



Happy and safe boating

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OUTING**



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2023 Outings
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AGM and Christmas Dinner – November - 2022

19-20 November 2022

The MLAC AGM and Christmas Dinner was very well attended this year. Ten boats made the journey to Myall Shores, while many members travelled in by car - 44 members were present in total.



The AGM commenced at 3.30pm, with Commodore Rod Blanch requesting us all to be upstanding for a minute silence in remembrance of life member Terry Hayden, who passed away on 31/1/22.

Proceedings opened with the Welcome from the Commodore and his report. The first item was his report on the wharf inspection, which was carried out by a small group of members earlier in the year. Overall, all the wharves were in relatively good condition, despite the floods experienced this year, except for the emergency wharf at Tamboy.

Commodore Rod then reminded members about the defibrillator purchased this year for club members. There was a recap of club events for the year, all of which were well-attended and very enjoyable. The winner of the Captains' Stew outing, Malcolm Muddle, and the runner-up, (Kerry) 'Mac' McIntosh, were congratulated again.

The next item was an update of progress on the Prawn. It has become apparent that the problems were much more extensive than were first realised. Rod gave sincere thanks to all those members who have worked on the Prawn. The Prawn is currently at the 'Lyall Boatshed', undergoing further refurbishment, but should be ready in time for our first outing in 2023.

Treasurer, Paul Bendy presented his report. He stated that the Club no longer needs the 50yr anniversary account as that milestone had been reached and the event to celebrate it now over. The committee organising the event had brought the celebratory event in under budget. That account is now closed. The Club continues to be financially stable and in good health. Detailed printed copies of the budget were tabled for Club members to peruse at their leisure.

A highlight of the AGM was the presentation of Life Membership to Don and Wendy Legge in recognition of their 50 years of service, always going 'above and beyond' for the club. Don and Wendy accepted this important award with great humility. Photos were taken and there was a genuine air of congratulation, pleasure in having these two wonderful members present, and the feeling that Don and Wendy were well-deserving of their Life Membership.



The 2023 MLAC Committee – L to R – Narelle Tennyson, Melissa Blanch, Christine Preston, Paul Bendy (Treasurer), Rod Blanch (Commodore), Don and Wendy Legge (Life Members); Linda McIntosh (Secretary), Kerry McIntosh, Rebecca Muddle (Rear Commodore), Allan Tennyson (Vice Commodore).

Commodore Rod then thanked the members of the committee of 2022. Special thanks were given to individuals for their various roles within the committee, and especially to Linda McIntosh for her work as Secretary. Linda has organised all the outings and all communication to Club members throughout the year with great skill and her usual sense of humour. Thanks, were also given to all those members who had assisted Linda in the organisation, setting up and packing away after our 2022 outings.

The next item on the agenda was the dissolution of the 2022 committee and the election of the committee for 2023. Malcolm Muddle acted as Presiding Officer. As there had been no Expressions of Interest for committee positions from the general membership, the committee elected for 2023 was the same as for 2022, with all committee members assuming the same roles as they had in 2022 and Rod Blanch once again taking on the role of Commodore, a role he performs with great dedication and skill. The Club is really lucky to have Rod, ably supported by Melissa, as our Commodore.

Members were requested to offer suggestions for activities for 2023. 'Shorty' Tennyson took the Black Box around those gathered so that members could post their suggestions. Hopefully, more suggestions will come in to the committee as members have the time to reflect on the year's outings and think of possible activities for 2023.

The AGM meeting closed at 4.10pm.

Afternoon tea was a lavish spread of hot and cold snacks provided by the catering staff of Myall Shores, all of which (especially the prawns wrapped in pastry!) were delicious and didn't last long. Members had a little while to mingle and catch up with each other before we all took our seats ready for dinner. Food choices had been pre-ordered to help the chefs and staff to manage such a large influx of patrons, and dinner was a convivial time characterised by much talk and laughter.

The final activity of the day was the Trivia game. While some members needed to leave after dinner, eight teams remained to test their Christmas knowledge. It only took the first two questions for most of the teamsters (those present at last year's AGM) to realise that they'd heard these questions before! Yes - the 2022 Trivia was a reprise of the 2021 Trivia. There was much hilarity as people tried to remember what the answers were last year, and quite a bit of banter between teams. Needless to say, the scores were significantly higher than they had been in the Christmas trivia of 2021. There were prizes too, this year - Christmas themed window stickers, funny Christmas eye-glasses etc. In the end, much fun was had by all and the evening closed with Club members well-fed and much amused after another successful Club activity.



The peaceful weather on Saturday was replaced with a gusty westerly on Sunday morning, reminiscent of the strong winds that buffeted last year's AGM. One by one the boats left the wharf with all hands on deck to help achieve a safe exit.





Another successful outing completed to cap off a year of fun and enjoyable boating. From the MLAC Committee best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We look forward to catching up on the lake over the summer.

