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"Respect the Past - Create the Future"

April Outing (Fish & Chips)

Five boats made the trip to Shelly's on Thursday and settled in to a pleasant evening. Around midnight the wind came in and stern ropes were let go and we waited out the night. We discovered that all boats were waterproof as it bucketed down. By morning it had abated but more was expected so it was decided to move to the protection of Violet Hill, where the shelter was soon erected, much to some jealously of the campers in their flimsy tents. Two more boats arrived to bring our number up to seven.

(Photo Jeanette Coppock)

The weather gods eased up by Saturday afternoon and the fish having been caught, cleaned and sized were coated in some yummy batter made with Tim's secret recipe.

(Photo Marg Coates)

We generously gave some of our chips to some campers who were most appreciative. We were missing some gas equipment so the boys did a wonderful job with what gear they had.

(Photo Gus Heffernan)

Will and Ella spent some time preparing for the easter egg hunt on Sunday with puzzles and games. The eggs were eagerly sought in the improving weather.

.(Photo Marg Coates)

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Next Outing
23rd & 24th May
Bulahdelah

We are looking forward to a good night at the bowling club. Come by boat, caravan or car and stay the night at a motel. If you have never travelled the Upper Myall now is a chance to tag along. If you are interested in this option let our Commodore know on.

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Weather permitting there should be a fire going at River Mouth (Bandicott Point) on Friday evening.

Don't forget our accountants who obligingly made sure our books were balanced for your accounting needs.

OPULENCE
Accountants & Advisors
Proud supporters of our club
42 William St Raymond Terrace

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Calendar for 2015

July 9th – 10th
We are going to try out the **Tea Gardens Country Club**. There's a motel attached and even four caravan sites available☺☺☺

August 29th – 30th
Korsman's
We are going to rotisserie the chickens (No 14 please), with the ladies providing something to complement them.

September 12th – 13th
Nerong AGM Catered

October 10th – 11th
Engles or Tamboy

October 24th or 31st
Tea Gardens Sailpast

November 28th – 29th
Violet Hill Christmas

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Thoughts for the sailor in us

The cheapest part of owning a boat is the day you purchase it... then it starts to get expensive.

Someone asked me, if I were stranded on a desert island what book would I bring... 'How to Build a Boat.'
Steven Wright

The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails.
- William A. Ward

At sea, I learned how little a person needs, not how much.
- Robin Lee Graham

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Commodore's Comments:

- ✓ My thoughts go out to everyone who has been affected by the storms of 20-21 April. We are in Evans Head at present and have completely missed the tempest, although Lemon Tree Passage hasn't quite. We feel ourselves fortunate that we can buy food AND cook it; warm ourselves up and have light and the electricity to go about our basic lives. Our thoughts are with anyone who has/or is struggling through the aftermath.
- ✓ In the meantime stay safe and I hope to see you at our next outing at Buledelah.
- ✓ ps. Storm clouds threaten but it is a beautiful evening at Long Point nevertheless Thanks Jeanette for featuring the Commodore's Sundowner..

Happy and Safe Boating

See you up the lakes

Margaret & Terry

An article printed by request and can be found at http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime/safety-rules/rules-regulations/boat-wash.html

Boat wash and No Wash zones

Boat wash is the turbulence created by your boat as it moves through the water. Wash size and influence is affected by the amount of water your boat displaces, the boats speed, it's planing attitude and other factors such as water depth. This means that a large cruiser moving through the water at 8 knots will displace a large amount of wash - big enough to capsize small dinghies, damage moored boats and contribute to foreshore erosion. A high performance ski boat, however, will create almost no wash when it is planing.

NO WASH signs are placed in areas where wash from vessels can cause damage, injury or annoyance to other vessels, the shoreline or people. Every vessel operator must comply with these signs.

The way you achieve this will depend on the type of boat you are driving, however if in doubt about your vessel's wash it is recommended that you take the following action:

- as you approach the restricted area, reduce speed
- at the start of the NO WASH zone, take your engine(s) out of gear
- put the engine(s) back in gear and proceed with the engines giving just enough speed to provide you with steering control
- look behind you occasionally, to see if your boat is creating wash. If it is slow down - at a speed just above idle, no boat will produce wash.

When you see a NO WASH sign and a speed limit sign, do not automatically assume that you can travel at the maximum speed indicated. It may be necessary for you to travel at a slower speed to ensure your boat is not creating wash.