

Myall Lakes Aquatic Club

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AGM 2008 -Sept 6th

The Annual general Meeting for the Myall Lakes Aquatic Club was held on Saturday September 6th 2008 at the Hawks Nest Surf Life Saving Club. The night started out with several challenges to be overcome before proceedings could start. Firstly, the weather was not kind to us with a howling southerly change of about 30 knots and bucketing down rain. Next, the problem of finding somewhere to cook the spit roast out of the weather, then a power outage throughout half of Hawks Nest for 3 ½ hours saw us chasing candles and a small genset. Next, the gas regulator on the spit roast was faulty causing a 1 ½ hour delay on the cooking. With help from some very capable members who addressed all the challenges, we saw the meeting start at 6.30pm and things flowed smoothly for the rest of the evening and all present enjoyed a great night. Many thanks to Carol & Terry Hayden and Chris & Joe Marko for the organising behind the scenes and another big thank you to Chris for supplying the music and dancing instruction, which made the night such a success. A big thank you, also, to all the ladies who helped setting up the table decorations. The committee for the 08-09 year will be as follows:

Commodore:	Kevin Williams
Vice Commodore:	Peter Dodds
Rear Commodore:	Don Legge
Secretary:	Evon Williams
Treasurer:	Suzie Sturman
Committee Social:	1.Chris Marko 2.Susie Sherwood
Committee Member:	Ann Coates
Public Officer:	Garry Hiles
Committee Construction:	Joe Marko

The Financials for 07/08 are attached for your appraisal

Our Fundraiser Raffle was drawn with first prize of the painting going to Laurel Hall from Medowie and second prize of the lunch for 2 at Peppers Anchorage going to Chris Marko.

Commodore's Report for 2008 AGM

Welcome to the 5th Annual General Meeting of the Myall Lakes Aquatic Club. For those new members present, the MLAC was formed by joining the Myall Lakes Yacht Club and the Myall Boating Club in 2003. Both parent clubs were formed back in the 1970's, so our current club has roots and traditions in the Myalls that go back a long way.

Firstly I would like to thank the outgoing committee for their efforts in 07-08. I would like to give a very special thank you to Carol & Terry Hayden and Chris Marko for their tireless efforts throughout the year organising our social events. Carol & Terry have indicated that they won't be standing for committee this year, so once again, many thanks for your effort, Carol & Terry.

Another special thank you goes to our Treasurer Suzie Sturman for her effort once again this year. Suzie lives an extremely busy lifestyle and still manages to squeeze in the Aquatic Club's financials and does a sterling job.

Suzie's "low maintenance" partner and our Vice Commodore Peter Dodds once again supported our club with his time and his generosity. Pete does a lot for the club behind the scenes financially, and our club benefits considerably through his efforts. Thanks Pete!

A special thank you also goes to Warren & Julie Tully. Our club financials have to be audited each year to comply with Department of Fair Trading Regulations. Warren & Julie volunteer to carry out the audit process for our club, which is a very time consuming exercise and we are extremely fortunate as a club to have their expertise available to us. Warren was also very instrumental in the

engineering, planning and completion of our Violet Hill Wharf Project during the past 2 years. Thanks to Warren & Julie.

One more special thank you goes to my wife and our club secretary, Eve, for her ongoing work for the club, especially during the Violet Hill Project which generated lots of paperwork to be processed. Thank you, Eve!

Christmas on the lakes saw the culmination of 2 years work on the Violet Hill Pontoon and walkway, completed with the last of the paperwork going out in June. Our club should feel very proud to have instigated the process required, carried out the planning and approval stage, and finally carried out the building process to complete another major asset to the Myall Lakes National Park. Thanks also to NSW Maritime for the Marine Infrastructure Grant for 50% of the costing of the project. We now have a \$75,000 structure which is wheelchair compliant at Violet Hill for the boating fraternity.

Many thanks go to the volunteers from our club who participated in the building process of the wharf. It was a very challenging project, completed in adverse conditions. There were many volunteers to list, however a special thanks go to Dick Riddell for his efforts and generosity, and Don Legge for his participation, along with Warren Tully for his expertise and time. The ongoing traditions of our club continue with the completion of this project. Well done and thank you to all the volunteers.

Marine Parks – The Port Stephens/ Myall Lakes Marine Park has now been up and running for over 12 months. Our club now has in place a 3 year Permit to carry out our club activities within the park. So far the Marine Park Regulations have not impacted on our club's activities, however, members should all be aware of the regulations and boundaries now in place, as ignorance of these regulations is not a valid excuse, and fines are being passed on those who infringe on the regulations.

Events – Once again last October, our club was approached by the Tea Gardens Festival Committee to carry out a sailpast at the opening of the festival. The day was a great success and all who participated had dressed their vessels for the event. It was a great PR Event for our club. We have been approached to carry out the sailpast

again this year so we once again need good representation from our club.

Socially, our club has suffered with only small numbers attending our regular outings up the lake. I feel one of the main contributions to our declining numbers is the current fuel cost crisis we are involved in. It became quite costly to attend regular meetings when we have 8-12 hours steaming time to get there and back. It is an issue we will have to address this year.

Our club continues to grow quite well financially and we are in a good position for the future. Our financial membership now stands at approximately 130 members and we still have some members who will rejoin again this year. There are always a few members who are late with their subs.

Our club still needs an influx of younger members who are passionate about the lake and the traditions of the club, to take it into the future. This has proved to be a very difficult process trying to attract younger members to our club. Time and financial restraints on our younger generation make it very difficult to attract younger people. There is no easy answer. We all just have to try a little harder to promote our club and hopefully attract some younger members.

Thank you.

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

THIS IS THE LAST BULLETIN YOU WILL RECEIVE IF YOU DON'T PAY YOUR FEES NOW!

Upcoming Event Calendar

1. **Tea Gardens Festival Sailpast – 25 October – see this bulletin**
 2. **Blessing of the Fleet – Sunday 15 November – see this bulletin**
 3. **Christmas Party – 29-30 November – see this bulletin.**
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Tea Gardens SailPast

Once again our club has been asked to organise the sail past at the Annual Tea Gardens Festival on **Saturday 25th October, at 10.00am** at the Singing Bridge. We would need to muster on the south side of the bridge at our usual spot about 0.5km down the river for the briefing and form up. Once again prizes will be awarded for the best dressed boat, so start to plan your decorations.

PUT THE DATE ON YOU CALENDAR. We need a good roll up as in previous years, as a club representation, and advise Kevin on 02 4982 3663 if you can attend.

Tilligerry Blessing of the Fleet

This year the Blessing of the Fleet at Lemon Tree Passage will be held on **Saturday, November 15th**. There will be prizes for the Best Dressed Boat and the Most Humorous. Bring the family along for the onshore entertainment afterwards. There will be Osborne's Carnival Rides, Markets and Fireworks along with good food and other activities. There will also be a boat display at the marina. If you want to enjoy a good day out or need more details, please ring Kevin on 4982 3663. Put the date in your diary so you don't forget.

You will need to assemble in your boat at the south end of Bull Island in Tilligerry Creek at about 10.30 to 11.00 am where the information boat will be located. All participants **MUST** officially register before the sailpast.

Next Outing - **Christmas Party** at Violet Hill - 29th November 2008

Our Christmas party will be held on Saturday 29th November at Violet Hill. This year we are trying a different idea. The club will supply the meats and everyone coming will bring a salad or dessert to share. If you are coming could you please ring either Chris Marko on 49308276 or Susie Sherwood on 49823302 to organise what sort of salad etc you would like to bring.

Santa and his helper will be there so don't forget to bring a present each to the value of \$5 – males wrapped in Red and females in Green. Also presents for the children are to be to the value of \$15 and wrapped with child's name on the present. All presents to be on John B by 2.00pm please. Chris will be organising activities for the afternoon's entertainment and there will be Carol Singing at night so come along and enjoy yourself!

Safe boating until next time



Myall Lakes Aquatic Club Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30-06-08

RECEIPTS

Membership Fees Received	3675	
Annual General Meeting - Surf Club Tea Gardens	990	Annual General Meeting Dinner and Entertainment Costs
Income from other Functions	1320	Expenses for other Functions
Xmas in July07 - Christmas Picnic 2007	230	
Fish and Chips (net)	<u>55</u>	1605
Sale of Merchandise Stickers Hats etc	269	Stock Purchased for Resale
Wharves and Lakeside Facilities		Wharves and Lakeside Facilities
Violet Hill - Floating Wharf Project		Violet Hill - Floating Wharf Project
Reimbursements Received 1-7-07 to 30-6-08	35210	Construction costs 1-7-07 to 30-6-08 (see Note 1)
Other Income		Other Expenses
Donations Received (100 Clubs, Raffles etc)	726	Department of Fair Trading - Filing Fees
Interest on Westpac a/c 16-5513 (operating a/c)	94	Floral Tributes
Interest on Westpac a/c 17-7972 (Maxi- Interest)	3444	Insurances
Interest on Westpac a/c 20-0550 (B/Green Algae)	180	Public Liability
Interest on Westpac a/c 16-2251 (Maxi- Business)	<u>545</u>	"The Prawn"
(now closed)	4989	Workers Compensation
		Printing and Stationery
		Web Site - Domain maintenance fee
Total Receipts for Year	<u><u>46738</u></u>	Surplus of receipts over payments for Y/e 30-06-08

Statement of MLAC Bank Balances as at 30th June 2008

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Account 16-5513 at Westpac New Lambton -

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Note 1:

The Violet Hill Floating Wharf Project was initiated in 2005 with an application by MLAC for a grant from Maritime NSW under their Maritime Infrastructure

(MLAC operating cheque account, which includes Junior Members account balance of \$157.)	-	
Account 17-7972 at Westpac Nelsons Bay	-	81571
(Maxi-Interest At Call account)	-	
Account 20-0550 at Westpac Raymond Terrace	-	
(Blue Green Algae Fighting Fund)	-	3344
	Total	
	Funds	90825

Program, (MIP). Our proposal was merited against numerous applications by other Incorporated organisations & we received approval in 2006. Concept design, component selection & manufacture plus regulatory approvals were a time-consuming process extending over a 3 year period. Headworks were commenced in October 2007 and the project was completed under budget on 6th December 2007. The project value of \$70,420 has now been approved by MIP, which includes \$2,725 accrued to MLAC across the 3 year period .

S Sturman Treasurer
W. Tully Auditor