



Happy and safe boating

MLAC Bulletin

"Respect the Past - Create the Future"

SEPTEMBER 2023

NEXT OUTING

AGM &
Christmas

4-5 November
Korsmans
Landing

UPCOMING EVENTS

2024 events
TBA

Boats Present:
Calypso, David's
boat, Harmony,
Anastasia,
Running on EMT,
Therapy, Carroa,
Ampolla, Imagine,
Independence and
Kiandra

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Captains Cook - September 2023 – Engels Wharf

23-24 September 2023

There was a large turn out to the Engels Captains Cook outing in September. Twelve boats in total made the short journey to Engels wharf for this prestigious weekend. Most were able to arrive Friday night, with only two boats arriving on Saturday. The early birds were entertained with a lovely evening around the camp fire and 'this is your life type tales' from Mac and Linda. Lots of laughter ensued hearing the story of how they first met, the years in between and how their life has spiraled down to now be running the effluent collection service (Linda's words, not mine!).



Saturday morning was greeted with fine weather and the usual bustle of setting up the marquees and making fire preparations ready for the cooking activity. Shortly after lunch the competing captains commenced with their early preparations, with an aim of serving the fine food at about 6.00pm



The Huddle commenced promptly at 4.00pm and was ably conducted by the Vice Commodore Shorty in the absence of Commodore Rod. The Vice-C thanked everyone for attending, for the team work in mooring all boats, to Mal for organizing the trophies, Geoff for tidying up the Engels area and a special thanks to Linda for her tireless work behind the scenes to make sure all the equipment needed was on location.

Secretary Linda was called upon to welcome new member David Owen on his first club outing, Welcome David! On a sad note, Linda advised that two long term members were battling terminal illness, our thoughts are with Annie Coates and Sandy Bell and their families at this time. Sadly, at the time of writing Annie Coates has passed away and our condolences go to her family and friends.

Rear Commodore Bec was called upon to give further updates. Recently the executive of MLAC committee held our annual meeting with National Parks and Wildlife representatives. Again, this was a very constructive meeting, with the good working relationship between the two parties benefiting boaters through the maintenance of wharves around the lakes. The planning work on replacing the wharf to access the heli pad at Tamboy is continuing. It was agreed at the meeting that National Parks would repurpose the previous floating pontoon from the heli pad wharf to the upgrade of The Independence wharf.

Update: since that meeting and the Engels outing, the 'floater' wharf has been brought to Tea Gardens for refurbishment. A number of MLAC members completed the repairs and the floater is ready to go back up river and be positioned. Paul and the contractor for the heli pad wharf have met on site and checked the exact location, levels and bank incline and the new wharf is under construction.



The long running refurbishment of the 'Prawn' continues. Photos of the progress so far were on display. The project has far exceeded anyone's initial thoughts on what was required.

The Vice-C again took the reins of the Huddle. He advised that in the past MLAC members have held working bees to tidy up the local boat ramps in Tea Gardens and Hawks Nest. Members present indicated that this would be a worthy project to assist with.

The club has been made aware that Marine Parks have put a hold on the issue of all moorings, both new moorings and transfers. Please let the Committee know if you have any further information or a trying to be allocated a mooring.

In general business the Vice-C advised the AGM and Christmas spit roast would be held at Korsmans Landing on 4/11/23. Linda then closed the Huddle with a rundown of the rules for the Captain's Cook and how the judging would occur.

Mac put out the call "Men to your pots" and the Huddle was over.

Ten Captains stepped up to the challenge of the Captains Cook, with the two non-competing Captains coerced into being the judges. Craig and Ben were up to the judging challenge and set about developing some criteria and a points system. The competition was fierce and the judging serious.



It was hard to pick a winner with 10 tasty dishes on offer. After what seemed like an eternity, the hungry boaters were allowed to sample the dishes.



Mac was declared the winner, with a simple but flavoursome Apricot Chicken dish, good old 'comfort food' with a few special Mac tweaks. Steve D came in a strong runner up with Massaman curry - another crowd pleaser.

The main meal was followed by a range of desserts from the co-captains. A great night was had by all and certainly no one was hungry at the end!

Looking forward to seeing you all at the next, and last outing for the year, the combined AGM and Christmas celebration to be held at Korsmans Landing 4-5 November. The tides are good, the weather..... who knows, but the company will be great. The 'Prawn' is ready for relaunching and to be put back to work. See you all there!