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Christmas outing at Violet Hill

The weather was glorious and there were a few boats already in the bay on Thursday, no doubt not wishing to miss out on the festivities. By Saturday, still with glorious weather, there were 8 boats, 1 caravan, and three groups arriving by vehicle on the day.



(Photo Marg Coates)

Toby had been on the lookout for the man in the red suit for some time when he found Santa and his elf wandering around the carpark at Violet Hill (no doubt giving the reindeer a good graze on our excellent grasses). Toby soon had Santa in hand and showed him where the Myall Lakes Aquatic Club members were eagerly awaiting. Thomas Bay (Violet Hill) and the excellent weather made a beautiful backdrop for the gift giving. AND what an assortment of gifts he had with him too, with no one missing out!



(Photo Ann Coates)

No sooner had Santa packed up his reindeer, the afternoon festivities began. There was non-stop chatter coming from all different angles. Then it was time for the food. FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD! Diet, be-gone! Our first taste of the Christmas ham, pork and prawns as well as a host of salads and assorted sweet delights, all crowded onto the groaning tables. Oh, Christine, - done it again...



(Photo Marg Coates)

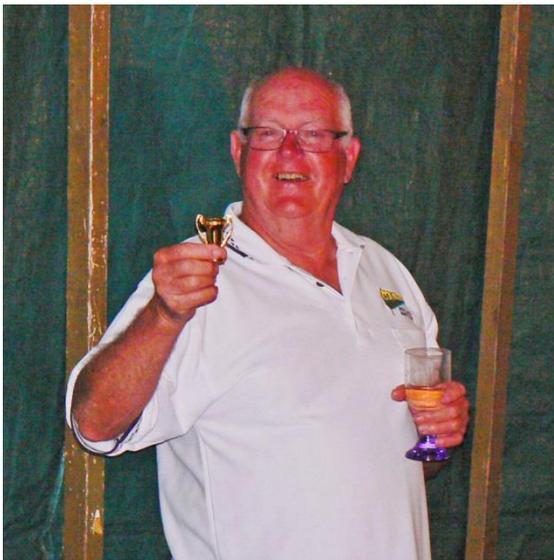


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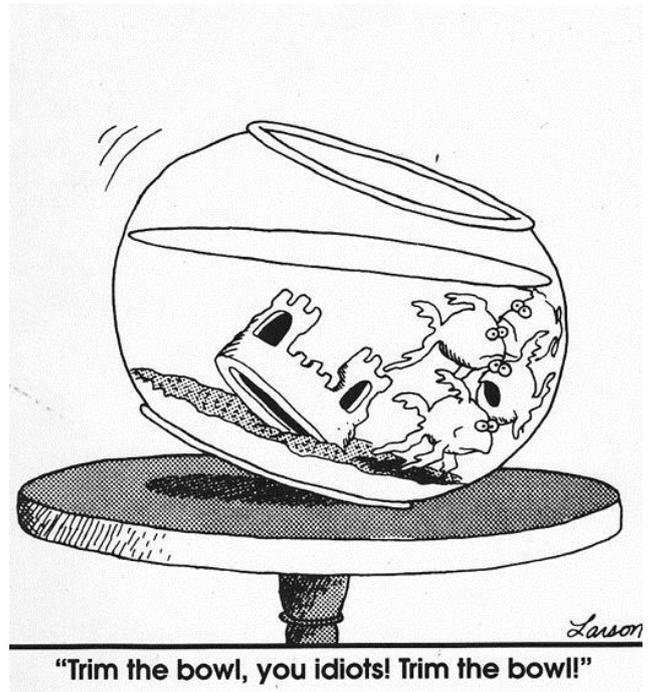
The raffle prizes were drawn, the Commodore gave us an insight as to what direction the club was heading, and the prize for the Tea Gardens sail past went to *Sundowner* with *WobbyN* taking out the prize for the most-glitter-laden boat! As the PAL Award was not allocated this year in the captain's stew at Tambo, it was trustingly placed back in the Commodore's hands.



(Photo Marg Coates)



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MLAC Shows The Way

Contact was made with Mark Riley, the dealer and principle of *R Marine Riley*, of the Quays Marina, Bayview, in August when discussions were held as to the escorting of a group of Riviera owners up to the Myall Lakes in September. Further conversations were had and Paul and Wendy of *Malola* (a Riviera) graciously volunteered to escort them up the sometimes shallow Lower Myall and into the lakes proper.



An impressive sight at Tea Gardens with Paul showing the way

(Photo Wendy Hammond)

Wendy reported that they accompanied them for three nights and the assembled 9 boats had a good time and came away with a soft spot for the Myall and our club, now with several new members. Thank you.



Passing Bombah Point

(Photo Wendy Hammond)

Sadly, we have lost two life members of our club recently. Below Kevin and Yvonne Williams gratefully present a short obituary.

Vale Wally Woodland

Wally sadly passed away in October aged 92. Wally was a past President and life member of the Myall Boating Club. Wal was the proud owner of a 34' Masters called "Sungari". He was a very capable, inventive and hardworking member of the club, who regularly gave all the older members a lesson in how to pack the "Prawn" correctly. His legacy to our club is his construction of our famous and legendary "Ropissary" spit roast cooker and the club's fish and chip cooker, both of which are still in use by the club.

Rest in Peace, Wally.

Vale Noel Huntington

Noel sadly passed away on 1/11/14, aged 86. Noel was a life member of the Myall Boating Club, who regularly attended meetings on the lake with wife Betty in his 25' Halverson "Murawai" He regularly made his Tea Gardens yard and workshop available to the club for refurbishment of the club's vessel "The Prawn". He was always a willing participant in all club activities and ever helpful to everyone. He will be sadly missed in the Tea Gardens community. He was truly one of nature's gentlemen.

Rest in Peace, Noel.

Don't forget Opulence Accounting from Raymond Terrace who have graciously reviewed our books for 2013 – 2014 for all your accounting needs.

Next Outing
14th & 15th February
Joes Cove- BYO

The bulletin editor heard a rumour that there was going to be some poetic recitals by volunteers! Oh, and we are requested to wear something red and rosy! Numbers would be helpful for the social committee.

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"See, Frank? Keep the light in their eyes and you can bag them without any trouble at all."

Calendar for 2015

March 7th – 8th
 Johnson's Beach

April 3rd – 6th
 Shelly Beach Easter

May 23rd – 24th
 Bulahdelah

July 9th – 10th
 Somewhere different –
 Hunter Valley or Clarence Town???
 The jury is still out on this one.

August 29th – 30th
 Korsman's

September 12th – 13th
 Nerong AGM Catered

October 10th – 11th
 Engles or Tamboy

October 24th or 31st
 Tea Gardens Sailpast

November 14th – 15th or 21st – 22 Nov
 Violet Hill Christmas



"Thank God! ... Those blasted crickets have finally stopped!"

Commodore's Comments:

- ✓ What a wonderful way to end the year - the three moorings removed from Professor's Cove, Violet Hill and Kattaway in 2012 will be replaced before Christmas and an additional two moorings will be placed at Nodsworthys at the same time.
- ✓ On the down side someone removed one of the high tensile stainless steel wire bracing off the floating wharf at Violet Hill. Kevin Williams and others installed a rope jury rig to maintain the integrity of the structure until something more substantial was available.
- ✓ National Parks (via David Bearup) were quick to respond in sourcing some stainless cable and installing it on the Sunday. Although the replacement cable was not as strong as the original wire, it certainly would be stronger than the rope placed there by the club.
- ✓ At the time of publishing this bulletin, the new cable (purchased by National Parks from Superior Jetties) has just arrived at the National Parks Office at Pacific Palms.
- ✓ Engels Wharf – We have replaced some planks where someone had put a hole in wharf.
- ✓ Tamboi Emergency Wharf - We have received a quote from Myall Moorings and after some deliberation the Committee of Management felt that the price was too much for the club to fund totally. It was agreed not to accept quote at present and we decided that we should make an application for funding through the Maritime Management Centre. Also the Construction Committee is to look at other ways of performing the work needed on this wharf.
- ✓ Due to a comment from one of our members the dates for the outings over the next twelve months are under review as we have seemed to have picked some adverse tidal conditions for some of them.
- ✓ New Members – I would like to welcome the ten new members (as of 2 November 2014);
Stephen & Suzanne Low,
Brian & Pam King,
Tim Phimsipasom & Christine Ho,
Stephen & Rosalind O'Mally
James & Karen Tutt.
A letter of welcome along with a copy of our constitution has been forwarded to the new members.
- ✓ Well that seems to be about it for now,
Have a lovely Christmas break, enjoy yourselves and drive safely,

Terry

**Happy and Safe Boating
And a very merry Christmas
See you up the lakes**

Margaret & Terry

