

Myall Lakes Aquatic Club

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Last Outing - AGM September 11 at Lemon Tree Passage

About 26 club members attended the AGM at Lemon Tree Passage Bowling Club. The venue was good, once again with a separate room allocated adjacent to the dining room. The meal was great, with no complaints and the DJ provided good music throughout the night. Only a few changes to the committee this year. Our long time treasurer Suzie Sturman stepped down this year to manage increased work commitments and look after Vice Commodore Pete who is still in rehab mode following hip replacements. Many thanks to Suzie for her sterling effort with our books over a long period. Suzie will be replaced by Sandra Ryan who has generously volunteered to step into the treasurer's role.



Our elected committee for 2010-2011 is as follows:

Commodore:	Kevin Williams
Vice commodore:	Peter Dodds
Rear Commodore:	Don Legge
Secretary:	Evon Williams
Treasurer:	Sandra Ryan
Committee Social:	Chris Julian
	Susie Sherwood
	Ann Coates

Committee Construction: Bob Julian
Public Officer: Garry Hiles
Publicity Officer: Carol Hayden

Carol Hayden has volunteered to join the committee again to drive a campaign to increase our membership with some new ideas to advertise our club and what we do through the Nota and Examiner papers, the FM radio coverage in Port Stephens and Forster and with leaflets in tourist bureau outlets. We all need to support Carol in this proposal to try to gain younger members to carry on the objectives of our club into the future.

Kevin Lawson chaired the meeting during the election of officers and thanked the outgoing committee for all their work during the year. Thanks Kevin.

A special thanks to Warren and Julie Tully for once again auditing the club's books for the past year. This is a big job and is very much appreciated by all, and a significant saving for the club.

About 20 members attended and enjoyed our club breakfast on the Sunday morning following the AGM at Kevin and Eve's place. All enjoyed a hearty breakfast with lots of discussion (about boating, of course)

Commodore's Report 09/10

Welcome everyone to the Annual General Meeting of the Myall Lakes Aquatic Club. Some regular attendees of this event are missing this year due to travel commitments and they convey their apologies.

Firstly, I would like to thank all the outgoing committee for their efforts in the 09-10 year. A very special thanks to treasurer Suzie Sturman who will step down from the committee this year. Suzie

has done a sterling job as treasurer over a number of years despite a very busy lifestyle trying to juggle heavy work commitments, carer duties for high maintenance Vice Commodore Pete, and the boat club commitments. A great effort for somebody who only took on the job years ago, as a fill in treasurer for a few months. Well done, Suzie!

Our club secretary, Eve Williams, once again has excelled with the club correspondence, bulletins and preparations behind the scenes.

Vice Commodore, Peter Dodds, has had a difficult year, without legs. Pete has had 2 hip replacements this year which has curtailed his boating activities. If he thinks having operations was painful, he should have put himself in carer Suzie's shoes and have to listen to him whinging consistently about not being able to get out on the boat. Maybe next year Suzie we could organise a jaw operation for him. Anyhow Pete has still been looking after our club insurance and his B.O.A. duties. Well done, Pete!

Our club has enjoyed a busy social calendar this past year with nine functions throughout the 09-10 period. We had good numbers in attendance at all the summer outings. However, some of our winter events saw some of our regular attendees choosing to follow the sun and hibernate in the north. Our Fish and Chip night and our Master's Games, once again proved very popular. Our Captain's Stew and Ladies Damper may have to be moved to another time frame to improve numbers. This event has traditionally been very popular.

Many thanks to Chris Julian, Susie Sherwood, Ann Coates and the ladies who contribute to organising the club's social scene. It is a difficult job and is appreciated by all who attend.

A special thanks to our club prawn (tender) towers, especially Terry Hayden, Joe Marko and Ian Sherwood. It's never an easy task and often overlooked. Well done guys!

Thanks also to Carol and Terry Hayden for their ongoing help in the food preparation and cooking at many of our events. It is always appreciated by all who attend.

Construction wise, our club has had a quiet year. Wharf structures within the Park have been in good condition. However, some deck maintenance is

now coming up. We will advise when, following discussions with National Parks.

A special thanks as always goes to Warren & Julie Tully. Our club financials have to be audited each year to comply with Department of Fair Trading requirements and Warren & Julie volunteer to carry out the audit process for our club, which is a time consuming process, requiring the financial expertise evident in their final reports. Our club is very fortunate to have their expertise available to us, Thanks to Warren & Julie.

Our club continues to grow quite well financially, with interest on our investment accounts helping considerably and easing the load on continued fundraising. Current financial membership is about 110, which has dropped marginally since last year, however, we will always have some late payers who forget. The financial load on members, past & present, fuel costs, family and work time constraints, also contribute to membership numbers fluctuating.

Our club still needs an influx of younger members and family groups to carry on the traditions of our club, however, in our current economic climate this is proving to be a difficult exercise to attract and retain new members. We have been fortunate to attract 8 new younger members this year,

We all need to promote our club at every opportunity to make people aware of the wonderful aquatic and serene asset in our area called the Myall Lakes, and the work and traditions that our club and its forebear have carried out over the years to improve facilities in the park. Thank you.

Next Outing - Fame Cove

An informal meeting will be held on 16-17th October at Fame Cove, Port Stephens. Bring your own everything. Should be good. The westerlies should be finished so it should be a comfortable anchorage.

Club Subs - Now Well Overdue

Club subscriptions are now overdue. Please forward your money to Sandra (- see form below.)

or you can pay it on the internet. The BSB is 032-507 and the account number is 165513. If you choose to do this could you please also send an email to Sandra at kevin.lawson1@bigpond.com to advise her that you have paid on the internet and put a comment in the money transaction such as MLAC Subs – Joe Brown. Sandra’s address if you are posting a cheque is Sandra Ryan 12 Spoonbill Close, Nerong 2423

PLEASE TEAR OR CUT OFF AND RETURN WITH CHEQUE

MLAC Membership Renewal

Names:

Membership 10-11	\$30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Partner Membership	\$5	<input type="checkbox"/>

We/I enclose a cheque for the following amount:

Total amount	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Christmas Party 13-14 November

Our club Christmas Party will be held once again at Violet Hill on 13/14th November. It will be catered for with the club supplying the ham, pork and chickens and members attending bringing salads or sweets to share. Chris Julian is keeping a list of what people are bringing so ladies please liaise with Chris on what you are bringing. Her number is 0428 400 061 or give Susie Sherwood a ring on 49823302 if you can't get onto Chris. **WE WILL NEED TO KNOW NUMBERS ATTENDING THE CHRISTMAS PARTY SO WE CAN CATER.** Please advise Chris Julian or Susie Sherwood on the above numbers by November 5th if you are coming so we can organise the meats.

Santa and his helper will be there so don't forget to bring a present to the value of \$5, Males wrapped in Silver and Females wrapped in gold paper. 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.

There will be carol singing at night so come along and enjoy yourselves.

It was also decided that following our Christmas Party we will continue on with the progressive outing mentioned in the previous bulletin. A good number of members were interested in continuing on from Violet Hill, so we will probably move to Bandicoot for a night, Nerong for a night, Mungo for a night and Engels for a night.

Tilligerry Blessing of the Fleet - Sat 20th November

Once again the perpetual trophy will be presented to the Best Dressed Boat. There will be prizes for the Best Dressed Boat and the Most Humorous as well as other prizes. Bring the family along for the onshore entertainment afterwards. There will be Carnival Rides, Markets, Bands, an Art Show and Fireworks along with good food and other activities. If you want to enjoy a good day out, put the date in your diary so you don't forget. The Festival goes from 10.00am to 9.00pm. You will need to assemble in your boat at the south end of Bull Island in Tilligerry Creek at 9.30am for a sailpast at 10.00 am. All participants MUST officially register before the sailpast by ringing Trevor Peck on 49824559. It is a Gold Coin donation to enter.

Calendar - Proposed dates

Put these dates in your diary for this year

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1. **16-17 October – Fame Cove**
 2. **November 13-14th – Christmas – Violet Hill**
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500 Club

Our 500 Club has still not been filled. Numbers are for sale at \$5 each. We will draw the winners at the Christmas Party. If you are not coming but would like a number ring Eve on 49823663 and pick a number and then send her your \$5. Remember we

are giving the profit to a charity, after the prizes have been given out.

Happenings

- 1) Charlie Dunkley's replacement for NSW Maritime has not yet been announced.
- 2) The Dredging of Corrie Island is to be completed in about 1 week from now. The estimated depth will be 2.1m and the dogleg has been straightened out. NSW Maritime will remark the channel following completion of dredging activities.
- 3) New wharves are under construction at Tea Gardens, including a large floating pontoon with mooring behind the pontoon as well. A new wharf is to be rebuilt at Hawks Nest.
- 4) Wharf Maintenance: Some decking on the lake wharves is in need of replacement. A working bee will be organised.
- 5) Lemon Tree Passage now has a 4 knot limit from the entrance markers on the north end to the cardinal mark on the south end of Bull Island.
- 6) We have decided not to participate in the Tea Gardens Sailpast this year due to lack of numbers.
- 7) No dirt on any members to report on in this issue –Boring, boring, boring, Lift your game people!

Safe boating until next time



Thoughts of the Day

1. You must learn from the mistakes of others. You can't possibly live long enough to make them all yourself.

- Sam Levenson

2. You can tell whether a man is clever by his answers. You can tell whether a man is wise by his questions.

- Naguib Mahfouz