DECEMBER 2018

NEWSLETTER

COMMITTEE 2018 – 2019

PRESIDENT: JOHN WHITTLES
COMMODORE: RAY MANTLE
SECRETARY: MAXINE MANTLE
TREASURER: NARELLE BAGLIN/ANGELA MUNZ
COMMITTEE: SANDRA CREED/IAN FRANKLIN
Hello Members

Well another NSW Whittley Club AGM has been and gone.

The elections for committee positions resulted in some changes. For those of you who could not attend, I will detail the years committee. After five years as a most successful President, Phil Sparks stepped down and I was given the honour to serve as this year’s President. Maxine Mantle and Narelle Baglin were elected Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Ray Mantle is this years Commodore, Ian Franklin was re-elected to the role of ancillary committee person and it is with great pleasure I welcome a new ancillary committee person, Sandra Creed. Garry Baglin will continue as the Club’s Public Officer. This is not a committee position and as such is not voted upon. Angela Munz has volunteered to act as a backup Treasurer and relief person to allow Narelle some breathing space when travelling. Max Ward, along with Ian Franklin will co-ordinate the newsletter. I look forward to a productive year working with these good folk.

Now that the Donald Trump jokes have subsided, my Daughter has stopped calling me Donald, my sister has tired of calling Jan, Melania, and I have decided on my new hairstyle - I would like to share with you my goals for the next twelve months.

As well as any general matters that arise, it is my ambition to seek ways to grow our membership. To this end I will be following up on the initial work our previous President has done with Terrace Boating. My hope is to create a relationship similar to the one we enjoy with Hunts Marine. Pivotal to this, I plan to ensure that our new website is up and running as soon as possible.

This year’s trip calendar is being compiled with the help of a survey of members. The response to the survey was not sensational but the committee will do its best to compile a calendar in a way that hopefully will be well received.

Our newspaper editors, Max Ward and Ian Franklin, have asked for any content you may wish included in the newsletter. The goal is to make the newsletter informative, entertaining and useful. Some examples are: photographs, amusing incidents, helpful hints, even ‘lost and found’ and ‘for sale’. Please send all contributions direct to Ian Franklin’s email address: ianfranklin@ozemail.com.au

Please remember your committee members give their time willingly and are all involved in the committee solely for the purpose of furthering the club’s best interests. You, the members are that club. If you are not happy with anything about the club, then talk to me or the committee person of your choice, we are here to serve you.

John Whittles
Clubb President.
AGM & DINNER

With the weather perfect for the weekend it was hard not to enjoy ourselves early and stay an extra day. Starting out with meeting up with Roger & Athena at the ramp and then John & Jan arriving, they decided to lunch at the ramp so that left Athena & To The Max to set up the raft. We were soon joined by Serenity, Tranquility, Imagine, Two can Tango & Knot so Lil. With 7 boats enjoying a raft up in Castle Bay with beautiful calm waters.

Saturday after breakfast we slowly headed around to Akuna Bay where we were met by the friendly staff from the marina to assist in the mooring of the fleet. We were then welcoming Edenvale, Kyrian, Synergy, Much Ado and new members Roy & Ann Butt & Stuart & Robyn Best. We also had Phil & Jenny, Alex & Angela, Glad & Jill, Gary & Narelle; Rob & Sally travelling by car.

The AGM started at 2pm with 36 members in attendance, a large number of nominations were received and we had 17 members vying for positions this was an exceptional effort from the members thank you all. Unfortunately, there are only so many places to be filled.

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Commodore: Ray Mantle
Secretary: Maxine Mantle
Treasurer: Narelle Baglin
Assist Treasurer: Angela Munz
Committee: Sandra Creed & Ian Franklin

We welcomed the new members and hope to see them on the water soon.
The BBQ dinner started with Nibbles being shared around while the Chefs John & Ray cranked up the BBQ, and then out came the deserts all this was held under the stars with a lot of catching up with new and past members Ken & Janet paid us a surprise visit. With all the renovations happening at Akuna Bay there was very little disruption to us.
Sunday after a slow start we said goodbyes to some who had to leave early, the balance of the fleet then meandered out to cruise off and continued to enjoy another perfect sunny day. With 5 boats left we all met down the bottom of Smiths creek for one more night.

A very big thank you to all who assisted in making our weekend great.

Maxine
To The Max

Out-going president Phil presents the ‘Brownie ‘Award to former first lady Jenny.

In addition to the photos shown here, there are many other very nice photos also taken by Jan Whittles. Due to the number of photos, they are included in total, at the end of the Newsletter.
P.S. to Maxine’s AGM Cruise Report

Warning: graphic images portrayed in this part of the news item, may cause irreparable psychological damage.

As described in the Secretary cruise report for the AGM, the day of the AGM, saw 5 of the Whittley fleet settle in for a delightful evening in the upper reaches of Smiths Creek.

Not without some excitement though, when the fearless crew of Edenvale set out to lay the rear anchor for the raft.

Things got interesting when the breeze stiffened from 10 to 15 knots, and Edenvale found herself in 30cm of water, a boat length from the rocks, with the anchor rope wrapped around the propeller.

Whilst the thought of being in this situation might make you feel uncomfortable, the crew of Edenvale were confronted with the spectacle of the newly elected president, poised on the rear deck of ‘Two Can Tango’, clad only in ‘budgy smugglers’, ready to swim to the rescue of Edenvale (or being the president, he may have elected to walk across the water?).

Suddenly the thought of being dashed against the rocks, didn’t seem all that bad an option.

However, the shock of the situation was enough to galvanise Edenvale crew in calm resolve, resulting in an expertly executed self-rescue.

Humour aside, how lucky are we to have a President who is ever ready to muck-in when the situation requires it. The water was not inviting at that time of day, and there were stringrays to deal with.

When the fuss was over, everyone settled into just another delightful evening of great company in the immeasurable beauty of our Cowan Creek.

Max Ward
Edenvale
Boat Trailer Care & Maintenance

The single most important item for trailers is 'preventative maintenance'. Sitting on the trailer is your pride and joy and somewhere between $50 - $200,000 worth of your hard labours that need protection. If you are not trained, qualified or capable of doing trailer electrics and bearing/brake maintenance ‘GET A PROFESSIONAL’.

The intention of this article is not to by-pass the professionals, but is to supply sufficient information for your guidance as to when and why to seek maintenance.

There are basically three types of braking on boat trailer:

1. mechanical drum of disc (for trailers with a maximum load weight of 2tonne).
2. electric drum or disc (an older style preceding type 3 below).
3. electric air and/or electric hydraulic drum or disc.

**BEFORE TOWING** check trailer for:

- is the winch strap/ cable up to the task?
- weld cracks.
- rust holes.
- mechanical brake adjustment (1cm gap between actuator and locking handle).
- electric/hydraulic breakaway function (only function breakaway when electrics are not connected to the tow vehicle). Are lights functioning?
- disc pad wear (replace if 1mm thick or less).
- any hydraulic oil leaks from lines and callipers, oil level in compressor reservoir. (top-up only with the recommended oil).

**DURING LAUNCHING**

- prepare and pack boat before sitting on the launching ramp.
- be sure the bearing hub is not hot.
- disconnect tie-down straps, loosen shackles and tighten the BUNG.
- disconnect electrical towing connector from car (water and electrics don't mix). Keep plug dry and away from salt water.
- after launching (and also retrieval) while pulling to the top of the ramp, pause a few seconds (with the trailer front still elevated), to allow water in the trailer chassis to drain away.
AFTER BOATING
- reconnect electrical towing connector.
- fit tie-down straps.
- check lights function.
- remove BUNG.

AFTER TOWING HOME
- flush engine.
- wash boat/ leg or outboard.
- thoroughly wash brake hubs, disc, callipers, springs etc. Treating with Salt Away and/or Macs is a good idea, use Salt Away and/or Macs on trailer particularly into the chassis frame.

BEFORE BOATING - at the start of every season it is recommended that the entire brake and wheel bearing system is stripped and serviced.

MID SEASON OR BEFORE A LONG HAUL - check that the systems are functioning correctly, raise each wheel separately and spin to check if free ‘disc scraping noise will be obvious’. If free, apply the brakes and spin again, if wheel is jammed then the calliper needs attention or a rebuild.

NOTE: because of the disc pad scraping noise any wheel bearing problem will not be obvious, to check the bearings for noise remove the calliper from the axle (it’s not necessary to disconnect the hydraulics) and spin the wheel, if a low rumbling or other obvious noise is noticed then the bearings need servicing and/or replacing.

ANOTHER WORTHWHILE TEST - Whilst the wheel is raised, place one hand at 12 o’clock and the other at 6 o’clock and try to rock the wheel to see if there is any movement. Such movement may indicate that the hub requires tightening or that a bearing has worn and requires replacing.

BEARING BUDDIES/ OIL FILLED HUBS (or similar) - there are prophets both for and against buddies and oil fill hubs. The only negative the writer has against buddies is that they are messy and leave the wheels looking like c--pp (very dirty with grease and brake powder). This gives a unique positive, as the last trailer to be assaulted in the car park is the dirty crappy one.

Bearing buddies assist in the protection of bearings if used correctly i.e., before launching let the hubs cool down (as if immersed hot the forced cooling will suck water into the bearings). When the hub has cooled and before launching, inject two pumps of grease into each buddy (if the spring cap doesn’t move slightly give it another pump). When the boat has been retrieved (some prophets recommend another grease pump into each buddy), the worst that can happen is that the wheels get dirtier!
The writer is sure there are many points that haven’t been covered, BUT if this article saves a member from an expensive collapsed wheel bearing (generally occurs in the middle of no-where or peak traffic) then it has been worth the effort of pen to paper!

Happy towing from the good ship ‘Athena’

A WORD FROM THE PUNCTUATION POLICE

(aka ‘the comma cops’)

Below are three examples of statements for which punctuation changes the meaning. Some people may say that it obvious what is meant, especially in the first statement and even the second one is reasonably obvious. However, the third one takes on the opposite meaning and therefore is one of the best examples showing how important it is to use appropriate punctuation marks. Commas are easy to use so there is no excuse.

Let’s eat Grandma.
Let’s eat, Grandma.

I find inspiration in cooking my family and my dog.
I find inspiration in cooking, my family and my dog.

A woman, without her, man is nothing.
A woman without her man, is nothing.

If you wish to insert this in the next newsletter to highlight your request for commas etc. then feel free to do so.

Cheers

Garry Baglin

(Editor note: All Member contributions will be gratefully accepted, with or without commas!)
OUR CLUB CARING FOR ITS MEMBERS!

WHITTLEY CLUB NSW

Medical Emergency Plan

Overview

- Prompt first aid may minimize the severity of injuries and save lives.
- The Whittley Club NSW Inc. aims to make available first aid as quickly as reasonably possible for any injured club member or member of the public present at a club outing or event.

Club Statement

- The Whittley Club NSW Inc currently makes available a fully maintained Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for use if required on scheduled club events.

Responsibilities

- The Commodore of the Whittley Club NSW Inc. is the nominated custodian of the AED. The Commodore shall liaise with water based event organisers ensuring the device is available at October 23, 2018 such events.
- A record book (located with the AED) must be completed for every event that the AED is used. This is critical to ensure that consumables are replaced after each usage of the AED eg: pads and battery.
- The Commodore or the event organiser shall inform the Treasurer that the AED has been used. The Treasurer will ensure prompt purchase of the consumables.
- Members of the Whittley Club NSW Inc. may provide and maintain appropriate first aid supplies suitable to their personal needs

Contact Number

- Emergency Services: 000

AED Consumables

- Michael Hughes Foundation
  Suite 303, Level 3
  69 Phillip Street Parramatta NSW 2150

  Contact: Julie Hughes
WHITTLEY CLUB
NSW

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE
Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

Heartsine Samaritan PAD Defibrillator
SAM500P
GADGET CORNER

Submitted by Bob Lilley,
Thanks Bob!

I just gave the new pressure cleaner a test run and it works really well. We bought it online from Wiggle.com.au. It is called Mobi V-17. It cost around $170, it has a 17 ltr water tank and works off an inbuilt battery or can plug into your cars auxiliary power outlet. The only issue I had was that the charger for the inbuilt battery has a UK plug, so I need to use a travel adaptor to charge the battery. It was sent from the UK and arrived in 6 days from the order date.

(In case you have trouble figuring it out, like me, the second picture shows the pump separated from the tank.)
FOR SALE/WANTED

A SECTION OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS TO MAKE SURE THEIR UNDER-UTILISED BOAT EQUIPMENT FINDS A GOOD HOME.

COME ON MEMBERS, SOMEONE COULD BE USING THAT PIECE OF BOAT EQUIPMENT,
DON’T LET IT GO TO WASTE!!!
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Jan Whittles excellent photos from the AGM!
I AM A GRUMPY OLD MAN
I DO WHAT I WANT
WHEN I WANT
WHERE I WANT!

Except i gotta
ask my wife.

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