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FROM THE MASTHEAD

Hi all,

Thought it would be prudent to let you know what has been happening lately as we head into the colder months.

It goes without saying that the weather has been fierce up and down the east coast and with not a lot of sunshine in recent memory, I imagine that not too many of you have taken the Whittley out lately.

Heavy rain and winds impacted on the last two months' outings, unfortunately.

- April event was on the Hawkesbury. A number of boats headed off with Ray looking after the weekend. Unfortunately, after launching and assembling on Friday night, the weather whipped up overnight and the most anticipated Easter weekend was abandoned on Saturday morning. Looking forward to the report in the next newsletter on that one!
- May event was down for last weekend with Roger at the helm. As there were not a lot of starters (and again the weather looked threatening), a decision was made for this event to be cancelled. The pouring rain, particularly on Saturday night, indicated that this was perhaps a wise decision.

Nonetheless, let's not be disheartened and there are a few really interesting things coming up -

- Greg and Robyn, who did such a terrific job with the Port Stephens weekend last year, are taking the June long weekend Myall Lakes event. Yes I know it is undoubtedly going to be a little cool, but with a "Christmas in June" theme, it will be a lot of fun. Surely the weather gods will bless us with a fine weekend!
- July will feature the combination boat handling and trailer maintenance day. There is no sexism involved here so I expect to see some of the guys admitting to their inadequacies and improve their navigation skills, as well as some of the girls donning the overalls and reaching for the spanners ...
- Angela, your highly talented Special Projects co-ordinator, is busy finding a cosy restaurant for us to enjoy a great night out for those who can make it.
- Outstanding efforts by the tireless Ray and Maxine, as well as the rest of your 2015 Committee, has the planning for the mega 2016 Rally event well advanced. More details will be in the upcoming newsletters, but the response has been overwhelming and it is looking like developing into a special festival that hopefully will be most memorable.

Finally, for those of you who have not yet heard, we have our own Whittley good news moment. Our Club and personal congratulations go out to Rob and Sally who are naturally thrilled with the arrival of their new son. No doubt it will be no time before dad is showing young Alex all the fine points of their beautiful 2800!

So hope to see you all soon and please remember if you have any stories, photos or anecdotes, Michael would love to have them for the newsletters.

Yours sincerely,

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