Myall Lakes Aquatic Club

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Last Outing – Christmas on the Lake – Informal Get Together

The weather was kind to us up the lake during the Christmas break. A couple of Southerlies arrived just to keep us on our toes, however, northeasters prevailed for most of January and the weather and water temperature was great.. Not a big year for boats on the lake but still a reasonable turn up of local and visiting boats. NSW Maritime and Water Police were quite active on the lakes with many skippers being breath tested. Our club groups were again centred at Blossom Bay and Neranie Sands/Kataway Bay, where many a Myall Sunset was admired during happy hours.

One noticeable fish story was impressed on yours truly whilst returning from a very enjoyable BBQ on "The Lodge" houseboat at Reedy Point on the top lake. A southerly change arrived around 9:30pm to spoil the party. Yours truly and the 1st Mate decided that a hasty retreat was in order so to navigate the 2.5 km trip in 20 knots from the south, back to our moored vessel in a pitch black, moonless night in our 2.6 mtr rubber duck. Halfway back, while crossing a sandbar with a southerly up our tail, I was hit quite significantly in the head by something unknown, followed by a scream from the 1st mate when she was also hit. Within seconds, I was hit again followed by the 1st mate getting clobbered again. Suddenly we heard considerable flapping within the duck and realised that we had been hit by flying mullet. Only one remained in the boat, about 45cm long and guess who we had for breakfast the following morning. I always get my own back!

Johnsons Beach 19th February, 2011

About 10 vessels with 19 crew made it up to Johnsons Beach for the February meeting. Some members, as usual, arrived early and left late, extending the weekend into a week-long stay. The weather was kind to us once again with the water temperature just great. A BBQ on shore on Saturday night followed by a hearty breakfast on Sunday morning was enjoyed by all. (Thanks Chris & Joe For providing their BBQ unit.) Earlier we decided to shift en masse from the original Johnson's beach to a small, more private beach, about 250 mtr south of the main beach. This proved to be a good move, with less wash from other vessels and better holding with a sand bottom. Once again a great weekend, good company, great weather.... It doesn't get any better. A few notable splashes were heard when people were navigating the shore to vessel trip during the night. Maybe it was only flying mullet.

Next Meeting – Joe's Cove – 19th - 20th March – Fish & Chips Night

Tide 0930hrs Tea Gardens

Our Fish & Chip s night is always a very popular event on our calendar. Local fish fillets with chips cooked on site with a fresh

breadroll. Our ladies provide plenty of fresh salads.

It is important to let us know if you are attending the Fish and Chip Night so that we can cater appropriately.

Please phone Chris Julian before 12th March to confirm your attendance. PHONE 0422 931 899.

Cost Adult **$10,** Kids under 12 **$5**

It is always a great night so make the effort to get there if you can.

The Meeting

Welcome to New Members

Linda & Mac off Gourmet Crab

Chris & David off the yacht Yuengee

William Cant & Joanne off Y Not

Robert Meale & Elizabeth off Kirona

Sick Call

Brian Brett off Wyandotte has now had his second knee replacement and should be back on the water soon.

Club Secretary

Alan Coates off Lady Nelson has Volunteered to help with our club secretarial duties when he is not travelling so as to ease the load on Eve who has taken up similar duties with another club. Should you need to contact Alan for club matters, he is available at 0400 377 226

or 02 4982 5109

500 Club

The 500 Club was drawn this weekend at the Johnson's Beach outing. The results were:-

1st Prize Kevin (I did not draw it) Williams

2nd Prize Bede Bright off independence

3rd Prize Brian Brett off Wyandotte

A cheque for the residual amount will be forwarded to the nominated charity.

Wharf Signage

NPWS has attached signage to both Korsman's Landing and Violet Hill wharves. The signage restricts access to the wharves to 1 hour duration with penalties applied (Amount not stated) to people overstaying this limit. We will be seeking a meeting with NPWS to discuss this issue.

Myall River & Natural Channel

Great Lakes Council will chair a public meeting on the 16th March at 5:00pm in the Baptist Church Hall, Tea Gardens. The meeting will hear the results of ecological studies conducted on the Lower Myall River and the Natural Channel (ie The Shortcut). Gordon Grainger, who leads the Myall Lakes Action Group is asking all parties affected by the river siltation & flow problems to attend. ALP candidate, Kate Washington, and state Liberal member, Craig Beauman, will be in attendance. This will be a good opportunity for our club to support the Myall River Action Group in their endeavours to fix the river problems and to air grievances to the relevant members. The river is

becoming much more difficult to navigate due to several shallow areas which have caused significant damage to vessels travelling the river. It is in our club's best interest to attend and show support. If you can, please attend and wear your Club Shirt.

Our new member "Mac" on ph 4997 1597 has offered transport from Tea Gardens Wharf to the hall if you arrive by boat. Please phone him beforehand if you require this transport.

Calendar for Upcoming Events.

Alan Coates has put Events information onto the Google Calendar on our website http://www.mlac.org.au It shows additional information for each outing. Go to monthly view and click on the event for details. If you don't understand then talk to Alan

For those who prefer details in writing here is the proposed plan

1. March 19th Fish & Chips @ Joe's Cove
2. April 9 – 10 Meeting & Top Lake Tour @ Professors Cove.
3. May 14 – 15 Captains Stew & Damper Cooking @ Tamboi
4. June 4 – 5 Curry Night @ Engells
5. July 16 – 17 Christmas in July @ Buladelah Hotel
6. August 13 – 14 Progressive Dinner @ Nerong
7. September 10 AGM @ Lemon Tree Passage (?)
8. October 15 – 16 BYO Spit Roast @ Bandicoot
9. November 12 – 13 Christmas Party @ Violet Hill

Happenings

Lady Nelson kindly donated a dinghy & 2 kayaks to anyone who wanted them. Apparently the skipper used a running bowline to attach the dinghy to the mooring. Must have just run off.

Impeccable Too locked up its anchor winch after dropping 2.5 km of chain at Neranie. The skipper now knows that the short piece of rope through the anchor chain means that the end is near

Thought for the day

Wherever you go, there you are

Ever heard the story of the little tug boat?

Safe Boating until next time