



Happy and safe boating

MLAC Bulletin

"Respect the Past - Create the Future"

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NEXT OUTING

**Good Friday
30 March**

At

Tait's

Club catered

Fish & Chips

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 28 April: Korsman's
- 26 May: Mungo Brush
- 23 June: Tamboi
- 28 July: Shore based
- 8 Sept: AGM
- 13 Oct: Engels
- 17 Nov: Korsmans

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Blossom Point Bay

17-18 February 2018

Myall Lakes Aquatic Club's first outing for 2018 saw fine weather and crystal clear waters in the Lake.

A small group of enthusiastic members gathered at the beautiful Blossom for a weekend of fun, exploration, cooling off in the pleasant lake waters and socialising with good friends.



Boats in the above raft up are: Independence, Lazy Days, Toy Ship, Polimer and Sundowner. Paul and Wendy were day trippers in their tinnie.



Cooling off



Col looks very excited to be heading off on the tender trek adventure

At 1300 hours, Commodore Rod sounded the horn as a 5-minute departure warning. The tenders were quickly manned and the intrepid group of explorers headed north in search of the illusive limestone caves.

They had a couple of clues to work with - the caves are near the entrance to Bibby Harbour and there is a cairn of rocks which marks the beginning of the onshore track.



Interesting facts

A **cairn** is a human-made pile (or stack) of stones. The word *cairn* comes from the Scottish Gaelic: *càrn* ['kʰa:r̥n̪ˠ] (plural *càirn* ['kʰa:r̥n̪ˠ]).

Cairns have been and are used for a broad variety of purposes, from prehistoric times to the present.

In modern times, cairns are often erected as landmarks, a use they have had since ancient times.

Cairns are used as trail markers in many parts of the world, on mountaintops, near waterways and on sea cliffs, as well as in barren deserts and tundra.

They vary in size from small stone markers to entire artificial hills, and in complexity from loose conical rock piles to delicately balanced sculptures and elaborate feats of megalithic engineering.

An ancient example is the inuksuk (plural inuksuit), used by the Inuit, Inupiat, Kalaallit, Yupik, and other peoples of the Arctic region of North America. Inuksuit are found from Alaska to Greenland.

Mac checks out the inside of the cave which opens up inside and continues around a corner.



Paul carefully places MLAC's rock contribution to the existing cairn



It took a while, and a careful search of the shoreline around the Bibby Harbour entrance before the team felt they had found the correct place.

Venturing ashore, they were soon rewarded by the sight of a rock cairn. The track was barely recognisable, but they battled on through undergrowth and overgrowth for about 50 metres before the exciting discovery of a small cave entrance.



After investigating the cave entrance, some of the team continued to search for grave sites, but without success. The remains of a wharf inside Bibby Harbour may be the next area to investigate, and "Sherlock" Linda is already on the case, researching the limestone mining history around the Lake. The Club Huddle took place at 4 pm on the aft deck of Lazy Days. The group didn't move far - just up to Lazy Days' top deck - for the usual end-of-day happy hour drinks and nibbles after another enjoyable day on the Lake.



Those returning to Tea Gardens reluctantly left on Sunday morning to allow travel downriver on the high tide. The Easter function is planned for Good Friday only, allowing members to spend the rest of the break with family and friends. We expect some members will choose to continue the weekend holidays together. Don't miss this spectacular time of year on Myall Lakes!