



Happy and safe boating

Myall Lakes Aquatic Club

"Respect the Past - Create the Future"

MAY 2018 MUNGO BRUSH



The weekend of the 27/28th May for the inaugural Club outing at Mungo Brush began early for the crew of "Bobcat" & "Independence". Wednesday saw them rafted up to carry out some urgent maintenance on the Prawn. The work was successfully completed by Friday and the Prawn is looking flash again. On Friday night eight early arrival members moored at Legges and gathered together on the pontoon for sunset drinks, followed by a most enjoyable meal and convivial company around the log fire in Myall Shores restaurant. The new management have a new menu and a Chef who we had the pleasure to meet, and were able to express our pleasure for the dining experience.

Saturday saw our club boats mooring at Mungo Brush in most unusual conditions. The Broad water was actually delightfully calm! The boats attending were True Blue, Toy Ship, Men from Mars, Bobcat, Independence, Lazy Days & Polimer.



The afternoon had us in a flotilla of tenders heading out to Tambo. At Sheddons wharf, members took the opportunity to explore on shore and marvel at this unique village. The Construction crew used the opportunity to closely inspect, measure and determine the way forward to repair the two wharves. While two intrepid, adventurous ladies took the hard way home, and walked, the tender flotilla used the opportunity to see close up the navigation hazards and the more scenic attractions not able to be seen from the flybridge of a deep draught cruiser. One crew used the opportunity to access inaccessible areas to collect an

abandoned windsurfer board and even found a "message in a bottle."



Commodore Rod had us assembling at 1600 hrs for the group huddle. Members were informed of the latest news within our Club and were also briefed on the night time activity. The Commodore had planned for 2 boats with equally divided crews among the members, to undertake a "night time navigation exercise!" At dusk, Toy Ship and lazy Days with their apprehensive crews (Men from Mars shadowing) headed out into the, thankfully dead calm expansive Broadwater. From the elevated perches of the flybridges, the lake looked more like Luna Park. Crews were astounded by the many different flashing, coloured lights blinking back twice, from the mirrored surface. The 3 vessels made their way across the Broadwater and turning-about in Nerong inlet, back into the lake to raft-up for a sausage BBQ on Toy Ship.

After arriving back safely to Mungo Brush, all breathed a sigh of relief and whole heartedly agreed it was an awakening experience. We thank the Commodore for the organisation and skilful, calm execution of this most worthwhile exercise. We all benefitted.

A wind blew up overnight returning the Broadwater by morning back to normal conditions as boats began weighing anchors and heading for home ports after another enjoyable outing.