

# A Summer Glow Over Darlingford

The beauty all around us. See page 10



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#### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Hello Members!

Welcome back to our HouseBoat magazine. The last issue was # 94 in Dec 2014 and a lot has changed since then!

First up I wish to thank Denise Nicholls (ex Sarina Z) who attempted to keep the magazine going in early 2015. Denise did all the hard work preparing her first issue but unfortunately that fell over at the production stage. Then Howie and Denise sold their boat and left the water and before we blinked they were sadly gone from the Club and we had no Editor. A *desperate* plea for someone to take on the Editor role was sadly unsuccessful which meant the magazine was in limbo for 2½ years.

In the meantime Peter & I changed our plans and decided not to sell our boat but stay on the water and enjoy the lake and company of our friends for a few more years. So here I am... Editor once more although I use the term "Editor" loosely as I'm certainly not a journalist or publishing expert - just volunteering to play "Editor" again so we have a magazine. This is produced specifically for our club and members so I hope you enjoy the read!

The magazine will go through some minor changes as we produce it a little differently (and I learn the program) but will continue to provide club information, news and updates and of course, photographic coverage of club functions. In this issue I have reflected a little on 2015 & 2016 and what happened in the Club during this time. Since my last magazine we have a new Facility Manager, a new Rear Commodore, a couple of new Directors and lots of new faces in the club. I've taken this opportunity to introduce our Board of Directors and Facility Manager to ensure that everyone knows just who is who and what they do! See pages 6-9.

I encourage all members to share their lake experiences by sending me your photos and/or stories. We all have digital technology at our disposal so when you take a beautiful photo of the lake, action shots of family or moments with friends — consider sharing it with me please. (You will see some lake shots on page 10.) If you have news to share like birthdays, babies, weddings, snippets or anything at all then

please send me an email anytime. Member contributions will help keep this magazine interesting (and in production)!

Cheers!

Margie Elliott Editor

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#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Dear Members,

Our magazine is back, after two years we welcome back this important club communication. I take this opportunity on behalf of all members to thank Margie Elliott for taking on this important role of magazine editor.

The club has provided new software to allow Margie to have full production and editing control and saving the club on the costs of magazine preparation.

I encourage all members to support the magazine and provide Margie (magazine@darlingford.com.au) with any little snippets of information and photos.

As winter sets in, we are hoping for some good rainfall to build on the current lake level of 65.7%.

During the winter months plans are in place for general maintenance including painting and repair of Marinas. You will notice that at the entry to A marina, recent earth moving and concreting has provided an upgrade that is a significant improvement to access and safety of this area.

#### **OUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

The Social Committee organise and provide a social programme and stage some major events for the benefit of all club members.

We are always looking for new members with new ideas to become involved and play an active part in the social committee.

Becoming involved is a great way to meet other members, please contact Jo Gardner (Director) or any of our current Social Committee members to become involved.

#### **GENERAL MEETING**

The General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 27th June 2017 at Ringwood RSL. You will have received notice of this Meeting by now. The 2017/18 DWBC Budget will be presented to Members on that night. The Board of Directors encourage all Members to join the Meeting and have your say.

Regards



Brett Lewis Chairman Darlingford Waters Marina Pty Ltd



Garry & Ronnie carrying out marina repairs in May.



Jennie, Donny & Terry clean up at the working bee.



Concreting preparations at A Marina



Onsie & Twosie labouring for the concreters!

#### **FACILITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

G'day all!

Well it's good to see the Magazine back!

I'm not sure where to start...time slips away pretty quickly around here. Jen and I have been in the job for 22 months now and it feels like 6!

We have a lot of new members who have joined the club during this time, and we have achieved a few projects around the complex:

- a new retaining wall has been built around the house and treated pine sleepers laid along the wall of the big shed;
- the complex is now boasting beautiful new gardens thanks to Jennie Storey who propagates most of the plants from her own garden;
- For the working bee last year we had a huge turn out to help with the gardening project – thanks to those members who donated their time and more plants as well; a big thankyou to Bob & Jennie Store for their time and effort...lots of sweat & sore backs!;
- we have replaced the old rotten deck on the house with a new one, so now we are safe to use it;
- At the working bee in May this year we cleaned up around A Marina and did a general facility tidy up;
- we are currently concreting the drive at the end of A Marina. Again, the Man of the Match... Gary 1R Crump who has given his time and energy tirelessly... A BIG THANKYOU to Gary you are amazing!!!

The good weather is now well behind us at the moment although today (13/06/17) is the most beautiful day – brilliant blue sky!

The Lake Level is currently at 65.7% & holding steady at the moment. Inflows are 500 megs per day & releases are 130 megs per day. Rain over the past 7 days has only been 6.4mm.

GMW will be releasing environment flows shortly so the lake will be dropping unless we get some serious rain soon. So this means the Marinas will be moving out!

That's it for now...look forward to seeing you all soon!

P.S. I would like to extend our good wishes to our old Facility

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Manager PETER ZAB who is not in the best of health at the moment. We are all thinking of you Pete!!

Regards

Garry Forden Facility Manager

#### **PROFILING OUR 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **BRETT LEWIS - CHAIRMAN**

At the time I was producing this issue Brett was busy playing in the red dirt at Finke (see more on page 15) so Donna has provided this insight in to what makes our Chairman tick!

Scouting as a young boy gave Brett a love of the Great Outdoors. Trekking extensively through Australia and parts of India equipped him with various camping and survival techniques. Achieving Queen Scout later meant there were other skills achieved in his life which have been beneficial in working and running a strong surveying business in Melbourne.

Along with his family (Donna, Sharni, Chelsea, Chloe and grandkids) Lake Eildon has been an attraction for



30 odd years, holidaying on the foreshores until the purchase of our houseboat Kokomo 10 years ago.

Water skiing, snow skiing, four wheel driving and trail biking have provided sports for all seasons to share with friends.

The Queen's Birthday weekend was Brett's first attempt to complete the Finke Desert Race in Alice Springs another part of Australia he likes to visit a couple of times each year. His passion for racing and being part of a team will no doubt be a focus over the coming years.

He intends on retiring one day to the Mansfield side of the lake and continuing the many interests he now holds.



#### **MAURIE CALLINAN - SECRETARY**

Director/Secretary of Darlingford Waters Marina Pty Ltd with 31 years' experience as a Company Director.

Being Sydney bred, from the age of 16, my summer weekends were spent mostly at the Surf Club

on the beach gathering an uncomfortable amount of sand in my budgie smugglers. Then I discovered the Hawkesbury River and water skiing. I continued to water ski at Lake Eildon until my knees gave up.



In 1970 I accepted an invitation

from my Company of employment of 15 years, to join the National Head Office Management team in Melbourne. That's what brought me to Melbourne and is where I met my wife, Dianne. I continued employment in Senior Management/ General Management roles until 1991 when we commenced our own business. I retired after 21 years as the Managing Director of the Company, United Pacific Industries.

I remain a Director of the Company.

I enjoy the challenge of leadership positions hence Board of Directors positions and President roles; Park Orchards Lions Club for six years, President for 1 year; and Park Orchard Basketball Club for 8 years of which 4 years were as President.

Our family have been members of DWBC since 2007. I was invited to join the Board of Directors of Darlingford Waters Marina Pty Ltd in 2008. I have held the position of Secretary since 2009.

I am now retired and I am pleased to be able to provide some of my time to the Club and continue to perform the duties of the Secretary. I am also pleased to be able to share my extensive experience in business and business management with my colleagues on the Board.

#### NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING JUNE 27, 2017

REFER TO RECENT CLUB EMAIL FOR FURTHER DETAILS

#### **PROFILING OUR 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **BRAD ROGERS - TREASURER**

Boating has been a big part of my life — as a kid, our family would venture down to Mallacoota or Gippsland Lakes every Christmas for an endless summer of fun boating and fishing. Growing up in the Yarra Valley, Eildon later became our H2O playground.

During my teenage years I worked at Black Spur Plant Nursery in Healesville and every Saturday and Sunday I would watch the pilgrimage of people, families and boats make their way up to Eildon (Kirsty's family included!). Torture....

Kirsty & I brought our first ski boat in our early twenties and spent many weekends travelling north to the mighty Murray (because Eildon always had ruff water!!) We brought 3 acres in Corowa with direct access to the water — our own piece of Murray paradise. Unfortunately the 3.5 hour drive and a few



council restrictions saw us sell and move back to our own H2O backyard at Eildon.

So here we are back at Eildon after spending our childhood growing up with boats and making the well-known drive to what is NOW our perfect family paradise. Our new

family memories began 4 years ago having brought our very first houseboat (Harbourside). Move forward and we now have our perfect boat, new to us in January this year. Yes without a name (decision, decision, decision!) – but no more renovations and we have power! Yay!

I have been Director and Treasurer at DWBC since 2015 and am about to present my third club budget. Having met so many wonderful people at the club we look forward to creating many more special memories and giving our kids (Olivia 12, and Jasmine 9) the same opportunities that we as kids where fortunate to have.

Come and find us on the now FULL and growing in popularity "B Marina" •••

## YOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU

**CAN YOU HELP? WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU!** 

#### STUART STEER - SITE DIRECTOR

Married to Denise with 3 kids Michelle, Kim and Brad and we now have 5 grandchildren. We first came to the lake camping at Fraser National Park in 1969. We

built our first houseboat (named Wizard) which was launched 1974. Our present boat is the 4th WIZARD we have built. This was launched in 2000. All our boats have been named Wizard!



Denise and I were involved in the original club LERC (Lake

Eildon Recreational Club) formed in 1976 which eventually became DWBC in 1988. I have had several stints on the Board and presently I am the Site Director.

I am now retired but started my working life as a telephone technician in the PMG later moving into the private sector working in the communications area.

Nowadays I attempt to play golf a couple of times a week. The exercise is good as I spend a lot of time searching for my ball in the rough!

#### **RON MULHOLLAND - VICE CHAIRMAN**

I am 71 years old and one of 5 Founding Directors that started the Lake Eildon Recreational Club back in 1976. I was also one of the original Directors when



Darlingford Waters was formed in 1988. I've had several stints as a Director since then and I'm currently the Vice Chairman/ Vice Commodore.

I am married to Judy, have 3 adult children who grew up on the lake and now have 3 grandkids

that love coming up and sharing new experiences with us. My first boat was Albatross which I had from 1982 and spent 30 years on making great lake memories. Shiraz is our second boat which we had built and launched in 2012.

I had my own foundry business, which I took over from my dad at age 24, and retired only 7 years ago. In my retirement I am just trying to keep out of trouble!

#### PROFILING OUR 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)

#### **MIKE HEINE**

My family and I have been on the lake since 2009, when we purchased out houseboat Moon Dancer and brought it down to DWBC from EBC. We liked the laid back nature of DWBC, the honesty of the club and the

Big Shed, and also the wonderful location tucked away in the National Park. Our houseboat was built in the 1970s, and it has been a labour of love to try and bring it up to scratch, and a huge learning curve. Of course it is not finished, and we wonder if it ever will be.



My wife Laura and I have two daughters, Linda (11) and Annie (8), and we all love our time at the lake. The girls really appreciate the connection to the weather and nature – something they do not get a lot of at our home in Yarraville, Melbourne.

I am a keen water skier and also fly fisher, although I don't seem to get much time for either these days. I run a design business based in Melbourne and have an office in Collins Street down in Docklands.

My role on the board is to help with marketing activities, and this is my fifth year as a Board member.

#### **DON ATKINSON**

Donny has been coming to Lake Eildon since 1973 and has had a houseboat since 1976. He joined the Board in 2009 and was Vice Chairman for several



years. Together with the late great Colin Baxter, he was our sausage sizzle MasterChef, he is our current king of the icemaking operation and most importantly, he was the 2016 recipient of the Delia Award. When I asked Donny for a "short bio" he provided an in-depth

account of his association with the lake and how he came to be at Darlingford. Great insight to our history, thanks Donny!

Read Don's full account on page 16.

#### **JO GARDNER**

I'm married to Tim, have been a member of Darlingford for 11 years and I believe for the first few years around the club I was probably known as Turbo's owner. Unfortunately Turbo is no longer around so I just have to be known now as Jo!

I've worked for the ANZ for 30+ years (I know amazing...I started there when I was 2) and am currently in one of their

IT departments. Working fulltime in the CBD it's nice having the Lake to escape to on weekends

I was on the Social Committee for quite a few years helping organise the club events which provided a great opportunity to meet heaps of members. After stepping down from the Social Committee I spent a year or



two just being a member of DWBC. I then decided it was time to 'do my bit' to help run the club so I joined the Board. As a new Board member I am learning what it takes to make Darlingford tick along, as a Club like ours doesn't just run on its own. I encourage others to consider doing "their bit' whether it's joining the Board, the Social Committee or attending some of the many Club activities, as I have thoroughly enjoyed my time doing these things.

#### **ANDREW OAKES**

I first came to the lake in 1974 when mum and dad (Stella and Ken) hired a houseboat and loved it. They then bought a small houseboat at Jerusalem Creek called NOMAD which they kept for 2 years. Dad then built a full size 45'x18' and launched RIPPATOO in 1976. It is still our family boat today. Dad also started the JCBC with a number of other members and was part of the move to Darlingford and the setup of the Club as we know it today. Indeed, he was one of the blokes up on the big ladders hanging the DARLINGFORD letters on the Big Shed.



Jacqui and I met on the lake (her family had Stargazer and was also part of JCBC) and I proposed to her on Rippatoo 25 years ago! The lake is part of our life and we love it! We recently renovated and modernized RIPPATOO so she's ready for many more years of great times on the lake.

This is my first year as a Director and Rear Commodore and I hope I can continue the great work of all RC's before me.

#### **FACILITY MANAGER**

#### **GARRY & JENNY FORDEN**

No doubt everyone knows our Facility Manager, Garry, and his wife, Jenny, but as they weren't ensconced in the Managers residence when the last magazine was produced here's a little bit about them (from them) just for the record!

I am Garry (yes 2Rs) Forden and have been Facility Manager since Nov 2015. My wife Jenny and I lived in Benalla for 38 years before relocating to the Manager's house here at the Club. Our home there was out of town on 40 acres and we were almost locals!



We have 2 adult children Mick and Jodie. Each have 2 children who love coming to the lake now too. We were introduced to the club 6 years ago and purchased our first house boat Miramare in March 2011. Since relocating to the big house we sold our houseboat and became

land bound. However, missing the pull of the lake proper we have just recently bought our second boat WAYGUNYAH to escape the club confines in quiet times and the extended family can enjoy being on the water when they come to visit.

Prior to taking on the role of Facility Manager Jenny and I were members of the Social Committee and loved being involved in organising club functions. We encourage all members to join in our functions as it is a great way to meet other members and of course there is much fun to be had.

#### **2016 DELIA AWARD RECIPIENT**

The 2016 Delia Ward Shield was awarded to Don Atkinson. A well-deserved recognition for your time and contributions to the club Donny. Congratulations!



Chairman, Brett Lewis, presents Donny with the Delia Sheild.

#### **Fishing Reports:**

For all our enthusiastic anglers in the club, did you know that Gary from Eildon Bait & Tackle uploads regular fishing reports to the Lake Eildon website? You can access his reports by using the following link:

https://www.lakeeildon.com/fishing-reports/

# PARK FAIR

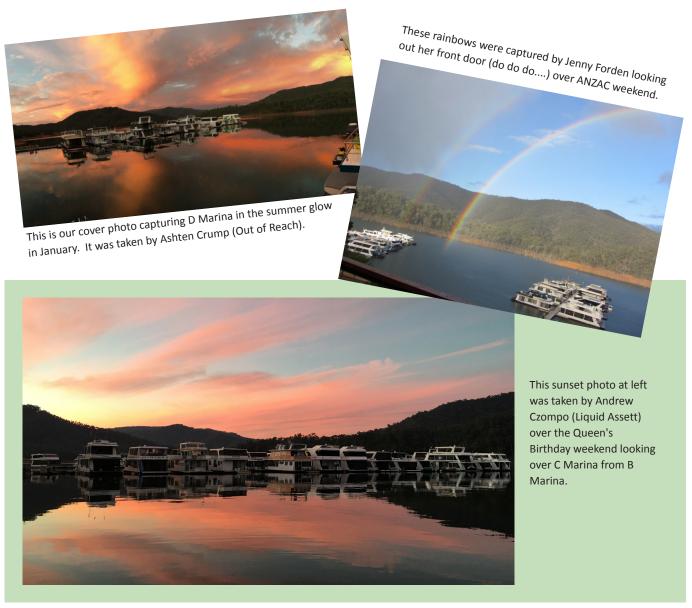
All members and visitors are required to display **PARKING PERMITS** all year round, not just during peak times. It is important for a number of reasons: in the case of emergency access (Ambulance/Fire/Police); or if you have parked behind someone without letting them know and blocked them in; or in the case of damage etc... If, for any of these reasons, your car needs to be moved then Garry needs to be able to contact you without delay.

#### Just Park Fair and think of others. It's common courtesy!

If you do not have a parking permit you can obtain one from the office.

# The beauty all around us!

We really are fortunate to have this beautiful lake to enjoy. Besides indulging in our passions for boating, water sports and social activities, we also get to witness magnificent sunsets, sunrises, rainbows and the general beauty that summer and winter bring to our world.



The two photos below were taken by Ray van Schoonhoven capturing the beginning of a beautiful autumnal day in April.





#### **COMINGS AND GOINGS!**

Over the past 2½ years there has been a lot of boat movement i.e. boats sold and relocated, boats sold and stayed in the club with new owners on board, new boats with new members joined the club and new boats with old members arrived. It goes a bit like this:

A Marina welcomed two new boats SHILO (David & Melissa Cox) and DRAGON LADY (Simon & Joanne Cox).

**B Marina** has seen a flurry of changes: new boats are — THIS'L DO (Jarrod & Simone Foy), LIQUID ASSET (Andrew & Terri Czompo), and BLINDA (Shane & Maryann Elliott). HARBOURSIDE has relocated to the Harbour but Brad & Kirsty Rogers remain with us on B in a new and yet unnamed boat.

After quite a few years moored elsewhere RIVIERA has returned to the club with new owners, Patrick & Lisa Glassborrow, as has DRIFTER with new owners, Daniel & Connie Brown.

OLD GOLD has a new owner, Eammon Hamilton, as does Serina Z with Luck & Allison Brinksma on board.

**C Marina** welcomed a new boat OUT OF REACH for "old" members Gary & Neisha. FLAT OUT has relocated further down the marina with new members, David & Rachel Stephens, and TRANSCEND has new owners, Robert Crampton & Adrian Gray who love to fish.

On Sunday 4th June Paully & Joy bid farewell to the lake when Paramount was handed over to new owners who have relocated the boat elsewhere. After 37 years on the Lake Paully is going to try something new...maybe caravaning! I sure will miss that beautiful magpie on C marina!

Very late mail on C Marina - as of 9/6/17 we have new neighbours in C21. Welcome to Kate & Adam McLindin.

**D Marina** welcomed NIRVANA from C Marina with a new owner, Greg Manly. New owners are also on board LION HEART, Dogan & Melahat Cokacar; STARLINER, Nicole & John Tucker; and Greg Mitchell is now on HIT THE DECK (formerly MIRAMARE). The latest boat to join is WAHGUNYA, new boat for Garry & Jenny Forden.

A very big welcome is extended to all our new members. I hope to meet you all at some point in the near future and maybe get a profile and pic for the mag!

With all these changes that sadly means we have said goodbye to: Howard & Denise Nicholls, Barry & Trish Gurrieri, Margaret Ivy, Wayne & Dee De Klijn, Neil Freeman, and Robert Van Os.

We also said goodbye to: Richard & Chris Pensa who sold BLUE MIST and the boat was taken to Jews Creek; Greg & Carolyn Tieman sold ENTERPRISE and the boat left the club; Peter & Paula McGauran who relocated to Jews Creek; Wendy Adams and Rob Withers sold ODYSSEY and the boat left the club; Tom & Thelma Blackburn sold BREAK FREE and the boat left the club; Doug & Eileen La Fontaine sold MIDNIGHT SPECIAL and the boat left the club; and Dave & Tracey Bradford pulled up rope and relocated CHILL OUT to the E.B.C. The snoring must have been too loud on C Marina!



Lisa & Patrick Glassborow and girls...Welcome!



Terri & Andrew Czompo and family...Welcome!



Shane & Maryann Elliott and family...Welcome!

# Save the Date

### Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th November 2017

# Sail Past

Sail Past is our official welcoming of the boating season. Held over "Cup Weekend", Sail Past is an opportunity for members to come together for a weekend of activities and fun, to catch up after the long cold winter months and prepare for summer on the lake.

For our new members this means that we dress our boats (and/or ourselves) and compete for the honour of "best dressed" and a few other coveted titles as well. The intention is to "sail" out en masse past the Commodore, with a friendly salute as we go by, to a predetermined destination on the lake. We combine this with much fun and frivolity throughout the day including kids' activities in the afternoon and end with a club dinner on the banks with music and dancing. If the lake level or weather prevents us from "sailing" then we stay in the marina and party in the Big Shed. Let's hope this is not the case this year!

Unfortunately, member participation in dressing boats has declined in recent years but now is the time to stop the rot! Wouldn't it be nice to see lots of boats/members dressed up again? So come on members, old and new, let's bring back the spirit of the Sail Past weekend - embrace the inner child within. We have lots of new kids in the club so this is the perfect opportunity to let them loose with their imaginations. Sail Past is for the whole family. Bring along your friends for the weekend. Get everyone involved. To members who have NEVER dressed their boat - well this is a call to you. TRY IT. If dressing your boat is too hard why not just dress your "team".

Sail Past weekend is the perfect time to lift the spirit of the club. It's the perfect time to lift our own spirits! It's the perfect time to prepare for a great boating season ahead. There's no better way to do that than embracing SAIL PAST. COME ON EVERYBODY. Let's Dance!



2016 Allison, Abby, Ella & Luke Brinksma from Serena Z.

For the benefit of new members and a bit of nostalgia for old members, here's a collection of photos from Sail Past's gone. Hope this gives you all inspiration!



BINGO looked sensational last year - WOOF!

#### SAIL PASTS OF YESTERYEAR - LET'S CONTINUE THE FUN IN 2017!



1994 guessing it was a football theme?



1992 Club Colours - Cat Attak



1994 Cross Dressers



1995 TV Shows...what was this?



1996 Nautical - Cat attak again!



1997 Countries



1998 Medieval



2004 Fun At The Fair with Rest Ashore



2007 Movies "Priscilla"



2008 was No Theme with Destiny



Winner in 2008 Wye Wurrie



2009 Christmas on Black Marlin



2010 Fairy Tales - Cool Breeze



2012 TV Shows - Taurus II



2013 Historical Event

#### **ANZAC DAY 2017**

It was great to see a number of members attend the Anzac Day March in Eildon given it was a Tuesday which made it hard for members to be at the Club and able to attend. Our Facilities Manager laid a wreath at the Cenotaph on behalf of the club.

After the March it was back to the Club for the traditional barbecue and a very welcome and warming bacon and egg breakfast cooked by 2Rs.

DWBC first started attending the Eildon March in 2014 and it is hoped that we can continue to do this every year. We encourage all members to consider joining in when you are able to spend ANZAC Day at the Club.



Garry Forden preparing to lay the DWBC wreath.



Members representing DWBC at Eildon ANZAC March 2017

#### **BATTERIES**

Members, please remember to TOP UP your wet batteries on your houseboat. Even when you are not using your batteries they are still being charged and will need distilled water. To avoid letting your batteries go flat it would be opportune to check them each time you use your boat or at least at regular intervals.

#### **HEDGER-IVEY CUP AT ALEXANDRA**

On Saturday 3rd June the inaugural Kevin Hedger-Richard Ivey Memorial Challenge was contested by Yea FNC and Alexandra FNC. In acknowledgement of the two club legends, the Cup will be awarded to the club that is the most successful across all competitions on the day. This year it was deemed a draw with Yea and Alex winning 3 matches each across seniors and reserves football and A,B,C,D grade netball.

Richard Ivey coached and played football for many years (including premierships) and was a Life Member of the YFNC. Richard, who was also a long-time member of DWBC, Director and Treasurer, passed away suddenly in 2014. He was posthumously awarded the Delia Shield in 2015 in recognition of his contribution to the club over a long period of time.

A group of members attended the footy to support his wife Margie who is still a frequent visitor to our club and functions.

The Day was sponsored by the State Member for Eildon, Cindy McLeish, and attended by members of both families.



Margie Ivey and family with Local MP Cindy McLeish after the game.



DWBC Members enjoying the game in beautiful sunshine.

#### **A DUSTY PURSUIT!**

Brett Lewis is a very keen off-road racer and over the ANZAC weekend he participated in the ARB SUNRAYSIA 400 which was Round 2 of the ARB Australian Off Road Racing Series held at Lake Cullulleraine. This was in preparation for the Tatts Finke Desert Race held on the Queen's birthday weekend which Brett was competing in for the very first time.

If you are like me and don't know what the TATTS Finke Desert Race actually is, well it is –

"an off road, multi terrain two-day race for bikes, cars, buggies and quads through desert country from Alice Springs to the small Aputula (Finke) community. The race is held each year on the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June. "Finke" as it is commonly known, is one of the biggest annual sporting events in the Northern Territory and has the reputation of being one of the most difficult off-road courses in one of the most remote places in the world. Finke is unique and the most fun you can have with a helmet on!"

Thanks to their official website for that explanation!



Brett Lewis racing at Lake Cullulleraine. Photo from JS Motorsport Photography.

#### **THE GARDEN**

Have you noticed beautifying works around the Club grounds with new and improved gardens? We sure hope so!

Jennie Storey, Jenny Forden and Garry (our FM) have spent many hours digging and planting. Their latest project has been attending to the banks either side of the launching ramp. The majority of the plants are from cuttings Jennie has propagated at home which has saved the club lots of dollars. There is still a long way to go but they are determined to continue to beautify the grounds.

That's a job well done guys, thanks!

#### AND THE RACE RESULTS ARE IN!

Just in time before I went to print - I can report that Brett had a great race coming in 9th in the Pro Class and 21st in field. To quote Donna "He's a winner and I'm a grinner"!

Well done Brett and his team, that's a fantastic achievement.



Tense moments....getting strapped in!



Brett's "SHOEY" moment after the race!

#### HOUSEBOATING AND MORE WITH DON ATKINSON

#### **EARLY YEARS**

My family moved to Seymour in 1947 (Dad was a Permanent Soldier) where I was educated at State School No 547 and Seymour High School. I saw the Eildon Dam Wall being built when we went to watch our local football matches at Alexandra & Thornton. In 1973 I learnt to water ski. We frequented Eildon for years and used to hire Houseboats from the Harbour in the days before there was even a holding tank for the toilet – straight into the Lake! In 1974, with 3 others, we had a caravan built and located it at Eildon Caravan Park so that we could be at Eildon for the weekend.

I purchased my first Houseboat in 1976 for \$32,000. It was 5 months old – 43'x16' on two 30" pontoons and moored at Jerusalem Creek. We installed a colour TV (to watch footy replays on Saturday night) which required us to run a 500w generator. This also provided 240v power for lights. Otherwise it was one 12v battery to power the motor, water pump & lights. We found a good spot (opposite the spillway) where we could get TV reception. That became our regular parking spot.

With the purchase of the Houseboat, a mooring was prepaid at Ford Inlet for 2 years (\$430pa). When I went to move to Ford Inlet, Neville Kaye (the Marina operator) wanted a \$1,000 Transfer Fee. After complaints to State Rivers & Water Supply Commission they allowed 12 Swing Moorings to be installed at Jews Creek. I secured one of these for \$30pa at the spot where the 'Poo Barge' is now currently moored. I put down 12 train wheels (welded into 3 blocks of 4) with 13mm chain up to a 727 Aircraft Tyre filled with styrene foam. I had to do my own adjustments to the chain length as the water went down & rose again each year. This was my mooring for 22 years! I saw the public launching ramp at Jews Creek first built and later extended.

#### **LERC TO DWBC**

I was a Foundation Member of Lake Eildon Recreation Club when it formed in 1976/77. This was the fore-runner of the Jerusalem Creek Boat Club which later changed its name to Darlingford Waters Boat Club when they decided to move to secure a permanent mooring. In the 1990's when the water was low, the then Manager Barry Gurrieri contacted me to ask if they could bring some of their marinas out to where the swing moorings were. I was asked to occupy one of the Marinas, otherwise an area of 100m would need to be allowed around my mooring. I agreed and so the 1st 'Gilligan's Island' occurred.

Over the years the swing mooring fees increased to \$50, then \$70, \$100, \$150 and finally to \$200pa. Then the SRWSC decided to terminate the swing mooring licences and I resumed my involvement with DWBC through the purchase of a Pen (B1) in 1998 for \$14,000.

Although I had got to know several of the DWBC Houseboaters over the years, one of the first to welcome me to the Club were Colin & Rosemary Baxter (Summertime Blues) - a friendship that has endured. Colin introduced me to the social activities of the Club when we cooked sausages for Meet 'n Greets and then it was Two-Up and lots of other things.

#### **TENPIN BOWLING**

My chosen sport has been Tenpin Bowling. In 1962 I was a Foundation Member of the Sport's governing body and served on the Melbourne Committee from 1963 and then the State Committee for many years. Being employed by the National body for 10 years as the National Coaching & Technical Director gave me the opportunity to represent Australia on both the Asian Zone and World governing bodies for Tenpin Bowling.

In the early 1960's I worked casually on weekends at the Coburg Bowl. In 1965 I started full-time employment at the Golden Bowl Sports Centre in Camberwell – a 34 Lane Bowling Centre with 7 Squash Courts, 7 Trampolines, Swimming Pool and Gymnasium.

I was instrumental in the formation of the Golden Bowl Sportsmen's Club in 1965 and became its President the following year. The Club held a liquor permit in Camberwell (a 'DRY area') and also ran Bingo games for many years, where I called for 2 nights per week. We wound up the Club last year after 50 years of successful social activities and enjoyment. I had served as President for 49 years.

I am the only person in Australia who has bowled in every Australian Tenpin Bowling Championship – this year will be 56 consecutive years.

After thirty plus years of fantastic and enjoyable work in Tenpin Bowling, I was 'no longer required' so I joined the Australian Tax Office advising on the introduction of ABN & GST and then transferring to their Superannuation section until my retirement at 68 years of age.

#### RETIREMENT

Since then I have purchased a caravan (later upgraded to my 5th wheeler) and now I spend the winter months (June to September) travelling to North Queensland and Darwin & surrounds.

Maurie Callinan convinced me to accept a place on the DWBC Committee in late 2008 and within months I was elevated to be the Vice-Chairman, a position I held for 8 years.

In 2004, I decided to build a new Houseboat and so after about 10 months of planning and a lot of weekend work, I launched my new PAD at the end of October. It's now 12 years old.

Some 5 or so years ago, the Club decided to install an ice-making machine for the benefit of Members, and at the Sail Past weekend I had an accident which broke my ankle. My activities were then limited, but filling the Ice bags was a chore that I could still do – a job for the 'disabled'. It is something that I can still do, so I do it. I was most surprised and honoured to have received the Delia Award at last year's Sail Past celebrations.

I am very proud to belong to a Club which sees so many wonderful people enjoying the lifestyle and hospitality of persons with similar interest in relaxing on the waters of Lake Eildon.

#### **NEPAL 2017**

**Bv Stuart Steer** 

This was a trip I did with my son Bradley and grandsons Thomas, Gabriel and Oliver.

We flew into Kathmandu and had a few days viewing the historic sites around the city – the traffic is chaotic here. Then we flew from the domestic airport (where organization is absolutely hopeless) into Lukla which is one of the most dangerous airports as it runs uphill into a mountain and is only 500m long. You have to land as there is no second chance. (Plenty of skid marks at the end of the runway!)

All trekkers leave from Lukla airport to trek to Everest Base Camp as there are no roads to Lukla and no vehicles. Everything comes in by air or on Yaks.

We went by helicopter over Base Camp and Khumbu Glacier then back to our Everest View Hotel at 3880m, getting some fantastic views along the way.

On the first day we trekked down to Khumjung and then down to Namche Bazar the second day which was 450m below us. The trek back was steep and the lack of oxygen made it very difficult. We overnighted at Lukla going up and back to acclimatize. On the way back Oliver had a great night playing pool with the local boys while we caught up with a few Aussies that had just returned from Base Camp with plenty of stories to tell.

Overall we had a great adventure and I would recommend it to anyone prepared to get out of their comfort zone. The views are fantastic, the people are friendly and the beer is fine! No need for refrigeration in Lukla or above as it never made it to "0" degrees!

Photos:

Top: Brad, Gabriel, Thomas, Oliver, Stuart at the Everest View Hotel.

Middle: Thomas and Oliver in the snow

Bottom: View of Mount Everest from their hotel.







#### **WORKING BEE**

A Working Bee was held on the morning of Saturday 6th May with a small group of members turning out to prune trees, clean the facilities and carry out a general tidy up. A big thanks to: Terry, Macca, Shane, Onesie, Neisha, Twosie, Jenny, Donny, Howie, Denise, Bob, Jennie, Smithy, Andrew, Jackie and anyone else that I missed. Apparently the after party BBQ in the rain on the banks (somewhere in the main arm but Terry didn't know where....) was a fitting reward for a hard mornings work! *Check out the improvisation on the barbie!* 



Smithie, Twosie & Howie just watching the meat turn!



Shane, Onsie, Donny & Macca sipping in the rain!

#### **DEHLIA WARD MEMORIAL SHIELD**

The Dehlia Shield is awarded every year to our "Best Club Person" and is presented at Sail Past. As mentioned on page 9, Don Atkinson was the recipient in 2016. Searching through old photos and magazines I was able to find 20 photos of past recipients that are shared below. However, there are many years that I couldn't find. If any old (as in long time and not aged...) members have photos of the Dehlia recipients from the missing years, I would love a copy for the club records.

Also, I am putting a call out for photos from club events/functions of yesteryear to add to my library. I am able to scan old photos or magazines if anyone is willing to lend them to me. Margie Amoore kindly loaned 4 albums of Cat Attack's lake adventures over many, many years – some real gems amongst her photos! Thanks very much Margie.



1975/1976 Jos De Klijn & Corrie De Klijn



1986 Colin Blunt



1987 Ian Donaldson



1988 Wes Ford



1989 Ethel Ford



1991 Russell Mee



1992 Barry Gurrieri



1995 Margie Amoore



1997 Peter Smith



2000 Doug La Fontaine



2003 Ethel Ford



2005 Peter Smith



2007 Julie Harvison



2008 Ian Hudson



2009 Margie Elliott



2010 Maurie Callinan



2011 Anita Rennie



2012 Brett Lewis



2013 Terry "Macca" McMillan



2014 Mark Ford

#### **WANTED - OLD PHOTOS**

I am building a photo library and looking for old club photos particularly of past events/functions.

If you can help, please let me know.

Thanks - Margie.

# Important Dates for DWBC—2017

DATE	<b>EVENT</b>

Fri 29 Grand Final Eve
Sept Meet n Greet
7pm in the Big

Sept In the Big Shed

On the Big Screen

**Grand Final** 

Sat 4 & Sail Past

Sat 30

Sun 5
Nov
Kids Activities
Club Dinner

Tue 28 DWBC

Nov

Annual General Meeting

# FOR SALE OR LEASE

One small storage shed Call Ron 0408 382 514

#### Other photos in this issue contributed by:

Margie Amoore, Margie Elliott, Jenny Forden, Jo Gardner, Marcia Helmers, Anita Rennie, Neisha Roberts, Terry Stewart.

# Darlingford Dinner Saturday 22nd July



Price: \$30 per person 3 course meal

**Drinks**: at bar prices

Venue: Mt Pleasant Hotel, Alex

DJ MUSIC to dance the night away!

**Bus from DWBC included** 

**Bus departs DWBC at 5pm** 

Return bus departs Alex at 12:30

**Dress:** Smart Casual with a "HAT"

\*MOUNT PLEASANT

### **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

**Email your booking to Anita Rennie** 

arennie8@bigpond.net.au

**Or phone Anita on 0428 360 886** 

Bookings required by 14th July to be paid by 17th July

Payment can be made via EFT to: DWBC Social Club. BSB 633000. Account 134279629

# Adults Only

#### JUNE 13, 2017

# GREAT RESPONSE FROM DARLINGFORD MEMBERS TO GREY WATER PETITION

Darlingford members have responded extremely well to the recent Grey Water petition document.

Organised by the Lake Eildon Boat Owners Group, the call went out for houseboat owners across Lake Eildon to respond quickly to the petition to ensure it was ready for the current sitting of the Victorian Parliament. The Lake Eildon Boat Owners Group have reported that Darlingford members have responded quickly with a very high number of responses – with around 85% of our members having completed the petition. John Horton from the Lake Eildon Boat Owners Group described the Darlingford response as "brilliant". An excellent result and proof of the proactive nature of our members.

Responses to the call for the petition were as follows:

Darlingford - 83 Eildon Boat Harbour - 92 Jerusalem Creek - 31 Eildon Boat Club - 216 No marina name stated - 8

**Total - 430** 

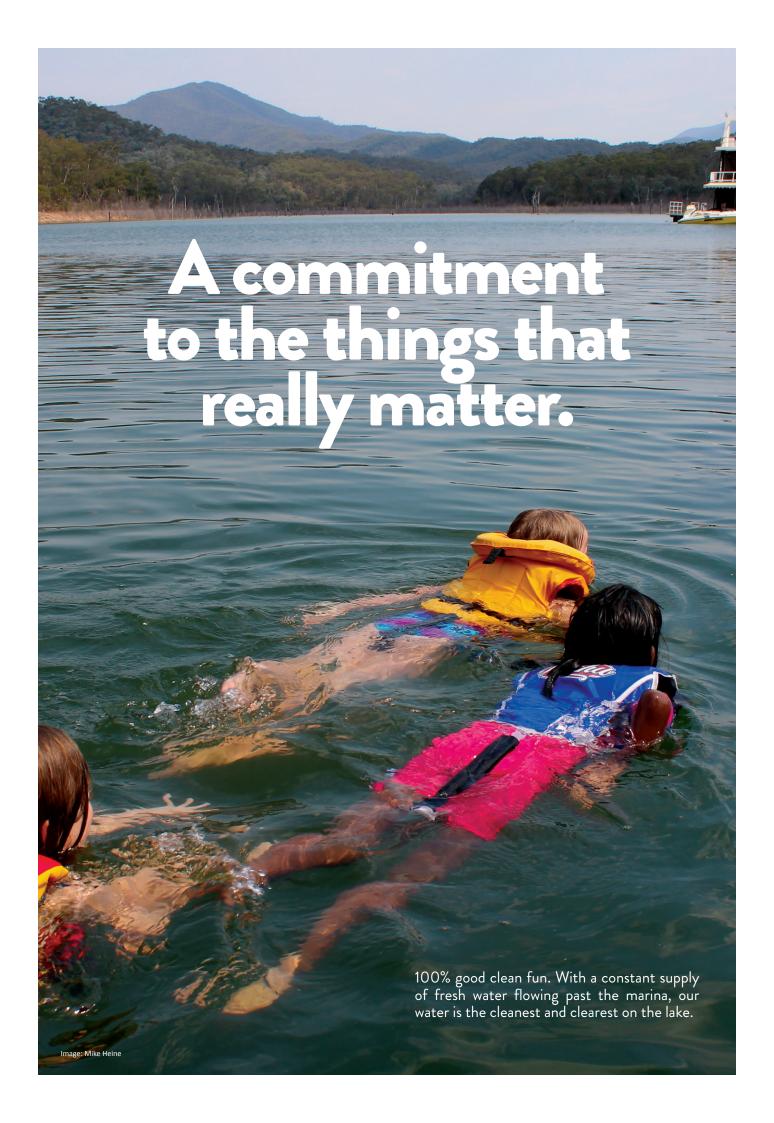
Darlingford Waters Boat Club would like to thank John Horton and the Lake Eildon Boat Owners Group for their great efforts with regard to the Grey Water campaign.

Darlingford Waters Boat Club - Lake Eildon's best marina and boat club.

By: Mike Heine

Source: John Horton

# GREY WATER UPDATE



### **Larapinta Trail**

Ever heard of the Larapinta Trail? Well it is a 223km long bushwalking track in the Northern Territory (running from Alice Springs to Mt Sonder, following the West MacDonnell Ranges) and is one of Central Australia's most unique and spectacular attractions.

In April Donna Lewis (Kokomo) was one of 14 volunteers who helped out with the maintenance of the track. From base camp in Ormiston Creek, this "helping out" was a 4 day trek where the volunteers had to prune (using secateurs, loppers and hand sheers), remove spinifex (using rakes and hoes), and replace any degraded trail markers. Sounds like very tough going! Well done Donna, what an achievement.

Donna provided the photos below - the views are taken from Mt. Sonder.













#### **WARNING DOG POOP**

It is a requirement under Local Government and GMW By-Laws that Dogs and Cats must at all time (except within the confines of your boat) be on a leash. All persons in control of a dog are obliged to collect and dispose of its excrement as it occurs. Doggie bags are conveniently located on the outside wall of the big shed. The Facilities Manager should not have to be a 'Policeman' on these matters, but has been given the authority to 'BAN' offending pets from the Club Complex if the Member fails to heed this warning. Please refer to your Club Rules:- No 60 thru 66.

Care should also be taken when walking pets in the area surrounding the Complex, as poisonous baits are regularly placed in these surrounds by Government and Legislated Authorities to help control pests and feral animals. The Club also lays baits for rats/rodents in/around the Club's structures.

Please do the right thing and help keep DWBC CLEAN!

### Darlingford Briefs

#### 2017 - BITS I'VE HEARD!

Congratulations to Madison Nagy and Brendan (Budge) Cummins who were engaged on 24th Feb much to the delight of Madison's parents Joey & Shelle (Progress Hall) and grandparents Barry & Trish (ex Transcend). Their wedding is planned for late next year so Shelle has plenty of time to work on that Mother-of-the-Bride outfit.



Congratulations Madison & Budge

Recently engaged is Ryan Nicholls (friend of the club and son of Howie) and Njameh. Congratulations to you both. Howie and Denise are both very excited about them "finally" getting engaged!



Congratulations Ryan & Njameh

Jo & Tim (Earnslaw III) sadly lost their beloved TURBO on 17th January. Turbo was a much loved doggie member of Darlingford particularly C marina where her large paws would be heard



The great Turbo!

loping down the marina on her walks with Jo (or walks pulling Jo). Turbo loved to say hello to everyone and will be sadly missed.

Congratulations to Chloe Lewis (Kokomo) who turned 21 on 30/04/17 and celebrated with a "smallish" party at home with family and friends (and more friends).



Chloe (middle) with her mum Donna, dad Brett and sisters, Sharni & Chelsea

Recovering from recent hip surgery is Dianne Callinan who is hoping to be dancing up a storm at future functions. As is Maurie who is also very relieved to have received good reports lately although dancing up a storm might be a little extreme for him!

New to the grey nomad experience this winter will be Gary and Neisha as they set off in July with their caravan for 13½ weeks heading over to the West. Didn't realise they were that old actually! Travel safe guys and send me a pic every now and then.

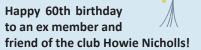
Congratulations to Shenae Maroney who also celebrated turning 21 in April (on the 11th). Shenae had a quiet dinner with family and close friends at a local venue and then a raging celebration with girlfriends at a nightclub.



Shenae with her sisters Khloe & Tahnee

Happy BIG 70th Birthday wishes

to Peter McEldrew (Escape), Ian Hudson (Slak Attak) and Joanie Goodrich (Working Class). All just spring chickens really.



Apparently we have a new wildlife protection officer....so you can blame Macca for all those droppings on your duckboards!



Such a softie really aren't you Macca!

Australia Day antics as displayed by the orange people. Couldn't print what I was told about this but are they dresses you are wearing boys?



But I love this color Neish!

Here's a big fish that was caught on Australia Day 2017 by a guest on Transcend who was visiting from Darwin.



Who said there's only carp in this lake?

### Darlingford Briefs

David and Karen Brown participated in their 16th "Ride for Medical Research \$\$\$" which started at the Lancefield Hotel on 26th March and ended at the Geelong Pier on 31st March... 685kms later! Congratulations to you both on such a fantastic effort once again.

Our very own Bird Man? Seems like 2Rs (or Twosie as he is also affectionately known) has an affinity with our feathered friends who follow him around the facility. You will often see a kookaburra swooping down the marina looking for the bird man and an easy feed. The menagerie includes Rosellas, Kookaburras and Magpies. There has even been a pair of Satin Bowerbirds and a pair of Wonga Pigeons seen around the house.

And Wildlife Warrior #2 - this WLW was seen earlier this year out on the water performing his first rescue of our endangered duck families, madly paddling towards the strand of dead trees behind A marina, waving not only his hands but also paddles to protect a mother duck and her remaining 3 small ducklings from a rampaging hawk. Eventually he guided the family to safety under the marina. Unfortunately, the ducklings were to disappear never to be seen again. The hawk however continues to seek other fare.

Several months earlier this same concerned WLW lent a hand to a sick duck found sitting on his duckboard looking a little unwell. It is reported he went inside grabbed a bowl and filled it with water. When asked by his wife "what is that for?" He replied "I think the duck is thirsty!". Oh dear!



Sending our love and very best wishes with this bunch of flowers to Sue and Darryl Floyd who are both currently dealing with challenging health issues.

### 2016 - A CATCH UP ON LITTLE THINGS MISSED

Stacey Rennie (Wye Wurrie) and Dale Penjin were married on 2nd April 2016 on the banks of the Acheron River. The spot they chose held lots of beautiful memories for the family as it was their camping spot for many years pre houseboat. Congratulations to you both.



Mr & Mrs Dale & Stacey Penjin

Ashten Crump (Out of Reach) turned 21 on 28/07/16 and celebrated with a party at home. Congratulations Ashten.



Gary, Teagan, Ashten & Neisha glammed up for Ashten's 21st!

This might be a rumour but I heard that one of our Directors could be up for a WOMAN award....???

Goody & Joanie became great grandparents when Ryder Edwards was born to Tahnee Maroney & Jarrod Edwards on 04/04/16. (Yes, Ryder is already 1.) By this coming summer we are expecting that Ryder will be wakeboarding with his dad, jet skiing with his pop Rodney and having a coldie with his poppy G but still trying to convince Nan Mandy that it IS okay to let him in the water. So much fun ahead on Working Class!

Below is a photo of the new Mr & Mrs Broderick and Brooke Helmers who were married on 20th August 2016 at The Melbourne Town Hall, followed by a reception at Cargo Hall, South Wharf and then a warm Honeymoon in Thailand. The wedding party consisted of Brod's two brothers Cooper and Jackson with Richo as best man. Brooke's sister Tamara was Matron of Honour and two friends were bridesmaids. Family and friends all enjoyed a wonderful day, including Brod's Grandmother Eileen and Brookes Granny - how wonderful to have so many generations all in the same place at the one time to celebrate with these two beautiful people.



Mr & Mrs Brod Helmers

You will see a lot more of Brooke on the Lake - she has been converted to a boat person and is really getting the hang of it and embracing the water.

### **Darlingford Briefs**

#### **BACK IN 2015**

Stuart Steer was awarded a Life Membership of DWBC in recognition



of his many years of service to the club. Stuart is our 4th Life Member. This photo was taken after his presentation at the Shed Dance. Congratulations Stu!

Thanks to the Social Committee of 2015 (lead by Bob Storey at the time) we now have a very functional kitchen in the Big Shed. Job well done guys. It certainly has been put to good use in the last couple of years.

On a sad note, during 2015 one of our founding members and ex commodore of the club, **Hilda van den Dungen**, passed away. Hilda and her husband Tom (who passed away in April 2013) had a very long association with Lake Eildon and of course DWBC. Their days on the lake started at the Jerusalem Creek Caravan with a little tinny which grew into a cruiser



called "Red" which morphed into their first houseboat called "No Red" which they finally upgraded to a

second houseboat called "No Red Too". As well as serving time as Commodore Hilda and Tom were both Directors of DWBC at various stages.

#### SO THERE WAS A STORM

Garry and Jenny certainly had a baptism of fire in their new position at the Club with the wind storm that hit on Wednesday 25th November 2015.

Our club spirit was very evident with many members arriving very early on the Thursday morning to set about the task of putting the marina's back in shape, all under the guidance of our Site Director, Stuart Steer.

At the time, Chairman Brett Lewis, acknowledged and thanked the following members for their assistance during the four days it took to get the marina's back in position and secure – Stuart Steer, Ronnie Mulholland, Gary Crump, Ian Hudson, Anita and Greg Rennie (plus crane truck), Garry and Jenny Forden, David and Karen Brown, Don Atkinson, Steve Ward and Wade Deslandes.

This willing work force was kept fed and watered by Bob and Jennie Storey, Janette Deslandes, Glenda Hudson.

A job very well done.



The one that got away!

#### **COMMODORE'S AWARD**

In 2015 the Board decided that there would be a special award recognising a member (or members) who make an outstanding contribution to the club facilities. The award was named the Commodores Award with the Commodore selecting the recipient. It is not intended to be awarded on an annual basis but only given out when seen fit by the Commodore. It should be noted that this does not replace the Delia Award which is our Club's most prestigious and long standing award in recognition of the best club person each year.

The first recipients of the Commodore's award were Gary (1R) Crump, Garry (2Rs) Forden and Wade Deslandes in recognition of the work they did in building our new kitchen, renovating the toilets and designing and building the movable walls for the big shed. These walls allow the social committee to configure smaller areas in the shed for social functions. This work has made a tremendous improvement in our ability to cater for functions and improve the amenity for members. Thank you Gary, Garry & Wade. It is very much appreciated by your fellow members.

#### **BIG BIRTHDAYS FROM 2015 & 2016 THAT NEED A MENTION**

There were some mighty big celebrations during 2015 and I don't want anyone to feel neglected because there was no magazine to highlight this fact......so here's a very belated happy BIG birthday to: Tahnee Maroney (Working Class) – 21; Tanner Larkin (Daddy-O) – 21; Michelle Nagy (Progress Hall) – 50; Jo Gardner (Earnslaw III) – 50; Terry Stewart (Time Out) – 60; Peter Elliott (Kiknbak) – 60 (OMG is he that old); Wendy Adams (Odyssey) – 60.

In 2016 big celebrations were had by: Khloe Maroney (Working Class) – 18; Matt Evans (Joy Rider) – 18; Heather White (So Long) – 50; Darryl Floyd (Xstatic) – 60; Wayne Agius (Black Marlin) – 60; Garry Forden (our FM) – 60; Greg Rennie (Wye Wurrie) – 60; and an awesome foursome turned the BIG 70....Ron Mulholland (Shiraz); Margie Amoore (Cat Attack); Barry Gurrieri (ex Transcend); and Terry McMillan (Time Out).

To anyone I may have missed because I don't know your birthday....well happy birthday to you too!

# Have you got this information somewhere handy in your boat?

## **IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**

#### **AED**

In case of heart related emegencies the Defibrilator (AED) is located adjacent to the notice board inside the Big Shed - look for this sign.



#### **EMERGENCY MARKERS**

We have **5 emergency location marker numbers** listed with the emergency services. This means that when you call 000 all you need to do is quote the emergency marker number for your location within the marina and they will know exactly where to meet you. The new emergency marker numbers are very easy to remember, the number and location of that number within the marina is as follows

<u>Location</u>	<b>Emergency Number</b>
A Marina	DWB 004
B Marina	DWB 003
C Marina	DWB 002
D Marina	DWB 001
Big Shed	DWB 005

There are emergency marker sign posts at each of these locations to help you remember them. Always remember that if you have an emergency:

- 1. Stay Calm
- 2. Ring 000
- 3. quote the emergency marker number of where you want the emergency services to meet you,
- 4. then call the Facility Manager on 0428 994 090.
- 5. Finally make sure that someone is at the front gate to meet the emergency services and let them into the marina complex.

100% for family, community, the environment and safety.

