know!”** Well, guess who runs out of fuel in the tinny? Guess who has to phone for the hook to come and rescue him? Guess who took the nameplate off his boat so it couldn't be recognised? Guess who's mate's got a big mouth???

Well, Serayah, sorry, I meant see ya, well it sounds nearly the same, doesn't it? I was sworn to secrecy Ian, so I've done my best to conceal your identity!

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## Email Addresses

Don't forget to let us know if you change your email address or now have one that we don't know about. Send an email to Evon at [emw48@internode.on.net](mailto:emw48@internode.on.net) (new email address!)

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Safe boating until next time and  
we wish you a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy Healthy 2008

