



Happy and safe boating

# MLAC Bulletin

*"Respect the Past - Create the Future"*

JULY 2023

## NEXT OUTING

23-24  
September

Captains Cook  
Competition  
Engels

## UPCOMING EVENTS

AGM and  
Christmas Spit  
Roast  
Korsmans

4-5 November

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## July Outing – Tea Gardens Wharf - 2023

29-30 July 2023

Eight boats and several land members enjoyed the beautiful winter weather at our Tea Gardens wharf outing on 29-30 July. Boats in attendance were Bobcat, Ampolla, Toy Ship, Harmony, Carroa, Imagine, Spray and Tri-Relaxin. Lethal Weapon and its young crew dropped in for a short visit on Saturday morning.



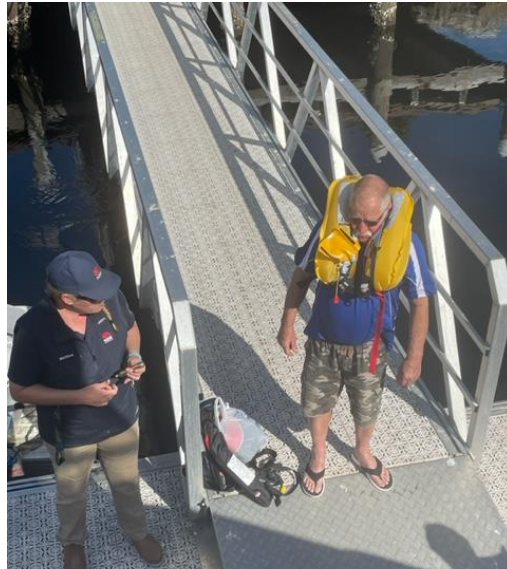
A few boats arrived Thursday night to allow maximum relaxing time straight after work on Friday. A lovely evening was held chatting and celebrating Bob's birthday. Happy Birthday to Bob and thanks to Shelley for a very impromptu but impressive birthday cake.



Saturday morning came with beautiful weather, morning tea and our invited guest, Jessica from Maritime to present on safe boating and how to service inflatable life jackets. Jess had an interesting presentation that raised some common errors well-meaning boaters can make. A well-timed discussion as members start to think of getting their boats ready for a summer of boating.



*Before Inflation*



*After Inflation*

Special thanks to Neil who volunteered to wear an inflatable life jacket and let us watch the inflation process, it was a dry run, he was very, very reluctant to show us how well it would float him.....

A couple of members found the gas cartridges in their inflatable jackets very corroded and at risk of failure, a timely reminder to remember to check jackets kept in tenders and locations that get more weather on them. Thank you to Jess for her time and answering all our questions.



Thirty members enjoyed a sausage sizzle lunch on the wharf on Saturday. Special thanks to Linda, aided by some excellent barbeque chefs who made it all happen.



A trip to Ben home to view all his boating artifacts was a real treat for Saturday afternoon. Ben has gathered many interesting nautical pieces over many years and tastefully included them into the design of his home. Rather than just being placed for viewing, many items have been incorporated into the functional design of the home. It is a credit to his workmanship and interesting design ideas. From Ben's it was onto Mac and Linda's home for Mac to show us his drogher in action. Very impressive indeed! Thank you.

The usual huddle assembled at 4.00pm. The commodore updated members on matters of interest since the last outing. Our working relationship with National Parks continues with our next meeting due in August. We have been advised that the funding for the emergency wharf at Tamboi has been locked in and the project is



continuing in the background whilst all the design and approval checks are completed. The commodore advised that we have been hearing feedback from members that there are concerns with the approval of moorings, beyond the usual wait times associated with the area. The committee are commencing investigations about how we may be able to assist and would be happy to hear feedback from any members who have encountered difficulties with their mooring application.

Saturday night over 30 attended the Pub for dinner. The company and the food were both fantastic and there was plenty of garlic bread to share around, thanks to Don.

On Sunday a scrumptious and hearty breakfast of bacon, eggs and smashed Avo was enjoyed on the wharf (Thanks Linda!). After breakfast the crews of Spray, Tri-Relaxin, Imagine and Ampolla, along with invited guests headed out into the bay for a cruise. There were a few zigzags until we decided where to head, but we ended up rafting up at Jimmey's beach. The weather Gods continued to be kind to us, and we enjoyed morning tea, chatting, lunch and then more chatting. We even had a quick birthday celebration cake for desert before we departed for home. Another great MLAC outing enjoyed by all.



Looking forward to seeing you all at the next outing, the Captains Cook Competition at Engels 23-24 September. Our last outing for the year will be the combined AGM and Christmas celebration to be held at Korsman's Landina 4-5 November.