



WHITTLEY CLUB NSW

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A cavalcade of stars began to arrive by road and sea for the annual Whittley AGM 2013 at Akuna Bay – the early birds on Friday evening. For the second year in a row, 'Knot So Li'l' steamed in (again unfortunately not under her own power) but this year, at least not carrying 250 litres of the Hawkesbury within her bilge (a minor battery issue caused by the family's Mexican cleaning lady who didn't understand the instructions "please don't pull the plug on the boat charger").



During the course of the afternoon a few prospective buyers were seen eyeing off the *James D* which, sadly, is up for sale. Tony Patti's *Halcyon* has had recent cosmetic surgery and this was also admired extensively by the Whittley members. Garry Barber on the other hand, was spotted with a long face, jotting down details of Tony's repairer due to an unfortunate incident involving a protruding anchor (nothing that a couple of sticks and some tape couldn't fix to have *Garelle* water-tight again).



The arrival of Peter Hewitt's 60th (he claims) birthday cake was the next highlight of the afternoon - the resplendent *Athena* as usual being the centre of festivities. However, any thoughts of getting down the big table were soon quashed as THIS was a Whittley event.

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Champagne began to flow. With three cheers for Peter Hewitt, Sue Denton couldn't contain her excitement and launched her sunglasses into the air which quickly settled on the bottom of the Hawkesbury.

The sound of three bells rang out across the Marina summoning all members upstairs to the meeting room. It was great to see the presence of new prospective members to our Club, as well as many of the usual familiar happy faces.

The retiring Committee delivered their reports, and the assembled masses thanked them for a job well done. General business as usual – was lively and animated, and resolved the burning question of “When is a Member a REAL person?” It was such an absorbing session that some were soon overcome.



The new Committee was elected, a combination of old and new faces, who proudly took their positions at the front of the room. Committee numbers had swelled with the generous addition of Special Projects Manager Lea, and Rally Co-ordinator Ray. As usual, the AGM was a raging success and the meeting closed on a happy note – an absolute highlight of the Whittleby calendar.

In his usual broad accent, Alex called “PARTY TIME!!” and the room cleared in a matter of seconds, members racing downstairs to quickly don their fineries before running to the bar past Bob Lilley holding his phone up in the air, playing ‘Hail the Chief’ on loudspeaker to whoever would listen.

Everyone had a wonderful time. The food was great, the wine flowed, many stories were shared before most were fortunate enough to then have the luxury of staggering back to their boats for a nightcap and bed. Allegedly, (reports unsubstantiated) the day had been too big for some.



Sunday morning saw a quiet breakfast in the café, and a celebration of Maxine's 44th birthday. Happy birthday to Maxine and Peter.



Until next year.....

GENERAL BUSINESS

With Christmas approaching, there are a few beautiful Whitley jackets still available in selected sizes. Just contact Phil (0414 267 664).

With the Calendar of Events being prepared for 2014, any suggestions for organised Club outings are very much welcomed. Any offers to assist in organising these outings would also be greatly appreciated.



Does anyone have a caption for this photo? 😊 Please send clever quips to zipzipjs@gmail.com. Winner will receive the highly sought after and controversial Whitley Club cap, purchased and donated by Phil Sparks!

Jenny and Leanne