



Happy and safe boating

MLAC Bulletin

"Respect the Past - Create the Future"

JULY 2016

NEXT OUTING

**ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING**

at **NERONG**

**24-25
September**

All members are
encouraged to
attend

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2016

- 29-30 October,
Sail Past
Tea Gardens
- 26-27 November,
Christmas Party
at Korsmans

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WINTER OUTING AT MYALL SHORES

16-17 July

The early arrivals had BBQ fish over the camp fire on Thursday night and a frosty start to the day on Friday. We soon warmed up on a walkabout with Mac as he guided us along the track to Tait's Cottage with detours to Boolambayte and Freshwater. According to Jenny's watch, we clocked up a healthy 7 km stroll.



Walkabout with Mac



A touch of frost



Wendy & Chris at Tait's cottage

By Saturday morning, 7 boats had arrived - Bobcat, Independence, John's tri, Lady Jennifer, Malolo, Sundowner and Toy Ship - not a bad turnout for a winter outing! After a get-together morning tea on the wharf, we all enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Barefoot Café of Myall Shores Resort. Afterwards, a leisurely stroll along the Broadwater shoreline brought us to the conference room where Jan Winn entertained us with an insight into the pioneers and history of the river and lakes that we love.

Laid out on tables were photos and memorabilia for the group to peruse. We were fortunate to have present, descendants from some of those early pioneering families, who were more than happy to add their personal family stories to Jan's repertoire.



*Commodore Rod
with Janis Winn.*

*Rod is holding Jan's
latest book
"Pioneers and
History of the Myall
River and Lakes"
available for
purchase from Tea
Gardens CTC.*

Congratulations to lucky first prize raffle winner, Kim Sparkes, and second prize winner, Caroline Burrows.

We had a total of 38 people for lunch. Many members arrived by car for the day's outing and the Motum's were happy to be in the campground in their boat that doesn't rock.



Maritime trivia... SUPERSTITIONS

By far the best known sailors' superstitions involve bad luck,

A "Jonah" is a long-established expression among sailors, meaning a person (either a sailor or a passenger) who is bad luck, which is based on the Biblical prophet Jonah.

Friday is considered to be an unlucky day in some cultures, and perhaps the most enduring sailing superstition is that it is unlucky to begin a voyage or 'set sail' on a Friday.

In the 18th century New England, rolling clouds and roaring waves were thought as bad omens, so sailing on days under such conditions was considered inadvisable.

Having bananas on a ship, especially on a private boat or fishing yacht, is considered bad luck,

Whistling is usually considered to be bad luck. It is said that to whistle is to challenge the wind itself, and that to do so will bring about a storm.

Another whistling tale is that it has been considered bad luck ever since the mutiny aboard HMS Bounty. Fletcher Christian is said to have used a whistle as the signal to begin the mutiny against Captain William Bligh.

Back on the wharf, the regular MLAC members "group huddle" took place to keep everyone up-to-date on club activities and financial position. We all huddled a little closer on the deck of *Toy Ship* as the rain set in and happy hour began. An animated conversation ensued where dredging problems, lack of fish in the lake, mangroves and making room for wading birds were solved . . . or so we thought at the time. 🍹



Sunday morning dawned wet and misty. A bit of rain was not enough to perturb the planned working bee, so through the fog and rain the intrepid fleet sailed north to carry out some much needed maintenance work on the old wharf at Violet Hill.



Improving the safety of the old Violet Hill wharf



There was plenty of support and encouragement from the ladies



A job well done ☺



Myall Lakes at its winter best.



Gathering the crew for a magic Monday cruise of the western shores of Myall Lake.