

AGM Weekend.

Hi all,

Another year has almost come and gone and while we still hold hope that one day we shall be blessed with a brilliant sunny weekend to hold our AGM and get-together, we endeavoured to carry on, regardless of the rain and hail stones.

The brave, ventured out on Thursday and were lucky enough to have some glorious sunshine. Rafting up in a lovely little bay called Castle Bay. Some may remember it being called Castle Lagoon, but on our new Navman apparently, there has been a name change.

To the Max, (Maxine and Ray), **Highly Strung**, (Silva and Phi), **James D**, (Sue and Peter), **Lo Mas Loco**, (Nerida and Chris), enjoyed our first evening together in the calm waters with no rippling to keep us awake.

Friday morning gave us some more sunshine and a cruise to Patonga to enjoy a wonderful lunch at the Beach Front hotel.



Just a short dingy ride to the beach and walked past a very weathered looking islander; who has seen better days.

After lunch, Lo Mas Loco took a cruise around to Pittwater, as Highly Strung, James D, went to Refuge. Meeting up with **Halcyon**, (Tony and Tina) joined us for a quick swim before heading to Akuna bay to pick up Bruce Lynch from Albury.

The sun disappeared behind some very dark clouds, so a mad dash ensued to beat the hail stones and rain in Refuge, and settle back into the protection of Castle Bay with To the Max.



*Coming out of Refuge;
being pelted by Hail
stones.*

Friday night party mode set in, with nibbles and drinks, and joining us Leanne and Craig in **Imagine**. Michael and Dianna in their soon to be named: Monterey ready for the renaming ceremony on Saturday.

Saturday saw our beloved Commodore dressed in his finery; choose (not really) to have a quick swim before heading off early to set up the marina for the club members arrival.

Unfortunately, This was too early in the morning to get a photo of that event!

Many thanks to those members braving the wet to assist fellow members tie up on the marina, and point them to the coffee shop for a warm brew.

The AGM saw our committee return to their positions and continue to be the driving force to maintain our great Whittleby Club.

After the the ceremony for the renaming of Michael and Dianna's Monterey took place and was attended by the majority of members all helping to make sure the renaming was performed with dignity and a good supply of Champagne.

After appeasing the exalted rulers of the four winds:

North, the Great Boreas. West, the Great Zephyrus. East, the Great Eurus, and South, the Great Notus with liberal amounts of champagne, the unveiling took place and we were presented with the *Maria Christine*. Congratulations on the renaming of your vessel Michael and Dianne.

Party time arrived and once again the Driftwood Café, catered for our party. Everyone had a great time reminiscing over past adventures, and funny stories kept the members enraptured while drinks flowed and finger food staved off our hunger.



Our Intrepid Camera man Michael, seemed at a loss what to do with his camera for a moment or two.



Of course no party would be complete without a raffle and many prizes were won. Some members were very lucky; winning three or four, and some, one or two, but whether you won or not it was all in the fun of the draw.

Several members fought over the dessert; both claiming ownership rights. Not sure which one; Glad or Peter was victorious in claiming their prize pastry.



A great weekend and I'm certain many more to come.

Cheers Sue.



The AGM now has a saint????

President Saint Sparks



The Whittley committee for 2015/2016

Front Michael Filacouridis responsible for Newsletter and IT related

Middle row Lea De Angelis Social Secretary, Maxine Mantle Secretary, Narelle Baglin Treasurer,

Back row Ray Mantle Commodore, Phil Sparks President, Garry Baglin Project Manager

On Behalf of the President and the Whittley committee NSW we wish you all a safe and very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Michael Filacouridis