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NEWSLETTER



AGM 2009 Berowra Waters Marina



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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 3rd-5th Clarence River - Sat after lunch at Yamba Marina. Contact Peter Hewitt

November 14th-15th AGM Meeting and Dinner at Berowra Waters - Sat 10am Berowra Waters Marina. Contact Maxine Mantle or Rod Brown

December 12th-13th. Georges River - Sat 10am Homestead Park, near the Lakes Boatshed in Chipping Norton Lake (Gregory's Map 366). Contact Rod Brown

Presidents Report

**Whittley's are fun when in the sun.
Their also fine if you like wine.
However when on the water
you really ought to,
have a good think
or it might sink!**

**Don't ask for parts
for this great craft,
cause if you ask the maker
you will still be waiting much, much, much later!**

**Joining the Whittley club is a real hoot,
the people are real beaut!
If you read the news
you can even choose
to share your views.
The presidents report is great,
but where is it mate?!**

**Written by Karen Buller
Dedicated to Rod Brown**

Christmas in July

We almost had a white Christmas in July as it was very cold at Catherine Fields. Most of the group from our club stayed at the Narellan Motor Inn where we were made very welcome. We travelled to Gledswood Homestead and Winery by a pre-arranged small luxury bus which thankfully had great heating.

The evening commenced with wine tasting, with biscuits and cheese with other friendly people attending for the evening. After sampling some of their wines they produce at Gledswood we were taken into the Restaurant where they served the Christmas dinner. The three course meal was very enjoyable and we all ate heartedly washing it down with wine, beer or maybe just a soft drink or two.

We were entertained by a singer who played the guitar and had everyone joining him in a sing-a-long especially when he played the Christmas Carols. Once all the singing and dancing had ended Santa made an appearance giving out handfuls of lollies to everyone. And, what was Geoff doing to Santa in the picture?

The MC then organised a couple of games (a different version of two-up) where the lucky winners obtained bottles of Gledswood wine.

It was then time for our bus to take us back to the Narellan Motor Inn where some of us socialised again to end a very pleasant evening.

Ray & Carol Hollebon



June Long Week-end

What a fantastic roll up for a wonderful weekend, with 15 boats making their way to the meeting places along the river.

Starting with several boats meeting in Waratah Bay on Friday night,

After a great night of catching up, it was a not so early to bed (haha).

Saturday morning after breakfast we headed of to Wisemans Ferry, we all cruised up comfortably for the 1-1/2 hour run up the river with the wind in our faces. Once we arrived, Garry & Ray done a great job at mar-shalling us into a fabulous raft up, the locals from there came to witness our abilities and were most impressed. We started to set up for the night on the shore with some firewood, a generator and some lights. Thanks to Jess & Johno for supplying us with the Chavpis and to all who made nibble trays, and Karen for the sweets for the night Fruit and Chocolate Sauce.

The water must have been nice with one member going for a swim twice fully clothed, and was caught wearing his wife's track pants on the second swim.

Sunday a few people went for a walk up town to look around and to get the paper. Then it was down the river to Berowra Waters where we spent the night with a sing along and dance party, tough boats these Whittleys.

Monday saw us cruising back around to the bays closer to the ramp for a bit of lunch and then get ready to say our farewells until we meet up again on the water.

A very special THANK YOU must go to Dennis & Dawn who so graciously stayed behind to assist Steve & Sharon Bagnall who unfortunately broke down and couldn't continue with the week end.

This was the 1st trip that Ray & I have organized on the water and we would like to thank all of you who came along with us, it truly was a great weekend.

Cheers to all.

TO THE MAX



Trailer day

Trailer day saw 4 boats meet up at Oatley Boat Ramp for the weekend.

After cruising up to Cattle Duffers we were met by a good rollup of members for the trailer day and the first Swap meeting.

Several members had their blankets down with some unwanted items that they had left over from their boats, some people got some good bargains some not so lucky (sorry Steve).

The Barbie was in full flight with Rod being the Master Chef for the day, nothing like a good Sausage Sandwich with onions.

The weather was exceptionally good considering that it was winter.

Thank you to Carol, Grace & John for the great photos also to Peter for his talk on how to maintain your trailers and boats.



America's Bay

The weekend of September 11-13, 2009 saw 7 boats raft up in America's Bay. Loco, James D, Peter and Anne, Roger and Athena, Herway, Garelle and KazBar, with some boats meeting on the Friday night and others on Saturday.

Nick on KazBar now has his full boat licence and his driving skills are getting very good, he is having plenty of practice with his mother out of action with a broken knee, ask Rob about that one! (sorry, had to mention it)

It was a perfectly beautiful sunny weekend, with lovely clear water at the moment, still too cold for swimming though. Thank-you to Joyce and Graham for organising a delightful impromptu weekend out on the water.

KazBar
Karen & Nick



Annual General Meeting

Date: 14th November 2009

Time: 6.30 pm to 11pm

Where: Berowra Waters Marina

Cost: \$55.00 per person [This includes your Meal, Beer, Wine, Soft Drink & Tea/ Coffee]

Marina: \$25.00 per night [Payable the day you arrive]
We will have 30 berths as well as a raft up [raft up no charge]

Arrival: You can start to arrive Friday 13th if you wish. Official time is Saturday 10 am.

\Showers & Toilets are on both Marinas

AGM Start time will be 4pm

Parking: There will be approx 40 parking spaces for cars & trailers for those who wish to launch at Berowra

Facilities: Café, Milk & Papers together with Fuel Water & Some Power



VHF RADIO LICENCES

This year sees the introduction of mandatory licensing if you have and use a VHF radio in your boat.

This year at the Boat Show I made several enquiries about the courses, wow what a difference there is in the cost of these, ranging up to \$350.

I have therefore decided to become an Invigilator to help the members of our club.

The best way and the cheapest for our members is to go on line and study, practice the quizzes, all this in your own time for 1 month and then sit your test.

The cost to you will be \$49 for 1 month on the net to learn and \$56 for the cost of your license.

When you are confident enough to sit your exam you can contact me either email or phone and we will organize a date that is suitable.

I will be running groups of up to 10 members at a time, so you will need to register.

You will also need to bring along a passport size photo to be sent in with your exam paper.

The web site is www.vhfradioonline.com .

If you get caught without a license it is a \$220 fine.

**Happy studying
Maxine**

Interesting idea

Anita & I have just returned home after 13 weeks travelling around the country with our camper trailer & a Quintrex car topper "just a bit too far to tow the 660". While in South Australia travelling down the Eyre Peninsular at Cowell we got to talk to the owner of a new Sea Legend as he was returning it to his trailer. I was very interested in a trailer washing system he had fitted to the trailer. He used 12mm black pvc hose with garden watering jets located along the length of the trailer and had positioned the spray jets so they would get into all the awkward and critical areas. He had split the system into two, one for each side so it can be washed down with the utmost of ease. Have attached a couple of photos which may be of interest to members.

**Regards
John & Anita**



WHITTLEY YAMBA TO GRAFTON TOUR



THANK YOU

Sunday 30th August saw members that are going to Yamba gather at Peter & Ann Hewitt's house for a very informative talk about our trip.

There will be 17 boats travelling up to Yamba for this trip, to which I am sure will be a fantastic time.

We thank you Peter for the effort that you have gone to in gathering information and maps together with the organizing of the marina.

Thank you also goes to the members that travelled to Peter & Ann, and to the ladies that brought the fantastic desserts.



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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

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 or karen@hubsystems.com.au

President's Report

The unseasonably warm weather we have been having makes it very inviting to get the Whittley out for an early start to the cruising season. I have heard from a lot of members that they have been doing just that with many impromptu gatherings on the waterways, which is great to see.

In the next 2 weeks quite a number of our members will be travelling north for a trip on the Clarence River for a couple of weeks, whilst it is not the Whitsundays trip which many of us have enjoyed several times at this time of year, this will be I am sure another interesting and fun filled adventure as we travel along the river stopping along the way to enjoy the sites and towns on this well known waterway. We know what great trips we've had to the Whitsundays organized by Peter Hewitt and he has been working equally hard to ensure that this trip is even more enjoyable as it is a lot closer and more accessible for more people.

Our AGM is also fast approaching and we are looking forward to a new experience at our new venue of Berowra Waters. It is approaching 10 years since the clubs inception and it would be great to have a big roll up for this years event. If anyone is interested in nominating themselves for any position on the committee, please feel free to put in a nomination, it is always great to have people come along with new ideas, so don't be shy if you think you have something to offer our great club put your hand up and get a nomination in to the committee. There will be a Dinner and a Band for us to dance the night away and as always lots of fun is anticipated, the date is 14 November so try to put aside this date and make our first AGM at Berowra Waters a tremendous success.

The final event on our calendar for this year will be our Xmas outing which will now be held upstream on the Georges River at Homestead Park, near the Lakes Boatshed in Chipping Norton Lake (Gregory's Map 366). There is a lovely park and small beach area where we can come ashore and set up, so if anyone does not want to bring their boat along they can still join in the festivities. It will be a dress up your boat weekend so it is up to you how you would like to interpret this!!!! Emails will be sent out soon with more info.

Happy Boating
ROD BROWN
CHATTAWAY



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