

Myall Lakes Aquatic Club

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On the way up the Myall River

We left Lemon Tree Passage after lunch on the Thursday with the aim to get a reasonable way up river before dark. Crossing the Port was windy as it seems to have been every time lately but not as strong as some recent crossings. We entered the river, reduced to a steady 1250 revs and then proceeded to enjoy the trip. I think we were about 2 river miles away from Engels when we got a call from Terry to say that he was waiting at Engels and had left me some room. We hadn't been tied up all that long when around the corner came the new deluxe version of Come by Chance. We could see Joe's grin from that distance.

After a very enjoyable and quiet, no traffic, night, we set sail for Tamboi. At long last we had the cone tops for the poles.



*"I've got my (Mexican) safety boots on!"
Photo Margaret Coates*

Now, of course they didn't quite fit so the ever reliable Joe, armed with Terry's cherished old Tomahawk, proceeded to make adjustments. And then there was a loud plop followed by an even louder "Oh!". No, it wasn't Joes unprotected toes falling in, it was the head of the cherished tommy. While Terry regaled us again with the history of the item the ever practical Christine appeared in swimsuit, dived in and performed the rescue with no fuss.....Brrrrrrr. "Not too bad" was her report. The talents we have in our club, like deep sea divers and lumberjacks, are amazing!

The cone tops were installed and when last seen the pelicans were standing on the decking planning the aerial bombardment of "Come by Chance."

Annual General Meeting, Nerong Community Centre 27th October 2012

We were able to start the AGM right on time with 28 members present. Members came by car, some with caravans attached (3) or by boat (4)

The ladies had prepared the hall (thanks) and what a bright and convenient place for the meeting.

The meeting proceeded as usual with Terry presenting his Annual Report. (See Below) and then declaring all positions vacant thanking one and all for a good year.

Peter Dodds took over as the Returning Officer and announced the following positions as all nominations were not challenged. (Nominees may have been!)



*Peter arrives in style leaving support crew far behind
Photo Ian Sherwood*

Commodore	Terry Coates
Vice Commodore	Tim Motum
Rear Commodore	Kevin Lawson
Secretary	Alan Coates
Treasurer	Sandra Ryan
Public Officer	Garry Hiles
Committee Social	1. Christine Marko 2. Margaret Coates
Committee Member	Ann Coates
Committee Publicity	Daphne Motum
Committee Construction	Kerry McIntosh
Gear Steward	Joe Marko

The meeting closed ahead of the planned finish time so all in all, for once, we did not over run.

Commodore Terry's 2012 Report

Welcome everyone to the 2012 Annual General Meeting of the Myall Lakes Aquatic Club.

I would like to thank the outgoing committee for their efforts in the 2011 - 2012 year. A special thanks to Vice Commodore Tim Motum (prodded by Daphne) and Rear Commodore Kevin Lawson for their invaluable assistance

and advice over the past year.

A special thanks also to our Treasurer, Sandra Ryan, who has done a sterling job keeping track of all the comings and goings – well done.

I am very thankful for the invaluable advice, support and diligence afforded to me by my brother in his position of secretary. I certainly could not have survived without him. From the bottom of my heart I thank you.

Many thanks also to Chris Julian, Christine Marko and Ann Coates plus all the ladies who contributed this year with our social events, and made them so enjoyable.

Another Committee member, Bob Julien in his position of Construction Steward has kept a close eye on our infrastructure over the year. Unfortunately Bob will be standing down from the committee this year, but I am sure he will continue to assist in any way he can in any future club projects.

It has been a busy year for the gear steward and all of those members who stepped in to assist in the replacement and rejuvenation of our gear. I would like to say on behalf of our aging backs thank-you to Joe and his helpers.

Thanks to our Publicity Sub-committee of one vis a vis Daphne Motum, we have seen some exceptional commentaries printed in NOTA. This task is not all that easy, looking for an item and transcribing it in an interesting way can at times prove to be quite daunting, so I would like to thank you, Daphne on behalf of the club.

Once again a very special thanks to Warren and Julie Tully, who have selflessly given their time and expertise once again to carry out the audit process on our club's finances. This is a major saving to our club and is very much appreciated.

Thanks also goes to Peter Dodds who looks after our club insurances and represents us with the Boat Owners Association and the Port Stephens User Group.

At the time of writing this our membership stands at 113 in total. (Fin 99; Life 12; Hon 2) The mail-out resulted in 10 members renewing their subscription to the club – welcome back. We also have welcomed 12 new members throughout the year, they are;
Colin and Sandra Bell,
Paul Bendy and Wendy Hammond,
Ian and Jane Davidson,
Chris and Kylie Fogg,
Theresa Gillieatt,
Warrick Richards, and
Ian and Cushla Rynott.

On the 25th of May Alan and I enjoyed a very amicable meeting with Katrina Gray and Brett Cann of National Parks leading to a much better understanding between the two bodies. At the moment we have the 'go-ahead' from National Parks and are in the organising stages of replacing the decking on the wharf at Korseman's Landing. This repair will be done using a contractor due to some concerns such as in insurance cover and the age of members. Work on this project is expected to commence in the new year. Also the pole caps for Tamboi should be awaiting when we return home and will be installed forthwith.

On the 11th of July I attended a “User Group” meeting held at the Nelson Bay office of Roads and Maritime Services. There were two items raised by this club;

1. POLICE MOORINGS:

It was suggested by this club that a Police moorings be placed at Legge's Camp. There has been no communication as yet regarding this matter.

2. LEGGE'S CAMP MOORINGS:

The question as to the future and pending possible removal of the Legge's Camp moorings was raised. Stephen Smith stated at the meeting that this is the first time he had heard of their (pending) removal and will be looking into what is happening.

At the time of the meeting the moorings were still in place.

Despite the posturing by National Parks at the meeting the moorings have been removed.

I personally think, considering that we were party to raising the question, it would have been a matter of common decency to enlighten this club of their decision.

On a much lighter note, over the last year we have;

- Repaired the access ramp to Engles Landing thanks to the work done by Kevin Williams, Joe Marko, Eric Jones and Jimmy Geer.
- We also conducted a member's survey resulting in some variations to our modus operandi, such as changing our outings to include public holidays to cater for families, (the Easter weekend was quite a success), and updating of the club's gear including new tables and reinstating the floating trampoline.
- The members survey draw was won by Terry and Sally Aldrich, who very kindly donated the money back to the club.
- The ladies of the club put their shoulders to the proverbial wheel to assemble fifteen embroidered squares with a nautical theme. These squares were attached to a magnificent quilt which was totally hand sewn by Chris Julien. Chris must have put an incredible amount of time, effort and care into achieving such a stunning result.

All in all it has been a nice steady year, and I hope we can continue in this way for many years to come.

Sick List

To all our members not feeling up to scratch, a big get well soon. The members known to be having some difficulties at this time are Robert Bailey, Bede Bright and Kevin Williams.

The Dinner

After the meeting we had savouries etc while we mingled, chatted and had a glass or two of

cordial. Our caterer, assisted by Margaret, was busily making mouth watering aromas which only heightened the expectations.



New member Andrea chats with Sandra
Photo I. Sherwood

After our main course we were entertained by our special guest, Katrina Gray, a Ranger for NPWS.

Katrina conducted an impromptu Myall Lakes Trivia Quiz interspersed with interesting facts she had collected while employed in this area. We all found her presentation highly entertaining. Discussion/question time after this was again good fun with some members obviously thinking out of the box. Ian thinks that the lubrication helped. Others thought of Emus!



Terry presents Karina with "Thank you" gifts
Photo I. Sherwood

Terry thanked Katrina on behalf of the club and presented her with a selection of gifts. Hopefully Katrina can be persuaded to talk to us again at another function

Breakfast (Brunch)



Brunch at Nerong
Photo Ian Sherwood

Margaret's Club breakfast (more like brunch if you note the time we finished) was a feature of the weekend. At least 20 members were present and really enjoyed the spread. A memorable event. Thanks to all those who helped set it up and of course a special thanks to Chef Tim.



Ann, Wendy, Susie and Linda try the DODDSMOBILE
Photo I. Sherwood

Presents will be limited to \$20 per child.
Members presents are not to exceed \$10

Tilligerry Water Festival

We have been advised that the Sail Past at Lemon Tree Passage will be held on Sat 17th November for the Tilligerry Water Festival. Marshalling will be at the usual cardinal marker at Southern End of Bulls Island at 9.30 am hoping to pass the jetty at Henderson Park about 10.10.

There will be a tug o'war if we can get a team from each of you later and a presentation somewhere about 12. The latter arrangements have not been finalised.

Next Club Outing

24th November, 2012

Christmas at Violet Hill

This is a catered event.

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or

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BEFORE THE 16th NOVEMBER

**TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE
NUMBERS FOR THIS EVENT**

Please note

BYOG

**Ladies present to be wrapped in
RED**

**Men's present to be wrapped in
GREEN**

Scheduled Outings

For the coming year will be confirmed at Violet Hill

Thought for the day

Don't you wish you had more energy...or less ambition

Happy Boating

Alan

