

Myall Lakes Aquatic

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What a big wet. It had us thinking about alternative venues etc. and the reports coming out of NPWS via newspapers suggested that some sites may be closed at Easter. Tim, as he so often does, came to the rescue by taking his boat by road up to Mungo Brush and then with Terry aboard headed over to Tamboi to check on the Prawn and then upstream checking out various sites until they reached Shelley Beach. This area proved to be dry enough for the outing so the decision was made to continue at this venue. A great big thank-you to Tim.

No doubt a few eggs remained for the many foraging goannas in the area.

We certainly had a good role-up for Good Friday Nights Fish and Chips. We welcomed prospective new members Judy and Neville, yachting friends of Janette and Peter, who have been sailing the lakes for years. Great to have them aboard.

Tim and Brett cooked up a storm. 3 species of fish, lake mullet, flathead and barra all cooked in beer batter with chips that were fantastic with that lovely clean taste you get when they are cooked properly and not full of fat. The ladies tabled an array of salads. There were too many to try all of them but those I sampled were spectacular.

I am afraid that with full tummies we showed our escalating years being back in our cots before midnight.

Over the weekend only one tender escaped and it returned to shore after it's owner called it back. Terry should soon start his knots training for crew and obviously some skippers. Consult Christine for information on tender training.

Sunday morning saw the annual Easter Egg Hunt take place with some very enthusiastic young-uns, equipped with buckets seeking out the eggs that had been scattered far and wide.



High Tide at Shelley Beach – Photo Ann Coates

Environmentally Speaking With Brett Motum

The Lake water level at the Easter outing was still up over 600mm one month after the rain event and is perhaps an effect of the reduced outflow at Corrie Creek due to the sanding up of this original Myall River mouth.

Prickly weed has also proliferated and is growing in huge banks where normally only "Possum Tail" weed is present.

Another noticeable effect (perhaps a desired one) is the apparent die-back of Lantana in these still submerged areas. One would like to think this was permanent but it is a very resilient weed and continues to encroach unchecked on the native vegetation.

The fishing was very limited due to the extensive areas of "Prickly Weed" but the writer

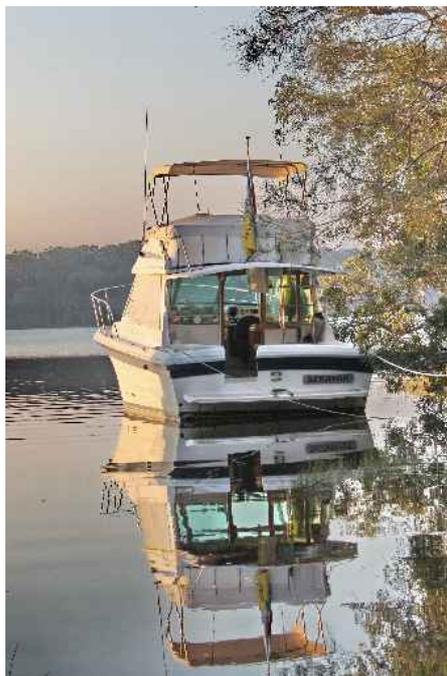
managed to land this 40cm "Yellow fin Bream" after an exciting battle on light gear.



Photo Tim Motum

The fish was obviously a female and was released unharmed, hopefully to produce the next generation of this exquisite fighting species.

Farewell Serayah 24/2/2013



Ian and Susie said a sad farewell to Serayah which was written off after her sinking on the Myall River. They have not decided what their next step will be.

Sick List

To all our members not feeling up to scratch, a big get well soon. The reports we do have are

Veronica Hamilton is up and about again.

Kevin is working on John B II and Evon is playing (bowls or cards) again along with grand-children minding.

Next Club Outing

Saturday, 11th May 2013

★ Curry Night ★

Engels Wharf

**Bring us your best curry
to share
You may prefer to bring a
sweet**

**Please contact Christine to
advise her of your menu**

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BEFORE THE 6th May, 2013

Please note

BYOG

Scheduled Outings

1. May 11th /12th At Engels Wharf
Curry night. BYOG
2. June No Event
3. July To be advised.
Unofficial Tea Gardens Get Together.
4. August No Event
5. September 14th /15th AGM Nerong. Fully catered. Expected to be \$15 per head
6. October 5th /7th

At Bandicoot. Spit Roast Chicken. Bring 1 of frozen, uncooked, size 14 chicken and sides to share. Our chefs will prepare the chicken.

8. October 25th (?) /26th
Tea Gardens River Festival and Sailpast. Followed by BBQ at Mac & Linda's. Bring your own meat and a salad to share. More details later.
9. November ?
Tilligerry Water Festival with Sailpast
10. November 23rd /24th
At Violet Hill. Christmas Party. Bring a salad to share. More details later.

Thought for the day

Being in politics is like being a football coach. You have to be smart enough to understand the game, and dumb enough to think it's important.

Eugene McCarthy (1916 – 2005)

And

I never think of the future - it comes soon enough.

Albert Einstein (1879 – 1955)

Happy Boating

Alan

