

## NEWSLETTER



### FAREWELL

Karen and Danny are a very nice couple and it was sad to see them leave NSW, however, most of their family live in Queensland and they are setting up home in Brisbane.

We were fortunate enough to spend some time with Karen and Danny on the Hawkesbury River, they are a fun couple. On the last weekend before they left we met them at Refuge Bay on the Friday evening, where we had a lovely evening swimming and sitting on the beach. The next day we met up with Pat and Milko and we all went to lunch at the hotel at Patonga beach.

After lunch we met up with Maxine and Ray, Gary and Lynette, Karen Rob and Nick, Leanne Craig and Keira, and Ken and Janet. We spent Saturday night in Smiths Creek before farewelling Karen and Danny on Sunday.

We wish Karen and Danny well in their new home and hope they enjoy the waterways up there in Sunny Queensland.

James D.  
Sue & Peter



### NEW MEMBERS

ON BEHALF OF OUR COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND TO ANY NEW MEMBERS SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER, A VERY WARM WELCOME.

OUR MOTTO IS COME ONCE, COME TWICE OR AS MANY TIMES AS YOU WISH YOU WILL ALWAYS BE WELCOME.

### 2008/2009 COMMITTEE

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 9th-10th - Middle Harbour**  
**Sat. 10am Roseville Bridge Ramp**  
**Contact: Rod Brown - 0418 287 364**

**June long week-end 6th - 8th - Brisbane Waters/ Broken Bay**  
**Sat. 10am Smith Creek - on the water**  
**Contact: Ray & Maxine Mantle - 0418 292512 or 0419 015092**

## *Presidents Report*

With the cooler months and the middle of the year approaching faster than last year, after a full summer of activities, we are looking to a couple of different events throughout this time.

Before we get to the really cold weather we have another great weekend on Middle Harbour, which you should have had an email about by the time this goes to press, following on from a great trip down to Sussex Inlet organized by Steve Worth which was an overwhelming success so much so that a couple of our retirees took advantage and stayed for the week. Oh to be a retired electrician or Truckee. Our trip to the Lower Hawkesbury was another successful weekend with Herb Porter at the helm which included a lovely lunch at Patonga Hotel. Lake Macquarie over the Easter Weekend was also well supported and well organized by Peter Hewitt and Graeme Barber, Pauline and I could not make the weekend due to prior arrangements with our kids camping at Lake Macquarie.

Our Xmas in July night will be upon us before we know it in July at Gledswood Winery, so make sure you put the date in your calendar and come along for a fun night of eating and drinking with other club members. The trailer Day Sausage Sizzle will have an interesting twist this time including a parts sale and swap, so if you have anything to sell bring it along you never know what bargains you might pick up yourself.

At our recent committee meeting hosted by Peter and Ann Hewitt, it was decided that due to the extent of activities usually held on our A.G.M. weekend that it would not be appropriate to have a children's Xmas Party on the same weekend. In this light it was decided that the December event to be held on Botany Bay, would become a Xmas Cruise weekend where everyone will dress up their boats appropriately. More info on this will be forthcoming as the time approaches.

The committee has been working very hard for the club and Berowra Waters has now been confirmed as our venue for the A.G.M. this year which should be quite exciting as they are looking forward to having us there. As our tenth year approaches we would like to have a 100% attendance if it is possible to match our very first A.G.M. attendance. It is understandable if you can't make it as our motto states "come once come twice or as often as you like" but we can still try.

Once again welcome to any new members since our last newsletter and I hope to meet you sometime soon. To all members I hope to see you at one of our events very soon

**Happy Boating**  
**ROD BROWN**  
**CHATTAWAY TWO**

**PRESIDENT**

## Sussex Success Feb 2009

How great was the Sussex week-end!

An article usually starts with "when we left home" or "on the way to the week-end" or "we launched at.....". However, what is most often taken for granted is the organising that goes on behind the scene. Steve Worth and best mate Karen threw themselves wholeheartedly into organising the Sussex adventure. Not only was Steve on hand to usher everyone into the well hidden Chris Creek (at all ungodly hours) but he had advised the local Police and Waterways of the Whittlely onslaught, so some 21 boats we were expected.

Athena and I were fortunate to leave home on the Thursday evening, surfed along with a massive down-pour at Wollongong through to Kiama (down to 40kl with wipers on max speed and barely able to see the tail lights in front) you can bet we seriously contemplated turning back to Sydney.

Arriving at the Sussex ramp Chris and Val Hall were already in the water, we decided to remain on land for the evening as we were unsure if we would clear the bridge into Chris Creek. Chris and Val decided to venture through the shallows and channels to Chris Creek, I didn't know that "SEA TONG" could travel so slow as Chris would normally travel the two kilometres in about 1.5minutes and I estimate it took him 35minutes (but he missed all the sandbanks, good navigating Chris in an unknown waterway at the black of night) and no rubbing bottoms with sandbanks.

Friday morning we safely ventured into Chris Creek to raft up with five early birds. In the afternoon after others arrived the fleet of inflatable dinghies assembled for the Chardonnay cruise through the canals to the western end of Sussex then a bumping dodgem journey back to our raft-up (naturally stopping along the way for an ale at the Club).

In hindsight, we were so pleased to have continued through to Sussex as Sydney had a very sh...y unsavoury wet week-end where at Sussex the sun managed to keep the Whittlely boaties content.

Saturday night at Swan Bay was very (wind) peaceful and the morning decided to surprise us by washing the salt water from our topsides.

When the rain she comes, the inventiveness of the Whittlely boaties comes to the fore, Rob (yes DEAR) was made by Karen to BBQ in the rain and Rod needed to run his generator in the downpour (refer pics).

Sunday saw us unlucky ones at the ramp preparing for home. As it was lunch time Ernie and Carol suggested we head down to the club for a bite, Athena loved the idea and Ken and Janet also jumped at the opportunity to extend the day. We parked three Whittlely's in the club car park and the kind receptionist at the club zeroed their security cameras onto our boats for safe keeping. When we were leaving she was so proud to announce that all three of our boats were safe and sound, however Ernie and Ken had her convinced that she had lost one boat as the fourth boat was not there (they were stone cold sober, imagine what they would have done to the poor girl if they were otherwise).

Thanks again to Steve and Karen for another fantastic Sussex week-end and to the great crew of attendee's for making our week-end so enjoyable.

**Hope to see you all with wet bottoms soon!  
Athena & Rog**



## Australia Day 09 - Sydney Harbour

With short notice, an informal invite was sent to members for the Australian day weekend on Sydney harbour. Watson's Bay was the meeting place at around lunch time where we saw Ed Giuffre & Boys, Peter & Sue Denton, John & Sue Hansen, Roger & Athena Gregson and of course myself Robert & Pat Risse.

With such a warm day we lunched and swam for several hours before moving to Sugarloaf Bay for the afternoon & night. On arrival we saw old friends Rick & Beth with his new (Naughty), whom invited us to come along side and raft up. It was nice to catch up with a guy that always makes you feel welcome. Much of the same swimming and enjoying each others company, was the order of the day. Except we did have a small commando mission where we men assisted a yacht. The Yachty was ever so grateful with the assistance and complimented the Whitley boaties on their skills. Ha ha.

Sunday we moved to Manly around lunchtime where we rafted along the beach. Had our happy hour at the Yacht club and thence our Lamb BBQ for Aussie day.

Monday we moved up the harbour to enjoy the festivities. Some pictures included will tell a better story.

### Robert



## Gippsland Lakes - Easter 2009

We headed to the beautiful Gippsland Lakes with KazBar in tow to visit my family. We had a few lovely days on the water with the boys camping and fishing at Ocean Grange with my brother and his friends. Many Whittleys' cruised passed and it looked as though the Victorian Whittlely Club were in town!

Metung was a lovely place to stop for lunch, many jetties to stop at and great pizza! On one of our trips back to Paynesville to visit family we happened to see a Whittlely with a NSW sticker, it was D & D (Dennis & Dawn), what a pleasant surprise to see other members, and so far from home! We rafted up overnight with D & D, Waverider (Don & Jan) and Sue and Bill on their Campion at Duck Arm. Thank-you to Sue and Bill for inviting us aboard their lovely boat and feeding us lots of chocolate!

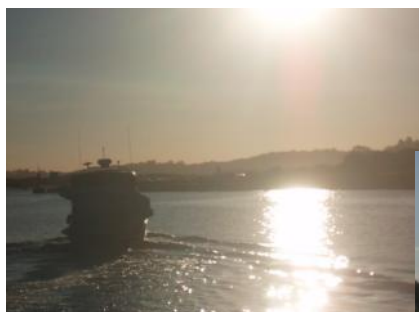
The next day we wandered off to Lakes Entrance to do some fishing, it was beautiful weather, sunny and warm. Waverider later joined us and we rafted up for the night in a lovely little quiet spot near Metung.

We were on the Gippsland Lakes for a week, the weather was beautiful and sunny most of the time, with only one day of extreme wind, at which time we took the boat out of the water and hid in my father's yard in Paynesville.

It was a shame we had to leave, however all good holidays have to come to an end some time!

By the way, anybody is quite welcome to ask Rob what he did with my dinghy motor!?

**Karen, Rob, Mark & Nick  
KazBar**



## LOWER HAWKS BURY MARCH 2009

What a fantastic roll up for a Whittleby weekend, we saw 17 boats blessed with superb weather.

Starting with everyone meeting in Waratah Bay on the Friday night. Saturday morning saw us cruise over to Patonga to the Hotel for lunch, this is a very popular venue and you are advised to BOOK ahead. After our delightful lunch it was decided to motor around to Pittwater for the night, it was not to be with the weather turning a bit windy and the bays full, it was back around to America Bay for a great raft up.

It was pleasing to see some old faces (not Aged) join us for a change good to see John & Wendy (Rock On) cruise by to say hello to everyone.

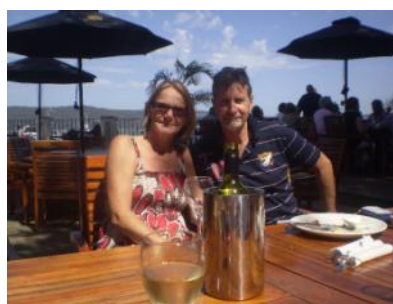
Sunday morning saw a couple of boats leave early due to other commitments some going Deep Sea fishing (KazBar) and others going partying (James D)

With the heat hitting early, Athena, Libra, Vic-Tree, Signed on 4 ..2 and ½ of To The Max go by dingy around to Refuge Bay for a swim. What a great way to cool off under the waterfall. On our way back we stopped to say hello to past members Chris & Vicki Scheffer, who were also out to enjoy the lovely weather

Late Sunday saw some other boats leave the group with the exception of the ones that are retired or the SKIPPER of a certain boat that can make mistakes on the Roster, all we can say is Hopeless.

All in all the weekend was a great success, thanks Herb.

### Happy Boating Maxine To The Max



## EASTER 2009 AT LAKE MACQUARIE

We left Wauchope on Thursday morning and the traffic was light going south. There was a lot of traffic going north but no delays. We launched the boat at the Swansea ramp and parked the car and trailer in front of the Swansea caravan park. This area has provided good security in the past.

The weather was fine, not much wind and we traveled across to Styles Point and rafted up with Peter & Ann ( Vic-Tre ), Graeme & Joyce ( Loco ), Herb & Tricia ( Herway ), Ray, Carol & Rod ( Bravo 111 ), Bob Harper ( Miss World ). A short time later Geoff & Annette ( Hopeless Haulage ) arrived. There was another whittley boat on the raft, Rob & Jenny are not members but indicated that they intend to join. Drink's and nibbles came out and we settled in for the night.

Friday morning was fine and sunny and no wind. Misty Moon left the raft and cruised back across the lake to the large sand bar area behind the Swansea caravan park for a swim and stayed there for lunch. Later in the afternoon we cruised to " bird cage" to join the others for the overnight raft-up.

All the boats left bird cage on Saturday morning and went to Wangi, with some boats going the RSL for lunch and others to Wangi workers club. Late in the afternoon we returned to Styles Point for the night.

On Sunday morning Misty Moon went to Toronto to have a look at the wooden boats on display there. At lunch time all the boats met up at Wangi workers. Later in the afternoon Bravo 111 & Miss World left to go home. The remaining boats returned to the Rathmine's area and rafted up at the end of the water way past Styes Point.

On Monday morning Misty Moon left for the Swansea boat ramp. The other boats were staying for another day or so. We had a good trip home going north, not so good for those heading south, with long delays at Hexham bridge and north of Bulahdelah.

We look forward to the Clarence River trip in October.

Kind regards to all,

Chris & Colleen Jackson Misty Moon.

## EASTER ON THE HAWKSURY

A few members that were unable to go the Lake Macquarie went to the good old Hawksbury and Brisbane Waters for the break.

Signed on 4 & To The Max launched on thursday night and spent the night around in Bobbin Head, then meeting up with C-Vue in Stingray Bay (1st bay in Smiths Creek) then later to be joined by Sea-Renity, later that day James D arrived after picking up a hitch hiker at the top of the hill and had to get the ranger to remove the 2 mtre Diamond Python from their trailer before launching.

Saturday we set off to Brisbane Waters for a run where we stayed in Rileys Bay for the night where It 'll Do and James D joined the raft up.

Sunday saw the Easter Bunny had arrive. It 'll do & James D left to do a spot of fishing and meet up with family, leaving us to explore Brisbane Waters and head to Woy Woy for lunch at the Fish Co Op before making our way back to Stingray Bay for a quite night!!!!

Monday we awoke to a rather fogged in bay only to be surprised by a Wallaby swimming in the bay who looked rather lost, after having a fellow boatie guide him to the safety of dry land he went on his way. With only C-Vue, Signed on 4 & To The Max left we decided to go early morning exploring up the creek on the high tide, this is very interesting seeing rock formations, waterfalls & fish in the shallows, then around to Akuna Bay for some house cleaning and pickings for lunch it was time to go home.

See you on the water soon.  
To The Max

## LOWER HAWKS BURY MARCH 2009

This little guy is a two metre Diamond Python that hitched a ride on our boat trailer down to Appletree Bay.

Peter stopped the car to let it pass by and it decided to climb up on the trailer. The park ranger who was following us at the time made the executive decision to let another ranger handle the snake and so we gave it a ride down to the carpark at appletree from the main gate up near the expressway.

I would've liked to get my camera out of the boat quicker to take a snap of the snake wrapped around the roller but the ranger was faster than I was, so you'll have to take my word for it. The Ranger thanked us for not running over the snake and then he took it back up to where we picked it up. Something about territorial rights.

There is never a dull moment when you're out boating.

**Sue and Peter (James D)**



## GOOD LUCK

March 27th saw several boats on the water to farewell Danny & Karen ( LIBRA) who have relocated to Queensland. We all wish you all the very best in their new venture.

Karen has promised to keep in touch and will open their new home to any Whittleby members travelling to or through Queensland.



## The Whittleby Club NSW Inc. Our 1st Christmas in July



### Reminder - 18th & 19th July - Christmas in July.

This is the last opportunity to join in the fun and merriment with the club and enjoy live music with lots of singing and dancing and a visit from Santa. Accommodation has been arranged at the Narellan Motor Inn if you wish to enjoy a drink or two and make a weekend of it. Further details of the evening are shown below.

### Celebrate Christmas at Gledswood Homestead & Winery.

Relax in a friendly warm country atmosphere with great food, crisp whites and bold red wines. Enjoy live music with lots of singing and dancing and a visit from Santa. Our evening of merriment will commence at 7.00pm in the Convict built coach house where we will have our taste buds tantalised with wine tasting, hot bread and cheese.

If you have special dietary requirements, please contact Carol Hollebon two weeks prior to the event to allow your dietary needs to be met, ensuring everyone has a wonderful evening. Drinks will be at your own expense on the night. The web site address for Gledswood Homestead & Winery is [www.gledswood.com.au](http://www.gledswood.com.au)

### Accommodation

If your interested in making a week-end of it or just want to enjoy a drink or two on the Night why not consider booking a room at Narellan Motor Inn 02 46 46 1044. Accommodation for the Saturday night is available at the Narellan Motor Inn. \$99 Per person twin Share, you will receive a welcome drink on arrival, transport to and From Gledswood (5 couples minimum), full breakfast to room and late check out. Please mention you are with the Whittleby Club as rooms have been set aside for us. A link to the Narellan Motor Inn is: [www.narellanmotorinn.com.au](http://www.narellanmotorinn.com.au) Please Note: You are responsible for making your own booking arrangements and Payment of accommodation with Narellan Motor Inn directly.

### Full payment of \$50 per head is required ASAP

Payment should be Forwarded to the Whittleby Club NSW treasurer Carol Hollebon.

Methods of Payment are as follows:

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*Members must include their Surname in the Reference field to identify the payment. Please send an email to the Treasurer at [boatse@optusnet.com.au](mailto:boatse@optusnet.com.au) who will confirm Receipt of the payment for the function and add your name to the list of party goers.*

## WHITTLEY YAMBA TO GRAFTON TOUR



Commencing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October '09 you can spend up to 2 weeks touring the beautiful Clarence River approx., 90kms round trip. The time that you spend is up to you.

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup>** Leave Sydney head north to a van park. TBA

**Sun 4<sup>th</sup>** Arrive Yamba Put in at the Yamba Marina as per arranged for the club. The Marina staff has been very accommodating. More info will be available closer to the date for interested parties.

The Marina has secure parking & reasonable rates will be discussed again closer to the date, or the Commodore also has information on free parking for those that prefer this option.

**Sun 4<sup>th</sup> /Mon 5<sup>th</sup>** At your leisure around Yamba's many beautiful beaches and man made entrances, or top up on your groceries etc.

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> PM** Weather permitting we will set off for Iluka for swimming & sightseeing and overnight. Dolphins maybe sighted in this area & the sands along with clear waters.

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup>** Set off for a trip down the beautiful Clarence River with its 14 exits into little country towns & places of interest.

The trip should then flow and can be decided on the time that you have left to spend on the River.

We have visited the area and spoken to the Authorities such as Waterways, Ferry Masters & Marina Staff etc and it must be reported that every person that we contacted/visited they could not have been more helpful.

We hope that you can join "Chattaway..Two" & "Vic-Tre" on this holiday and if you have any interest, please feel free to contact,

PETER HEWITT

0412 268 422 for further details.

### HAVE YOUR SAY

If you have any boating tips, article's or photo's which you would like to submit for the next newsletter please e-mail to;

[raymaxmantle@hotmail.com](mailto:raymaxmantle@hotmail.com) or [karen@hubsystems.com.au](mailto:karen@hubsystems.com.au)

## **IMPORTANT IMPORTANT IMPORTANT!!!!!!!**

### **DO YOU HAVE A FIRE PLAN IN PLACE FOR OUR BOATS?**

*Have we all considered and discussed with your crew "What happens if a fire breaks out on your boat?"*

*A fire plan is of upmost importance and should always be in the front of your mind.*

*Think about when we are rafted up and there is someone that needs to fill their generator or outboard motor. If a spark was to ignite that PETROL and we are all tied together!!!!*

*Would you be able to get away from the fire? Do you have your extinguisher and fire blanket in an accessible spot?*

*Remember you need to act and move as quickly as possible.  
When tying up just 1 hitch and maybe 1 wrap will hold any Whittley.*

### **ROPES READY!!!!**

*Much concern is that people may come into a raft up unprepared.*

*This sometimes causes confusion to other members if you are not prepared.*

*Please have your ropes and fenders on the correct side, ready to tie up when you come into the raft up and please make sure that your ropes are not too thick to tie so that they may be removed easily.*

*Always have your ropes ready and be prepared.*



## **HELP DIRECTORY**

<b><u>TRAILER:</u></b>	STEVE WORTH 0418 475935
<b><u>LEG/MOTOR:</u></b>	TREVOR NEEMS 49 635990
<b><u>ELECTRICS:</u></b>	PETER HEWITT 0412 268422
<b><u>FIRE/SAFETY:</u></b>	JOHN SCHERER 96038597
<b><u>SENS-A-BRAKE:</u></b>	MARK BEESTON 0408268911 (Not a Free Service)

Do we have any other members who can help and would like to add their name. Please give Peter Hewitt a call on 0412 268422

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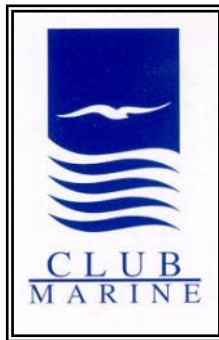
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