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Last Club Outing @ Engel's Wharf May 2012

Well, what do you know, it's the final outing before the winter lay-off and what a great place to go. The 2nd annual (?) Curry night. The night before was cool with showers that continued through to early Saturday evening and then the rain went away and we were able to have our brightly burning fire. Great!



Some reflections
Photo Annie Coates

Then to the curries. Before we started we were warned that Brian Brett had excelled himself. He had forgotten that he was sharing his meal and therefore made it to his own taste. The blue vapour rising above the concoction only awaited a spark but still some hardy fools decided to try it. Not me. Oh dear!

To all the other curry chefs, a great big thankyou. With such a range and quantity of delightful dishes we could have had a "Seconds Night".

After curry and then various delicious slices (no wonder some of us are getting more portly than is good for us) we settled down to compete in Tim's latest general knowledge Trivia Quiz. It is only fair to say that the best team won.



Vanessa, Nicola, Peter & Susie
Photo I. Sherwood

We also had the pleasure of the company of Peter Dodds' lovely niece Nicola and her equally vibrant friend Vanessa. Peter stated that he was well catered for on his trip back with "Silver Service" all the way.



Members enjoying Sunday morning sunshine.
Photo I. Sherwood

Environmentally Speaking

Tim & Brett Motum

Early arrivals to the "Engel's Wharf" outing were treated to a visit from a huge "White-Breasted Sea Eagle" (probably a female which are larger than the male) that perched on a branch no more than 50m away and gave us a close inspection, not attempting to move away for nearly an hour!

A truly majestic bird that seemed quite content to share her domain with us. But who ... forgot ... the camera ... again?!!

Of surprise also was the sighting of what appeared to be either a "Red-Backed Sea-Eagle" or an "Osprey" near Zeiningers Bush Camp. Unfortunately it was just too far away to get a positive "I.D."

On Terra Firmer of delight to some of the members was quite a large patch of wild violets in full bloom



Patch of violets

Closer view

Photos I Sherwood

Unfortunately the "Bitu Bush" are starting to emerge and the "Crew" was encouraged to ensure they didn't generate perfect growing conditions!

Sick List

To all our members not feeling up to scratch, a big get well soon. We do know that the following people are having health problems

Robert Bailey, Bede. Kevin W reports that he is on the mend.

Christmas in July

After considering an offer from the Tea Gardens Hotel, our members decided that they would cancel the booking and instead will go to the Hotel for an evening meal and a social gathering on the 14th July at 6:00pm. All that can make it to the Hotel are welcome.

Next Club Outing

Please note – VENUE CHANGE

By Popular request

THE NEXT VENUE IS
JOE'S COVE
September 8th - 9th

and will be a "Bring your own to share with everyone"

Please note

The September/October outing at Korsman's Wharf will be a Spit Roast. Details later.

Membership

We will be trying a new method of controlling our membership list when fees become due in the near future. The system will be based on recommendations of our auditor Warren Tully. This will hopefully prevent any dispute about what can be a touchy subject. Sandra and I will get together and work out the mechanics of the system.

Scheduled Outings

1. September 8 – 9 Joe' Cove BYO to share with all.
2. September 29 – October 1 Long weekend @ Korsman's Wharf, Spit Roast (What to roast and costing to be decided)
3. October 27 – 28 AGM @ Nerong Hall a catered for event.
4. November 17th Blessing of the Fleet at Lemon Tree Passage. **Tentative date.**
5. November 24 – 25 Christmas Party @ Violet Hill

Thoughts for the day

Don't relax! It's only your tension that's holding you together.

And

Beware of low-flying butterflies.

To you all, have an enjoyable winter whatever you plan to do and I look forward to seeing you again in Spring.



Happy Boating

Alan