

Myall Lakes Aquatic Club

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Last Club Outing @ Korsman's Wharf 29th September 2012

What about the weather that we had for this outing. Couldn't have wished for better. Our trip across the millpond that was Port Stephens at dawn was spectacular with dolphins saying a brief g'day, sun shining on blue water. What more could you want?

On the way up we caught up to Terry and Margaret at Tamboi. Terry wanted to change the tap and increase the insect screening on the tank. With the help of the girls this was achieved



At Tamboi – Photo Margaret Coates

On Thursday evening, those of us that arrived early, had a very congenial happy hour + on board Tom Gong. Thanks Bob and Chris.

On Friday we set up the shade shelter in a sheltered corner of the picnic area as the crowd of people camping expanded even further. On a positive side it must be noted that the toilet

block was the best we have seen/smelt it for some time. Well done NPWS.

Word got round that we, the club, were concerned with the condition of the planking of the wharf and the range of views received from many people were different and often conflicting. One local offered his equipment and time to help do what is necessary. We are grateful for that offer and may call for help yet.



Tim about to Carve – Photo Margaret Coates

Tim with helpers cooked up a storm with the meat ranging from rare (Yum) to well done so as to cater for all tastes. I was even forced to go back for seconds and stuff the diet!



Conviviality – Photo Margaret Coates

To all who helped make this another successful night a great big thank-you. Reviving the spit has been a great boost to our get-togethers.

Environmentally Speaking with Tim

The trip up the river to the September outing was well worthwhile with the casuarinas in bloom/seed making some stretches of the river take on an almost golden hue in the early morning light. Strong NE winds however had blown a lot of this blossom onto the water creating what the uninitiated might think was a brown scum and any boats close to shore soon took on this golden tinge.



Spotted on the way – Photo Margaret Coates

Although the wading birds have not yet returned in any great numbers from their annual pilgrimage west there were still a few curious herons and cormorants in the lower sections of the river. It never ceases to amaze me how the waterbirds know when there is plenty of water in the western lakes, rivers and billabongs as in dry years they remain on the coast.

Those boaters who moored in Professors Cove were treated to the seldom seem sight of baby crested grebes playing amongst the reeds but an even rarer occurrence last year was the appearance of a pair of Burdekin ducks (Tadorna Radjah) whose habitat and range normally is coastal northern Australia, west to the Kimberly and south to about Bowen in Queensland! Also called Radjah Shelduck and the White Shelduck this pair were a rare sight indeed!

It is pleasing to have members report these sightings and shows a keen interest in the environment in general.



At Tamboi – Photo Margaret Coates

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.

AGM

Arrangements are in hand for the AGM at Nerong.

The meal will cost

\$15.00 for Club Members

\$19.00 for Non Members

See notice for more details. If you want more information about Nerong eg caravan parking or other accommodation please contact

Kevin Lawson at 02 4987 9213 or
mobile 0407 206 045

Remember, all Committee position will become vacant at the AGM. If you have someone that is willing to take up a position please use the nomination form attached to the previous bulletin to nominate this person for a position they would like. Give the completed form to Alan before the meeting.

Next Club Outing

27th October, 2012

4:00 PM sharp

AGM at Nerong

contact

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BEFORE THE 22nd OCTOBER

**TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE
NUMBERS FOR THIS MEETING and
DINNER.**

Please note **BYOG**

Membership

Sandra reports that the new system of handling membership subscriptions has worked well.

The Bee Early Draw was conducted at Korsman's and the winners of a free membership for 2012 -2013 were



Brian and Anne Brett – Photo Margaret Coates

Scheduled Outings

1. October 27 – 28 AGM @ Nerong Hall a catered for event.
2. November 17th Blessing of the Fleet at Lemon Tree Passage. **Tentative date.**
3. November 24 – 25 Christmas Party @ Violet Hill

Thought for the day

Keep emotionally active. Cater to your favourite neurosis.

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It may or may not be worthwhile, but it still has to be done.

Happy Boating

Alan

