



Houseboat

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Candyland scoops the lollies!

Sail Past 2017. See pages 14-20



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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dear Members

With boating season well and truly underway and a successful sail past already behind us, we are all looking forward to the Christmas break and our time on the lake.

Our crane barge is currently out of the water for maintenance (engines serviced, hulls checked and painted, etc.).

I would like to thank our two retiring Directors, Andrew Oakes and Mike Heine, for the valuable input and service to the Club during their time on the Board.

Special mention should be made to Jo Gardner who stepped in for Andrew during the year to assist the Social Club with organising and running club social events.

Mike will remain in charge of club marketing and promotion but has stepped down from his role as Director as his work commitments have increased dramatically.

Marina Complex

Most members will have noticed the fantastic gardens at our club entry, manager's office and big shed facade. This is the work of our two Jens – Jennie Storey and Jenny Forden. A fantastic job!

Please make sure you park only in the designated parking areas and keep all access roads clear. Parking permits must be displayed and clearly visible on your windscreens.

Reminder – all trailers should be parked in at Eildon trailer park if you intend to leave your jet skis and boats in the water. It is your responsibility to move the trailer not Garry's.

On behalf of the Board, we would like to wish all members and their families an enjoyable and safe boating season.

We were all deeply saddened at the unexpected passing of our former Facility Manager, Peter Zabilowicz, on 4th October. Peter, who was at DWBC for 10 years, became a good friend to many and he will be forever missed.

On behalf of the Directors and all members, I offer our sincerest condolences to Ingrid, Stephen, Christine and their families.



Brett Lewis
Chairman
Darlingford Waters Marina Pty Ltd

"DELIA" AWARD RECIPIENT

Congratulations to **Gary Crump** on being awarded the 2017 Delia Ward Memorial Shield.

Gary has been the driving force behind much of the renovation and rejuvenation improvements around our facility. He contributes enormously to the club donating his "spare" time and builder expertise and is always available to help in anyway. His assistance to Garry Forden over the last two years has been invaluable. Gary has been committed to the Social Club for several years and again, his builder skills have been put to good use preparing for our functions. This is a well-deserved recognition for your contributions to the club Gary.



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Thanks for all the positive feedback after the last magazine. It's always nice to hear that someone enjoys the read. Some even picked up that Jo had a new hairdo which means they really did read it! Just in case you have been under a rock (or new to the club of course) and don't know our Jo – here she is, the real Jo Gardner, Director DWBC.



This is the time of year we have all been waiting for – boating and water sports in the summer sun and catching up with friends over drinks or a barbie. Let's all play safe on the water and get through this boating season without mishap. How about sharing your lake experiences – I would love to receive your photos and stories (or just a little snippet) of what happens on your boat over summer.

Thank you Jenny Forden – I am very grateful for your support in providing photos and keeping me up to speed with all things newsy in the club.



Finally, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all. Cheers, Margie.

Margie Elliott
Editor

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FACILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

G'day all Members,

It's that time of year again – our boating season is underway.

As you will all be aware we started summer with a pretty big weather event!

- Friday 1st Dec – inflow was 1,000 ML/d and the lake level was 71.3%
- Saturday 2nd Dec – we had 148mm of rain in a 24 hour period. Inflow was 43,000 ML/d and the lake level was 72.6% which was a rise of 400mm overnight.
- Sunday 3rd Dec – we had 18mm of rain in a 24 hour period. Inflow was 44,000 ML/d and the lake level was 73.9% which was another rise of 309mm overnight.
- The total lake rise for that weekend was 790mm and it was still rising.
- Monday 4th Dec – rain fall was 0.2mm and inflow was 20,000 ML/d. The lake level was at 74.5% which was another rise of 190mm overnight.

This should set us up for a healthy boating season!

Before this “event” we had only had patchy rain over the last couple of months...so I have been very busy on the whipper snipper!!

NEW MEMBERS

We have been kept pretty busy with enquiries for membership to our Club and have been successful in attracting two new families.

They are both first time houseboat owners and are bringing boats in from E.B.C.

The **Walter** family (Greg, Gina and daughters Skye & Eve) are joining C marina with their houseboat “Kapalua”. They are good friends of Dave & Rachel Stephens who joined the club earlier this year. Greg & Gina are just waiting for handover of their new boat but want to be here NOW!

The **Junor** family, Craig & Jo and three children, have already arrived on A marina with their boat “Nymph”.

We look forward to making them and their families welcome and part of our great club!

HOUSEKEEPING

Just a couple of things (same old same old...)

- Please keep your dogs on leads at all times
- NO trailers are to be attached to cars or parked on the bank. Trailers can be parked in the top car park ONLY, while you are here.
- Long term trailer parking is available in town FREE OF CHARGE. All trailers are to be tagged with the owners name and phone number.
- All cars to have parking permits in windscreen, with boat name and phone no please.



Remember we are all club members, so please think of others.

Jenny and I would like to thank those members who have helped us throughout the year...too many to mention but you know who you are!

We take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Safe Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing you all during this season.

Jenny & Garry

PARK FAIR

PARKING PERMITS
are to be displayed all year round, not just during peak times.



Garry Forden
Facility Manager

FAREWELL TO DARRYL & SUE

We farewelled Darryl & Sue Floyd (Xstatic) from the lake on 18th November. They have reluctantly sold their boat to concentrate on returning to good health and to have time to use their holiday house at Inverloch where they plan to retire in about 3 years' time. Sue has now completed her treatment for breast cancer and looking forward positively and optimistically to a full recovery. Darryl has recently undergone stem cell replacement therapy due to the recurrence of lymphoma which he was first diagnosed with when he was 40yrs old. He is now recovering at home.

Darryl & Sue joined DWBC in 2000 having bought their boat in 1999 in Jerusalem Creek. Then it was named Echo but later renovated and renamed Xstatic. Darryl says he remembers that when they moved the boat over Peter Zab was in his first week as Site Manager and at that stage couldn't drive a houseboat!

During their time at the club Darryl served on the Social Committee, was a Vice Commodore and served as Chairman for 4 years. They both said they will miss the beauty of the lake and the many friends they have made but assured me they will be back for our social functions.

Sue has a parting message for all our female members: **"PLEASE GET THAT DAMN MAMMOGRAM. IT SAVES LIVES"** 😊

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

At the recent AGM the following members were elected unopposed as Directors: Luke Brinksma (Serena Z), Peter Elliott (Kiknbak) and Shane Elliott (Blinda).

Luke and Shane are both relatively new members and have young families ready to make the most of a summer of boating. Peter has been a member since 2002 but boating on the lake since 1995. Congratulations to you all.



CHANGES IN ELIGIBILITY TO OBTAIN A PWC ENDORSEMENT FOR PERSONS AGED UNDER 16

Changes in eligibility to obtain a PWC Endorsement for persons aged under 16 are anticipated to come into effect on the 18th of December 2017. This anticipated change is: "Persons aged under 16 years of age are not eligible to obtain a personal watercraft endorsement"

This will mean that:

- anyone under the age of 16 will not be permitted to take the PWC endorsement test
- Existing endorsements will remain valid
- This does not affect supervised operation of a PWC. An unlicensed person can operate a personal watercraft subject to these conditions: The supervising person must be aged over eighteen years and have a general marine licence. The supervisor must be in a position from which they can take immediate control of the personal watercraft.

Please check with Maritime Safety Victoria for further information.



Ice is made, bagged and kept in freezers in the Big Shed purely for our great convenience.

But it is NOT free.

Please ensure that you **PAY FOR EVERY BAG**.

It's only \$2 per bag but unfortunately not every one is leaving correct money.

VALE PETER ZABILOWICZ



Peter and Ingrid came to Darlingford in April 2002 when Peter took on the role of Caretaker (now known as Facility Manager). Peter soon became known to members as Pete, Zabba, Buddha or Big Fella (amongst others).

Before joining Darlingford Peter had worked in many fields – farming, truck and bus driving, and plumbing, just to name a few. These experiences all contributed to making Peter an ideal Caretaker. He was involved in various community clubs in Wangaratta and this community spirit was continued in our Club over the 10 years he was here.

Peter's time as Facility Manager covered the drought years. He moved the marinas out past Wilson's Inlet twice – this was known as the Long Island; he built two new small barges used to ferry members out to the marina and back easily; the track to the departure point was kept graded and well defined; trees were removed as the water went down; and a careful eye was kept to make sure none caused damage to any boat. Then it rained and the water came up very fast, over a metre a day. Peter was kept very busy with the marinas but he managed to take it all in his stride. He never seemed to panic. He also did a lot of work on the construction of the second set of boat sheds.

Peter had a great relationship with the Water Police which began when they started using our work platform for training programs. He would get them to dive for any missing blocks, and he also helped them with the recovery of the plane which went down in the main arm after hitting the powerlines in 2004.

In 2009 both Peter and Ingrid stayed at the marina while the bushfire burnt its way down Jerusalem Inlet. They were isolated there for several weeks until the fire was put out just 4 km away.

Peter was always available to members for any problems they had with their boats and he usually found a way to fix or solve their problem.

He was a very social person and many good times were had with members; either on their boats, in the big shed or at other social functions. Peter would do extra to help out at functions, getting the big barge ready and loaded, mowing the site at Big River to make it usable again after the drought, or being Santa at Xmas in June.

Peter was a great ambassador for the club welcoming new members or prospective buyers into the complex. They would be shown around, introduced to other members and made to feel most welcome.

Peter and Ingrid became very good friends with quite a number of members, and enjoyed trips away to many places including Fraser Island, the Canning Stock route, down the Dog Fence and many more before leaving Darlingford in March 2012. After leaving they bought a bus and continued to take many more trips with friends from the club.

Peter was diagnosed with cancer in early April. His prospect was initially quite positive, yet he spent nearly all that time from April until his death on the 4th October in hospital. He is sadly missed.

Wes & Ethel Ford (Taurus II)

OUR ZABBA



R.I.P.

EILDON COMMUNITY CHARITY GOLF DAY

Formerly run as the Police & Friends Charity this event has regularly been popular with a small group of our own golf devotees. The group was larger this year with 15 starters being picked up by bus at 8am, those being – Shane Elliott, Chris Reed, Ian McMillan, Terry Finch, Stuart Steer, Max Ewert, Graeme Amooore, Garry Forden, Joe Nagy, Gary Crump, Tim Mathews, Ron Mulholand, John Deacon, Brad Rogers and Ian Hudson.

Apparently the day was a great success with Shane winning the Callaway comp, Brad the longest drive and Joe Nagy most of the raffles. Graeme even managed to leave a ball up in a tree which is a great trick shot. I do have photographic evidence but it doesn't print up too well!

The proceeds of \$4500, raised from 44 players, was donated to local groups.



DWBC was well represented among the 44 participants.

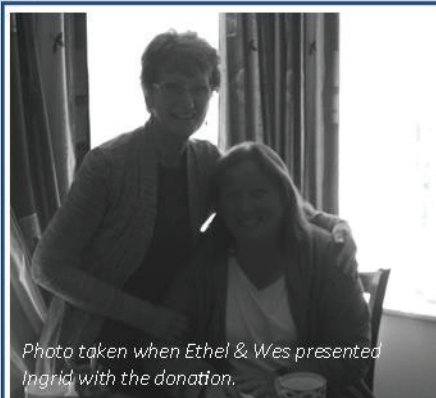


Photo taken when Ethel & Wes presented Ingrid with the donation.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who donated to the memory of Peter. \$7,100.00 was raised. Ingrid was left speechless with the donation from their friends at Darlingford Waters Boat Club. She is most grateful.

SITE MANAGER'S REPORT

I would like to thank those members who helped look after the club and move marinas whilst Garry and Jenny were away on a well-earned holiday.

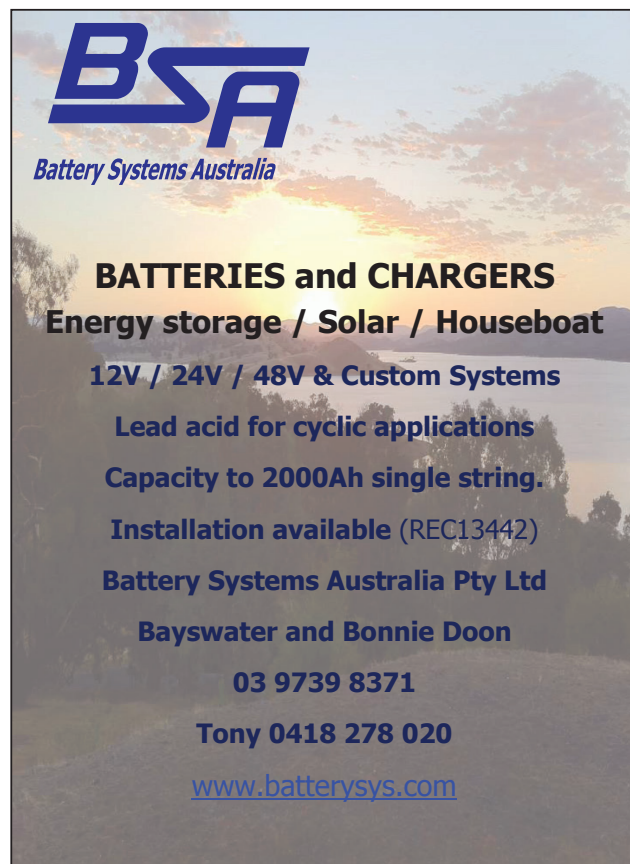
Some works that have been undertaken over recent months include:

- The Crane barge has been out for a sand blast, painting of pontoons and servicing of motors. There was a suggestion raised at the AGM that we should paint the barge. I believe this would be a good idea (complete with racing stripes!). I will be looking for quotes in the new year.
- We are installing cameras around the complex for security allowing Garry to view from the gate to the lake from his office.
- Members will have access via the website to camera's overlooking the boats and the lake.
- Some cabling has been installed and will be completed in the new year.

Finally, I thank Garry and Jenny for doing such a great job around the club.

Regards

Stuart Steer



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Jennie Storey received the Commodore's Award this year in recognition of the beautiful gardens she has/is creating around the club. Jen loves her plants and has grown most of them from cuttings herself. You will often see Jennie and Bob pottering in the garden beds and making sure they are well watered (the plants that is). The gardens are growing into a very nice feature as you drive in and through the club. Thanks Jennie (and Bob). You're doing a great job!



Fixing C Marina in July with a little help from a crane from Alexandra Cranes.



In November the crane barge comes out at Jews Creek for maintenance.



Keeping Jennie's garden alive in November, before the big wet!

DO YOU HAVE CONTRACTORS WORKING ON YOUR BOAT?

If so, please ensure the following:

Your contractor or tradesperson is required to advise the Facilities Manager (by phone or text) that they are coming to site. They are also required to 'SIGN IN' and 'SIGN OUT' in the register at the office.

Contractors are responsible for:

- Ensuring they have the necessary insurance and liability cover
- Maintaining the DWBC workplace in a safe and healthy manner for themselves, sub-contractors and other staff
- Supervision of their sub-contractors
- Raising any issue that is, or may become, an OH&S concern to the Facilities Manager, Club Director or Club Nominee
- Ensuring that a Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS) has been completed for tasks identified as high risk

The term Contractor refers to:

- Actual Contractor or Sub-contractor
- Employee of a Contractor or Sub-contractor
- Employee of a labour hire company
- Outworker, Apprentice or trainee of a Contractor or Sub-contractor

- Student on work experience of a Contractor or Sub-contractor

As a member of the Club we require your co-operation to ensure a safe workplace and secure environment for the Club's and Members' assets. If you are planning on or have any contractors working on your boat you MUST advise the Facility Manager and it is your responsibility to advise your Contractors of the above requirements and conditions to enter the Marina.



Darlingford Day

Saturday 17th February 2018

An afternoon of fun for the kids.

Followed by the Shed Dance at night.

Theme to be advised.

2017 SOCIAL CLUB RECAP

Firstly, I want to start by acknowledging and thanking the Social Committee - Terry Stewart (Time Out), Anita Rennie (Wyewurri), Janette Deslandes (The Craic), Gary Crump and Neisha Roberts (Out of Reach). Without these people we wouldn't have had any of the events over the last year nor would we have any events planned for 2018.

Secondly, I want to thank the members who actually supported the events that were held during 2017. Thanks for attending, helping set up or clean up, and for all the effort you have put in.

This year saw Darlingford Day and the Shed dance in February followed by a great day at the races for the Alexandra Cup in March. The midyear function was unfortunately cancelled due to lack of numbers but we finished the year with a great Sail Past.



The Black & White Shed Dance in Feb



Alex Races in March



That one day in Sept!

SAIL PAST

Apologies for spamming your email inbox with Sail Past updates but I wanted everyone to be informed and to let you know every effort was being made to try and make it possible to "sail" (thanks Stuart Steer, Ron Mulholland, Brad Rogers, Gary Crump, Gary Forden, Tim Gardner) but unfortunately it just wasn't possible. However, we ended up with a great night in the Big Shed which looked fantastic – thanks to all who helped with the set up and clean up.

Saturday started with the "Sail Past" and 18 boats in procession heading up the main arm. It was quite a proud moment to look back and see all the boats lined up – it looked sensational. Brett stood on the back of Latise with his captain's hat (where in the world did you get that from?) and took all sorts of salutes from members. I've been told that some involved fingers, cheers, heckling and others that can't be mentioned here. It was all in fun though and wonderful to see so many boats making the effort to "sail".

Saturday night was spent eating and dancing to the DJ along with a side game of Beer Pong. The food was served with the help of Ian Hudson (Slakatak) and David Brown (Rest Ashore).



The Captain, Commodore & 1st Mate

Sunday morning was great fun - a very big thanks to the Ford family (Taurus II) for helping with the kid's games, the fairy floss and for the Clown who raced around on Saturday.

Thanks also to Graeme and Margie Amooore (Cat Attack) for their donation of hampers for the raffle and for helping out on Sunday morning. Another thank you, to Donna Lewis (Kokomo) for her big cleaning effort in the kitchen – it was sparkling!

A final thank you to everyone who approached me over the weekend with offers of help, it was greatly appreciated. As all the events are "club events" it's great to see members getting involved. It's not such a big effort when everyone helps out!

Jo Gardner



Houseboats make their way down the main arm to salute the Commodore

2018 SOCIAL CLUB EVENTS

SO WHAT'S GOING ON IN 2018?

We realise that, as a houseboat club, most people just want to get to their boat and head out so we have scaled down the number of events next year and hope that you can attend.

•**17 Feb: Darlingford Day/Shed Dance**

Darlingford day will be a family day with the focus on lots of fun activities for the kids. So book in the date and bring your kids, your grandkids, your cousins, your friends or complete strangers. The shed dance will follow on the Saturday night in the big shed. Theme to be advised.

•**24 March: Alexandra Cup Day Races**

This is a fabulous day where you can jump on a bus and enjoy the fun of a country race meet. For the girls, if you so desire it's a chance to frock up and pull out the fascinators. Casual wear is also appropriate.

•**28 April: Club working bee**

An opportunity to help put some time into the club and a great chance to meet other members

•**15 September: Club working bee**

Another opportunity to donate some time to the club and maybe meet someone else!

•**29 Sept: AFL Grand Final in the Big Shed**

•**3 November: Sail Past**

(Theme to be determined)

You may notice that Sail Past has been listed as only 1 day. It has been decided that unless the water is over 90% (which means we can get into Allen Bay) all festivities will be in the marina. It is near impossible to find a suitable place on the lake that can safely house up to 50 boats in one spot. Saturday will be an action packed day and Sunday will be left free for you to sail out early if you wish.

MEET'N'GREETINGS

Meet 'n' Greetings are held throughout the year and are a fantastic opportunity to meet new members or catch up with old ones. They are an informal drop in held in the Big Shed from 7:00pm so come up for a sausage and catch up. BYO drinks.

- Friday 9 March (Labour Day W/E)
- Friday 8 June (Queen's Birthday W/E)
- Thursday 27 Sept (Grand Final W/E)

Note: there may be other impromptu ones scheduled throughout the year and we will let you know via email.

We would love for you to make it to at least one of these events so that the effort the committee puts in is not wasted. The Social Committee is a small group of members who want to build the sense of a club by organising events where we all come together and have the opportunity to meet other members and not just those on your marina. We are always looking for people to join our fun little group and it's a great way to do your bit for the club. It's also a great way to meet new people and as I said earlier it's not a big job if you have lots of people helping. Come and see me or one of the other members if you want to join us.

Thanks everyone for your support over 2017 and I look forward to seeing you in 2018.

Jo Gardner



Glenda & some scruffy dude at the Meet N Greet before Sail Past

SAVE THE DATES

2018 Club Events	
Feb 17	Darlingford Day & Shed Dance
Mar 9	Meet N Greet
Mar 24	Alexandra Cup Race Day
Apr 28	Club Working Bee
Jun 8	Meet N Greet
Sep 15	Club Working Bee
Sep 27	Meet N Greet
Sep 29	AFL Grand Final
Nov 3	Sail Past

If your dog POOPS it.....
Make sure you SCOOP it.

Sail Past 2017



Team Rogers - CANDYLAND



Cat Attack - was it BUSHLAND?



Flat Out - a new team on C marina with SANTALAND



A Winter WONDERLAND on Latise



MAORI LAND from team Kiwi on Rest Ashore



Brinksma's in WONDERLAND on Serena Z



Team Ford with their own LIQUORLAND store



Oh they're from TIGERLAND...very happy Elliott family on Blinda

LAND, any land!



PAD's top end LIQUORLAND - top shelf and all!



This is Joey reigning over his own LAND



So much effort in making CANDYLAND



Rita & Bruce make great snowmen on Latise



Snowman or Pinocchio?



Harmony, Caroline & Karen during their dance routine



Allison making her mark on Serena Z



CANDYLAND - and they were really reall!

Sail Past Winners

WELL WINNERS ARE CERTAINLY GRINNERS!

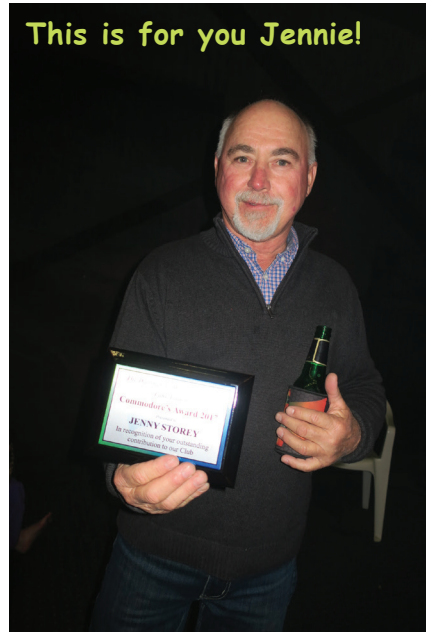
Below is Kirsty Rogers who was very excited to win the coveted Best Dressed Adult Award. The Rogers clan also claimed the equally coveted Best Dressed Boat award and deservedly so - a huge effort went into transforming their boat front into CANDY-LAND. Such great detail too.

The girls also struck gold by winning the Best Dressed Child/Children award but weren't at the shed to collect their trophy so of course mum was more than happy to accept on their behalf.



Above: Team Latise after accepting their award for the Best Dressed Group - Winter Wonderland. Congratulations!

Below: The encouragement award went to the young team on Flat Out who created their own Santaland with out any help from mum and dad. It was a great effort and hopefully the start of many more. Well done Maddie, Joel and Reese.



This is for you Jennie!

Congratulations to Jo Gardner and Jennie Storey who were both presented with a Commodore's Award in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the club.

Above: Unfortunately Jennie wasn't present so Garry Forden accepted on her behalf.

Left: Jo accepting her award from Brett.

W.O.M.A.N. AWARD

Our W.O.M.A.N. award is usually awarded to anyone who "Walks Off the Marina At Night". Over the years we have had many winners with various excuses as to why they "walked off the marina" usually at night after one quiet bevy.....

However, this year I am reliably informed that our winner didn't technically "walk off the marina", he may have fallen in while working hard in broad daylight.

Sure Stu!



Sail Past Party



Adam & Katee embracing their 1st Sail Past



Brett & Brad



Grandma Denise and Ainsley



Di with a gentleman who isn't Maurie!



Gary & Neisha



Jo and Margie



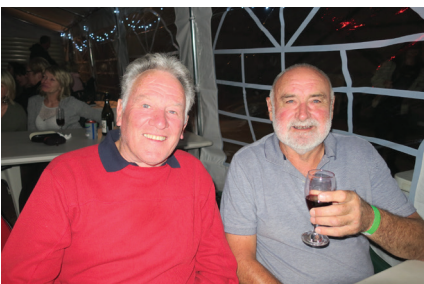
Graeme and Luke and that TAT



Good to see you Howie & Denise



The lovely Rita and Bruce



Ian and Robert



Joel and Daniel



Brad & Kristen



Judy & Denise



Karen & Shirley



Anita & Joey

Sail Past Party



Brad, Ronnie, Stu, Denise, Donny & Oliver



More of the same with extras!



Team Ford



Partying outside was big too



Team Helmers



Group hug for Shelle Belle



Rachel & friends



Terry crashes the Ford group hug



Team Rest Ashore



Karen, a friend, Rachel, Kane & Caroline



Graeme, Margie, Eric & Rosemary



Max, Marney & Beryl



Ray, Joel, baby Neisha, Krystal & Daniel



Willie, Max & Janet



Joel, Reese, Amelia, Maddy & Dempsey

Sail Past Party



Margie, Stacey & Anita



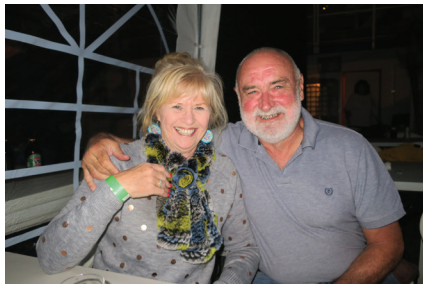
New member Alistair Bavage & a mate



Ray receiving his honourary membership



Alison, Kirsty, Ashlyn, & Maryann



Sue & Robert, also newbies



Alannah & Terry



Dave Stephens & Adam Feldtmann



Donny & Margie A.



Glenda & Krystal



Jenny & Judy



Terry, Brad & Shelle Belle



Dale, Tim & Jo



Tim, Donna & Terry



Sue & Glenda



Dave & Jenny

Sail Past Kids



Not only was Saturday night a great event but by all reports Sail Past Sunday was a great success too. The kids particularly had a great morning with activities including 3 legged races and a tug-of-war against the adults. I hear the kids may have just "won" it despite both sides tying their rope ends to car tow bars! The colouring competition was fiercely competitive with some very fine colouring indeed. Well done to all the kids who participated.

Special thanks to the FORD family from Taurus II who set up the popcorn and fairy floss machines and the games that kept the kids entertained. They also provided the clown entertainment during the "sail past" – a feature we all love to see and appreciate (especially the lollies).



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LIFEJACKETS – DID YOU KNOW?

Lifejackets must be worn when you are in an open area of a boat that is underway and the vessel is:

- A powerboat of 4.8m or less
- A personal watercraft
- A human powered craft including kayak, canoe, raft, rowing boat, kite, sailboard or paddleboard
- A recreational tender

On power boats between 4.8 and 12m you must wear a jacket when:

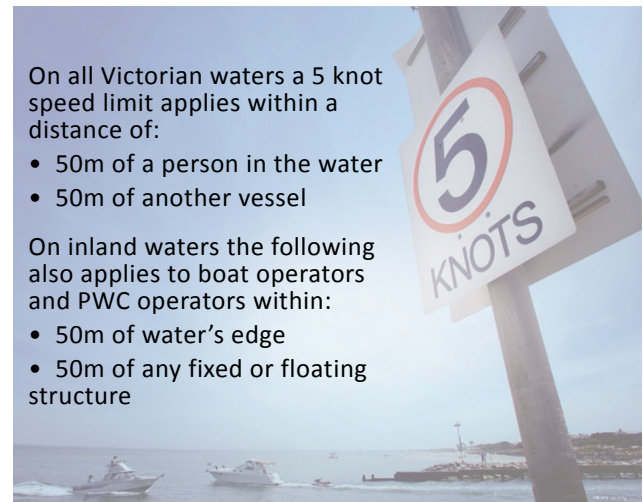
- **You are alone on the boat** (this includes circumstances in which your passenger is a child or has limited strength or mental capacity)
- In a vessel that has broken down or is disabled

Children under 10 must wear lifejackets at all times when in an open area of a boat underway.

Please note: these rules apply even within the marina waters from ramp to houseboat. Police have booked boaters for not complying so, be warned!

UNDERSTANDING THE 5 KNOT SPEED LIMIT

5 knots is a fast walking pace or almost 10 kph.



On all Victorian waters a 5 knot speed limit applies within a distance of:

- 50m of a person in the water
- 50m of another vessel

On inland waters the following also applies to boat operators and PWC operators within:

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GENERAL HOUSEBOAT INFORMATION FROM GOULBURN-MURRAY WATER

NEW HOUSEBOAT LICENCE LABELS

Recent changes to the houseboat regulations have repealed the requirement for GMW to issue houseboat licence labels. **Please be advised that you will no longer receive a label upon receipt of payment for your annual houseboat licence.**

HOUSEBOAT COMPULSORY INSPECTION PROGRAM

GMW's houseboat inspection program was introduced to ensure compliance with the Regulations and to ensure that over a period of time, effluent issues that have the potential to threaten water quality and human health are minimised or removed. The program has now been in operation for ten years and has seen the majority of boats on

Lake Eildon inspected. The outcomes of the inspections have ranged from some boats getting the 'all clear' to others being removed and replaced by a new vessel.


HOUSEBOAT RUBBISH

GMW is reviewing the management of waste services across all its 16 water storages. There have been some concerns with the management of the bulk rubbish associated with houseboats at Eildon. The service provided by GMW is for the removal of domestic household, or in this case, domestic houseboat rubbish. It is clearly evident that bins are being used to dispose of "hard" rubbish in the form of renovation materials, carpets, television sets, lounge suites, mattresses etc.

The cost for the service and the number of bin clearances have increased dramatically over the last 2 to 3 years and the problem has evolved without an increase in the number of houseboats on the lake.

GMW asks that operators and owners take responsibility for their waste and ensure that only domestic rubbish is placed in the bins provided. Please ensure that cardboard boxes are crushed to ensure maximum space for rubbish within the bins.

Houseboat owners should consult with their club or marina operator for all hard rubbish removal and containment requirements. GMW will monitor the bins over the current boating season and will make recommendation on changes to the present process should current practices continue.

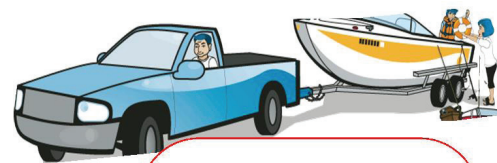


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WORD OF WARNING

Did you know it is illegal to launch your boat with people sitting in the boat i.e. when you reverse down or drive up the ramp. The police have been making a point of booking boats at the Jews Creek boat ramp for doing just that. It is considered the same as driving a ute with people sitting in the tray. So beware and be warned!

LAKE EILDON SKI CLUB SLALOM EVENTS 2018

The Lake Eildon Ski Club has proposed the following dates for slalom events to be held in Jerusalem Creek Inlet. This means that the tow boat and support vessels participating in these events will be exempt from the requirements of the 5 knot speed restriction zone on these dates.

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| • 7 January 2018 | 8.00am to 5.00pm |
| • 20 January 2018 | 8.00am to 5.00pm |
| • 10 February 2018 | 8.00am to 5.00pm |
| • 24 February 2018 | 8.00am to 5.00pm |
| • 3 March 2018 | 8.00am to 5.00pm |

Darlingford Briefs

Welcome to the club:

- **Barbara & Greg Martin** who joined on 1st October bringing their houseboat NOLA to A Marina.
- **Alistair Bavage** (and his parents Eric & Rosemary) joined C Marina also bringing a new boat to the club, IT'S ME 2.
- **David Parker & Deb Brunt** have purchased Xstatic from Darryl and Sue and will stay on B marina.
- **Greg & Gina Walters** have also joined C marina bringing in their boat Kapalua.
- **Craig & Joanne Junor** are the very newbies on A marina.

John Tucker has Starliner back in the water on D marina – and you won't recognise it!

Renovations are finally finished on Kokomo too. NO MORE says Brett!

Joey is still plodding away on Progress Hall but it's going to look schmick when it gets finished, eventually.

From new boats to new babies:

Congratulations to Tahnee & Jarrod from Working Class who welcomed their second son Taylen John Edwards on 30th October. A baby and a toddler on the boat over summer, won't that be fun Goody!



Nanny G with great grandson Taylen

I heard a whisper that Simone & Jarrod Foy (This'L'Do) had a new baby –in search of details I discovered that their son Coden was in fact born on the 12th of Jan this year which means he is nearly 1. So instead of congratulations I will get in early and say HAPPY FIRST BIRTHDAY CODEN.

Sue, Peter & Chris Smith were all ready for a big Sail Past weekend but they missed it at the last moment due to the arrival of another grandson. Harrison West was born on 3rd Nov weighing 3.9kg and is the third son of Melissa & David West and a brother to Flynn and Riley. Congratulations to you all.



Chris, Sue & Peter Smith with baby Harrison

Lots of birthdays have been celebrated:

Gabriel Tavares (Wizard) turned 19 on 2nd Dec. Happy birthday Gabriel.

A couple of milestone birthday celebrations on Taurus II in December with Braydon turning 21 on the 3rd and Jessica turning 18 on the 24th. Alannah's birthday was on the 1st too. So happy birthday to you all. What a big month for the Fords!

Happy birthday to Breanna Evans from Joyrider who turned 18 on 17th Dec. Hope you survived your introduction to clubbing in the city and weren't led astray by your cousins Shenae & Khloe!

A BIG birthday was recently celebrated by Neisha Roberts from Out of Reach. Her BIG day was also on 2nd Dec. Neish had a quiet celebration with family a week before the big day as daughter ASHTON has embarked on a 2 month trip with friends to Mexico. They left on 25th Nov and will be sipping tequila no doubt for Xmas and



New Year! Happy **50th** Neisha - I hear it's actually still going!

Anita had the best "free" party for her birthday - it was the day of Sail Past! The crew on board Wyewurrie had the cheers and beers flowing early



Cheers Anita!

in her honour and toasted appropriately out on the water. It wasn't Brett they were saluting at all!

Lookout - we have new teenagers:

Three "babies" of the club have turned 13 in recent months: Ainsley Steer in Sept, Tannah King in November and Luke Johnson in Dec. Wow they grow up fast don't they? We hope your teenage years are full of fun and adventure!



Ainsley is a teenager!

And yet another big birthday, well two in fact. Kirsty & Brad, from the boat still without a name, both celebrated their big 4-0's. Kirsty in August and Brad in October. They had a joint celebration in the form of a masquerade party.



Kirsty "The Queen of Themes" & Brad

It was great to see Nick & Danka (Mystique) at the AGM. They have been off the water for so long that their pen has been sold twice. Ok, not really! But progress is being made and they "hope" to be finally back on the water by Darlingford Day – maybe. I look forward to a few shots of Vodka, Danka, to welcome you back!

Oh they're from Tigerland. Yes, we have many happy tigers in the club – Shane Elliott (& the whole family), Luke Brinksma, Jo Gardner, Andrew Czompo (anymore?). And they are still celebrating that premiership win!

Darlingford Briefs

Catch of the Year? By a 9 year old!

Jasmine Rogers caught this monster Murray cod off the back of their houseboat (yes, that one that is still unnamed). She was suitably impressed as were those looking on - Alby from Maroondah couldn't believe his eyes especially since he and a few of his mates had been fishing most of the day!

Using a simple hook and sinker (courtesy of Shane Elliott off Blinda) and a piece of bread Jasmine outdid her sister Olivia and Ashlyn (also from Blinda) who were only able to catch bloody carp!

Awesome catch Jasmine!



Jasmine with her monster catch

The bear from "Time After Time" was recently forced out of hibernation. Grant Copley woke to find the clouds moving rapidly past his window. Was the world coming to an end or was there a cyclone brewing? No, he was wrong on both counts. Garry (2Rs) and Paul Webb decided to take the boat to the social centre of the lake (yep, the poo barge) while Grant was blissfully unaware and asleep in his cave.

Talk about their green thumbs - Bob and Jennie (Carrera) have been approached by Food Works to supply them with tomatoes. They are looking at having a bumper crop this year and are even way ahead of the other renowned tomato croppers, Glenda and Ian (Slakatak). Maybe we could have some homemade sauce then guys? Please?

6 yr old Dempsey Feldtmann had a great Sail Past winning a fishing rod in the raffle and then experiencing the delight of catching a fish. She didn't care that it was bloody carp!



I caught it but you can get it out dad!

Congratulations Georgia Amooore

Georgia was a member of the Australian Sapphire's Girls U16's Basketball team competing in the Asian Championship held in Bangalore (Bengaluru), India from 21-29 October. They won the championship by beating Japan 61-60 in the final after being down by 13 points earlier in the game. Along the way they beat NZ, Korea, Chinese Taipei (Taiwan) and China. The win qualifies Australia for the U17 World Championship in July 2018 to be held in Minsk, Belarus. Hopefully Georgia can hold her form to be in contention for this event.

Proud grandfather Graeme travelled to India with Georgia and her parents Phillip and Kelly. Grandma Margie stayed home and looked after Georgia's twin siblings, Jemma & Toby.



Graeme, Phillip, Georgia & Kelly Amooore with the championship trophy in Bengaluru, India

I heard on the grapevine that the "Lady of Binalong" may qualify for a WOMAN award next year. Apparently she was trying to connect a hose to the flushing tap on the side of her boat and had carefully placed a plank between the finger and her boat for a platform. Guess what happened? Yep, the boat

moved and Lady Marcia went for a swim. Not wanting to let her partner Allan see her looking like a drowned rat (fully clothed) she swam to the rear of the boat and got up on the duck board to try to get into the boat unseen. Alas, her effort was in vain. The door was locked so she had to call Allan for assistance anyway!

Have you seen the new windsocks on the end of each marina? Check them out. They are bright and colourful and look great. Thanks to Ethel Ford for making them.



Great job Ethel.

During the last few months we said farewell to the following members and their boats: Greg Mitchell (D Marina); Greg Manly (Nirvana D Marina); Peter & Carol-Ann Madden (Happy Hour C marina).

Meet the McLindin family of C Marina:



"We are really not that interesting" says Kate, "but here's some info:"

Family: Adam, Kate, Chloe 14 and Emma 13.

Where you are from: Lysterfield

What you do: as little as possible

How long houseboating: 5 years

Why Lake Eildon/DWBC: coz it's the best marina on the lake

Hobbies: Girls love kneeboarding, wakeboarding, skiing & being on the water.

Ads loves going fast or doing nothing at all. I love wining in the sun.

Welcome to C Marina "neighbours"!

A MEMBER'S STORY - KRISTA CALLINAN

For three days in mid-November, the Callinan's houseboat, Latise, played host to a group of Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) patients and their own in-house nurse.

Long-time DWBC Bookkeeper, Krista Callinan, was struck down in early 2013 by a mystery, flu-like illness. With ongoing, debilitating fatigue after minimal activity, brain fog, muscle and joint pain and light-headedness/dizziness, she was told it was just a virus that may take as long as 12 months to run its course. Fast forward 4½ years and Krista has a diagnosis of Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME), with only a 5% chance of ever fully recovering. ME is also controversially known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome - chronic fatigue being only one of the many symptoms and as such, the name felt by most patients to trivialise the seriousness of the disease.

Krista lost much of her social life, her growing business and the ability to remain actively involved in volunteer groups, Lake Mountain Ski Patrol and Alpine Search and Rescue. She has since turned to advocacy for ME, joining a worldwide movement called 'ME Action', fighting for change to the near non-existent funding for ME research, government support and education for doctors and healthcare providers. Despite affecting 1-2% of the population, ME is still largely either unknown or ignored by decision makers. Krista has connected with

many other ME advocates, forming friendships where an intimate understanding of what each is going through has formed the core of their bond.

In an attempt to brighten the lives of several of her ME friends, Krista decided to host a mid-week DWBC houseboat holiday break on Latise. She enlisted the assistance of 'healthy' friend and nurse, Stephanie Dickson, who has been a guest at many DWBC



Krista & friends enjoying a mid week break.

social events over the past 10 years. The ladies had a fabulous time, with houseboat life being just the right pace for their energy-challenged bodies. One lady commented that between the location and not needing to worry about cooking, kids or keeping up appearances in front of people who "just don't understand", it had been the best holiday she'd had since ME had stolen her life 12 years earlier. The group plans to visit DWBC again in the near future, in the hope that Eildon's waters can again provide just the right amount of healing.



WORKING ON YOUR BOAT?

If you, or a contractor working on your behalf, are doing any work on your boat that is going to create **dust, sparks, paint drift or noise**, that will affect other members or their boats then **you must book the work barge**.

If your tradies are using sanders etc. they will need to use the correct vacuum sander that sucks up the dust as they sand.

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REPEAL OF GREYWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM REQUIREMENT

If you weren't already aware, the State Government has repealed the requirement for houseboats to be fitted with a greywater treatment system, effective 18 October 2017.

The following communication was published on the DELWP website. Further information with appropriate links is also available on the G-MW website.



Due to the ongoing issues with the systems, it was determined that they would not ultimately achieve the aim of the regulations. As a result, the Andrews Labor Government has removed the requirement for houseboat owners to install greywater treatment systems on all houseboats.

From 18 October 2017:

- Houseboats are not required to have a greywater treatment system installed by 1 July 2020.
- The pre-sale requirement no longer applies: houseboats don't need to have a greywater treatment system installed before a licence for the houseboat can be transferred to a new owner.

Further recommendations

Until reliability and installation issues can be eliminated it is not appropriate to continue to ask houseboat owners to install these systems at such considerable cost.

We're committed to improving the health of Lake Eildon and will continue to work with houseboat

owners and manufacturers to explore options for increased usage of simpler, cheaper, alternative greywater systems to improve water quality in Lake Eildon in the future.

Support for local greywater treatment system manufacturers and houseboat owners who have installed a greywater treatment system

To assist the manufacturers that have supplied and installed greywater treatment systems on Lake Eildon houseboats, the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) is providing support to the affected manufacturers so they can:

- Engage individual consultants to undertake an adaptability and continuity review of their specific business; and
- Access a business mentoring service that will complement the business review.

Until new regulations are made, Goulburn Murray Water, in collaboration with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning will provide a \$100 annual discount on houseboat licence fees for houseboat owners that have a unit installed.

HAVE YOU INSTALLED A GREY WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM?

A **Grey Water Action Group** has been formed to investigate the worthiness of trying to recover funds houseboat owners have spent on installing GWTS under the now defunct requirement.

The aim is to engage the services of a law firm already well versed in the Eildon Grey Water issue so a small "fighting fund" is required.

It is believed there are around 85 boats with GWTS fitted. If just half of these boat owners join the group, the initial cost per boat will be approximately

\$120. For this investment the group will get a clearer understanding of whether proceeding is practical.

The closing date for registering in this group has been extended until February 2018 so if you have fitted a GWTS and have not made contact with the group you should consider doing so.

Contact can be made via:

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