

Myall Lakes Aquatic Club

Incorporated

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Last Outing - AGM 2009 - 5th September

About 35 members attended the AGM at Lemon Tree Passage Bowling Club on Saturday September 5th. The venue was good with a separate room allocated in the club for our meeting and entertainment. The meal was great, the DJ catered well with our needs throughout the night, with the bulk of members still attending at 11.00pm – must be a record. Past their bed time! Plenty of people on the dance floor enjoying the music.



Only a few changes in the committee this year. Chris and Joe stepped down this year to salvage a bit of time for other commitments and the members thanked them both for their tireless contributions in the past year.

The elected committee for 2009/2010 is as follows:

Commodore: Kevin Williams
Vice Commodore: Peter Dodds
Rear Commodore: Don Legge
Secretary: Evon Williams
Treasurer: Suzie turman
Committee Social: Susie Sherwood
Ann Coates
Chris Julian
Committee Construction: Bob Julian
Public Officer: Garry Hiles

Kevin thanked the outgoing committee for their efforts and contributions in this 2008/2009 year.

It was great to see some senior club members were able to attend the AGM this time and a warm welcome was given to Warren Tully, Julie Tully, Rob Bailey and Meg Bailey. A special thanks go to warren and Julie who once again audited our club accounts. It a big saving for the club and much appreciated.



A special thanks also to Susie Sherwood and Ann Coates for their efforts in putting the AGM together. Susie and Ian also hosted the breakfast on the following morning and a big crowd turned up to enjoy the morning. Many thanks to Susie and Ian. And as always Ian was our club photographer for the night, a job he always does so well. Thanks Ian again.

Life Membership

Our club took pride in putting forward a motion at the AGM, endorsed unanimously by the committee of the club, that Carol and Terry Hayden be acknowledged for their ongoing contribution, work ethics and skills they have brought to our club for over 20 years by granting them the status of Life Membership of the Myall Lakes Aquatic Club. The motion was endorsed unanimously by all members

present. Congratulations and well done Carol & Terry! Well deserved!

Commodore's Report

Welcome everyone to the 6th Annual General meeting of the Myall Lakes Aquatic Club.

Our club has had a reasonably quiet year this year on the construction side, however, we still enjoyed a full social calendar, with our traditional Christmas meeting, Fish & Chip Night, our Masters' Games, Captain's Stew & Ladies Damper camp oven cook off, and Christmas in July, once again, featuring as highlights in our social outing program.

Firstly I would like to thank all the outgoing committee for their efforts in 08-09. On the entertainment side, I would especially like to thank Christine Marko for all her efforts to keep us entertained at our social outings throughout the year. Chris will be stepping down from the committee this year, so I am sure she will be missed by all who appreciate her organisational skills and her ability to entertain us. A special thanks also goes to Susie Sherwood and Ann Coates for their work behind the scenes to assist in the entertainment & social activities of the club. A special thanks to Susie Sherwood for much of the organization of this AGM.

The club financials have once again been very ably looked after by our treasurer, Suzie Sturman.. Suzie leads a very busy lifestyle, working about 80 hours a week, looking after low maintenance Pete about 400 hours a week, and still finds the time to carry out the club's financials. A special thanks to Suzie once again.

Our club secretary, Eve Williams, has once again done a sterling job with the club correspondence, bulletins, and organization behind the scenes. Thanks again to Eve for her efforts.

Our Vice Commodore, Pete, has once again been active behind the scenes this year. His assistance and expertise with financial, legal, insurance, and general input is invaluable and we thank his for his time and efforts.

Another special thanks goes to Rear Commodore, Don Legge, who is ever ready to participate in all

club matters, especially construction and his expertise is invaluable.

Thanks also to Joe Marko for all the work he does with maintenance, setting up camps and towing the prawn. It's greatly appreciated.

A special thanks as always goes to Warren & Julie Tully. Our club financials have to be audited each year to comply with Department of Fair Trading requirements and Warren & Julie volunteer to carry out the audit process for our club, which is a time consuming process, requiring the financial expertise evident in their final reports. Our club is very fortunate to have their expertise available to us, Thanks to Warren & Julie.

On the social side I would like to Carol & Terry Hayden for their wonderful preparation, cooking and organization of the food at many of our outings. It is always delicious and appreciated by all members who attend.

Construction wise our club has had a quiet year. Most wharf structures within the park are in good condition and have needed only minimal maintenance this year. I think we all needed a rest following the Violet Hill Project.

Our club continues to grow quite well financially, with interest on our investment accounts helping considerable and easing the load on continued fundraising. Current financial membership is about 140 , which has dropped marginally since last year, however, we will always have some late payers who forget. The financial load on members, past & present, fuel costs, family and work time constraints, also contribute to membership numbers fluctuating.

Our club still needs an influx of younger members and family groups to carry on the traditions of our club, however, in our current economic climate this is proving to be a difficult exercise to attract and retain new members.

We all need to promote our club at every opportunity to make people aware of the wonderful aquatic and serene asset in our area called the Myall Lakes, and the work and traditions that our club and its forebear have carried out over the years to improve facilities in the park. Thank you.

Next Outing - **Christmas Party** at Violet Hill on November 14th

Our Christmas party will be held on Saturday 14th November at Violet Hill. This year we are doing what worked successfully last year. The club will supply the meats and everyone coming will bring a salad or dessert to share. If you are coming could you please ring either Chris Julian on 0422 931 899 or Susie Sherwood on 49823302 to organise what sort of salad etc you would like to bring.

Santa and his helper will be there so don't forget to bring a present each to the value of \$5 – males wrapped in Red and females in Green. Also presents for the children are to be to the value of \$15 and wrapped with child's name on the present. All presents to be on John B by 2.00pm please. Chris will be organising activities for the afternoon's entertainment and there will be Carol Singing at night so come along and enjoy yourself!

Sailpast - Tea Gardens Festival 31st October 2009

Once again our club has been asked to do the sailpast at the opening of the Tea Gardens Festival. Prizes will once again be awarded for the Best Dressed Boat so get the imagination busy on how to dress the boat for the occasion. Its always a good day out, with lots of people going along the shoreline all day. It's also a great opportunity to advertise and make people aware of our club, so it's important to turn up in numbers to represent our club. We need as many boats as possible for a good show, so don't put it off, your club needs your participation.

Muster will be at 9.15am on the south side of the Tea Gardens Singing Bridge, along the long straight, and the sailpast will move under the bridge at 10.00am sharp.

Tilligerry Blessing of the Fleet - 21st November 2009

This year the Blessing of the Fleet at Lemon Tree Passage will be held on **Saturday, November 21st**

There will be prizes for the Best Dressed Boat and the Most Humorous as well as other prizes. Bring the family along for the onshore entertainment afterwards. There will be Carnival Rides, Markets, Bands, an Art Show and Fireworks along with good food and other activities. If you want to enjoy a good day out, put the date in your diary so you don't forget. The Festival goes from 10.00am to 9.00pm

You will need to assemble in your boat at the south end of Bull Island in Tilligerry Creek at 11.30am for a sailpast at 12.00 noon.. All participants MUST officially register before the sailpast by emailing Port Stephens Marine at kyla@portstephensmarine.com.au or ringing Craig Casey or Trevor Peck on 49824559. It is a Gold Coin donation to enter.

Club Tender - The Prawn

The Prawn has been taken out of the water and transported to Tea Gardens for a refit. Life member Noel Huntington once again made his back yard available for the work to be carried out. Many thanks to Noel once again, it was greatly appreciated. The Prawn was turned over, pressure cleaned, some fibreglass repaired, anti-fouled and turned again. Hull and topside, along with the insides were treated to a new paint job. Many thanks to Terry Hayden for all his efforts. Carol Hayden took the opportunity to sort out and clean up all our catering gear from the boat, many thanks to Carol. Old club member Jim Bastian from Basho's Canvas was contracted to manufacture a new tailored cover and supports to complete the refit. It has since been relaunched and is now back on its mooring.



Many thanks to all our volunteers, Terry Hayden & Bob Julian for the tow jobs and Bob for the use of

his trailer, Ian Sherwood, Alan Coates, Don Matts and Kevin Williams for their efforts, and a special thanks to Carol for the sort and clean plus the morning teas and lunch provided for all volunteers.

Club Marquee

While the Prawn was undergoing its refit, the opportunity was taken to have a new Marquee roof manufactured to replace the original which was over 20 years old and leaking badly. Prices were sought and once again Basho's Canvas was contracted to make the new roof. Jim made the original roof and also the Prawn cover and looked after our club with pricing. Thanks Jim.

October Long Weekend

A few brave souls ventured up the lake for the October long Weekend. No formal outing was planned, however, a few boats still enjoyed the weekend even though the weather was not ideal. Many members elected to drive the recliner chair in front of the Grand Final telecast.

Calendar

31st October – Tea Gardens Sailpast
14th November – Christmas Outing Violet Hill
21st November – Tilligerry Blessing of the Fleet at Lemon Tree Passage

Thoughts of the Day

1. Don't interfere with something that ain't botherin' you none
 2. Letting the cat out of the bag is a lot easier than putting it back in!
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Safe boating until next time



Myall Lakes Aquatic Club Incorporated - Financial Statements for 12 month period ended 30th June 2009

Receipts

Functions and Outings

Christmas in July 2008	285
Annual General Meeting 2008	840
Christmas Picnic 2008	0
Fish 'n' Chips	450
100 Club	200

Membership Subscriptions Received	2830
Donations Received	398

Sale of Club Merchandise

T Shirts	120
Burgees	125
Hats	24
D-Ter	60

Total receipts from Club activities 5332

Add:

Interest received on Operating a/c	67
Interest received on Investment a/c	4632

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Payments

Functions and Outings

Christmas in July 2008	180
Annual General Meeting 2008	1371
Christmas Picnic 2008	218
Fish and Chips	326
100 Club	100

Flowers (V. Hamilton and late Mrs G Hiles)	94
Repairs to Wharves	181
Equipment, Repairs & Insurance 'Prawn'	760
Public Liability Insurance	1204
Postage Costs	145
Printing & Stationery	126
Dept of Fair Trading Fees	45
Web Site Hosting Fee	148
Stock Purchased for resale (Hats)	200
Total payments for Club activities	<u>5098</u>

Surplus of Receipts over Payments for Y/e 30-6-09 4933

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Funds on Hand at 30th June 2009

Club Operating Account

Westpac a/c no 16-5513 Credit Balance 6279.50

*Club Investment Account ** Note 1*

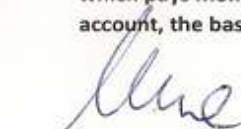
Westpac a/c no 17-7972 Credit Balance 89547.36
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Blue Green Algae Account This account has now been closed and the balance of \$3343.38, plus interest of \$118.38 has been transferred to the *Club Investment Account*.
Westpac a/c no 20-0550

Stock on Hand at 30-06-09 - at \$ cost

Burgees	168
T Shirts	572
Hats & Sunshades	250
D-Ter	20
Club Stickers	19
	<u>1029</u>

Note 1. The *Club Investment Account* is a Westpac Business Max-I Direct account which pays monthly interest on a sliding scale. At the current deposit level in this account, the basic interest rate plus the "bonus" rate = 6.5%p.a.(approx)


S. Sturman Treasurer


W. Tully Auditor