



Happy and safe boating

MLAC Bulletin

"Respect the Past - Create the Future"

MARCH 2017

NEXT OUTING

1 & 2 April
at
TAITS

Catered function
Aussie BBQ
Steak

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2017

6 & 7 May
– Korsmans Spit Roast
3 & 4 June
– Tamboy Captains Stew
15 & 16 July – Bulahdelah
26 & 27 August
– Engels Curry/Hot Pot
9 & 10 Sept – AGM

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February outing at Blossom

11-12 February 2017

The first event for 2017 was on a weekend of extreme hot weather. With the temperature soaring into the high 40's it was hard to stimulate the energy of those members present to participate in the planned aquatic activities. The only solution to the intense heat seemed to be a chair, in the water, under the shade of a tree . . .



March outing at Shelleys

11-12 March 2017

After a week of rain and showers, MLAC was blessed with a fine weekend for our outing to Shelley's for the annual fish and chips event. On Saturday afternoon, the wind was blowing from the south west, but Commodore Rod assured us that the wind would drop and we would have a pleasant evening ahead. He was right!

We unpacked the Prawn and erected the marquee like professionals, and were settled for the regular 4 o'clock "huddle" . . . by quarter past!



A huddle after the huddle

The huddle revealed some interesting information for members and produced conversations regarding current issues. It is encouraging to note that we have welcomed 9 new members, so far, this financial year which brings the number of financial members to 114.

Among the huddle issues discussed were unoccupied houseboats taking up moorings in Professors and the lack of pump-out facilities available now that both the Bombah Point and Tea Gardens units are not operational.

It is difficult for boat owners to be environmentally compliant when the necessary pump-out facilities are not available. The situation is critical and needs immediate action.



Boats at Shelleys were:

- Independence
- Itchy Feet
- Malolo
- Polimer
- Riptide
- Sagitta
- Sundowner
- Toy Ship

With guest visitors for the weekend

- Bare Necessity

Maritime Trivia

In 1945, the first Sydney to Hobart yacht race was won by Rani in

6 days 14 hr 26 mins

In 2016, the 72nd Sydney to Hobart yacht race was won by Perpetual Loyal in a blistering race record time of

1 day 13 hrs 31 mins



Thankfully, looking after our pristine lake is made easy by the ever dependable Independence.

Without the time-honoured cooks, Tim and Brett, there was plenty of nervous tension as the oil was heated in the pots and the fish were prepared.

With Chris being away, a big thank you goes to Linda who took on the catering responsibilities.

Even though we missed those people greatly, we did OK ☺! The food was excellent with lovely freshly made salads to complement the meal.

The left-over fish and chips were delivered to a group of mum's and hungry kids camping near us . . . and didn't they love it!



Duck pedicure anyone?

Sunday morning dawned with the promise of a perfect autumn day on the Lake.

Sagitta sits quietly on a glassy lake, displaying her Myall River smile.

We look forward to seeing more members at our next Aussie BBQ outing at Taits on 1 April (you will be a fool to miss this one!).



Oh no! It looks like our esteemed treasurer has fallen asleep over an empty chopping board. He never was keen on kitchen duty - give him a BBQ any day.



The fish is battered and dropped into the pot of hot oil, then the crew stood there looking worried - but there was no need for concern - it was delicious!



A lovely ending to another magic day in Myall Lakes, gathered around the campfire.

