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## AUSTRALIA DAY RAFTUP



- **NEW MEMBERS**



**Stephen and Kim Carey**  
Johnston 50' Liquor Watch

Welcome aboard, Stephen and Kim, see you at the next 2FM Dinner (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month at the Waterview Restaurant) and on the water.

- **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

If there is a red sticker on the front of this newsletter you are un-financial. Reminders have been sent out, so please pay immediately if you don't want to lose your membership benefits. If you chose to resign from the club, please let us know. If you want to continue your membership in the future, you will have to pay the joining fee again.

- **NEW BOAT ARRIVALS**

"Marcia Marie" is a beautiful 40' Bayliner motor yacht 3988 owned by a very proud Graham Gow and Kerry Hill. They purchased their new cruiser from the USA and had her transported to Port Kembla, from where Graham Rowell assisted in cruising up the coast to Berowra Waters. She is something else, very beamy and the best layout I've seen in a Bayliner. Hardly used with only 40 hours on the engines she is in as new condition. Congratulations to Graham and Kerry.

- **RIVER HAPPENINGS**

#### **HOW TO SUCCESSFULLY FALL OFF A WHARF**

There are many ways to fall off a wharf but very few can do it with grace and dignity. Below are some points on how to be successful in this long forgotten art.

**Firstly**, remember to fill yourself up with copious amounts of wine both red and white drunk alternately topped up with Britta's gin is a great starter to prepare for the main event.

**Secondly**, make sure there is a loose rope on the wharf. If there isn't any just strategically place some on the area where you wish to fall. It doesn't matter how well the ropes have been put on the wharf as people with lots of wine inside them seek these ropes out to put around their ankles.

**Thirdly**, make sure there are no cameras, otherwise you are able to exaggerate the event. For instance when I fell in I did a pike with a forward somersault and three twists and I'm sure if there was a camera it wouldn't have picked this up.

**Fourthly**, make sure there is a big bloke with a beard to haul you out without damaging you or the wine glass that you didn't let go of.

**Finally**, always make sure that somebody, (don't worry Mick I won't disclose who you are), falls off the wharf straight after you. This will serve to deflect the attention away from you and greatly lessen the embarrassment you could suffer. Only decent blokes do this so it might pay to prearrange someone to do this before any wine is drunk.

If you want any more advice on the process of falling off wharfs please contact the editor and he will pass the message on. Look for the new book in your library: Falling off wharfs.....Glenn

- **KEEPING US UP TO DATE**

As most of us know, between these Newsletters, it is usual for us to keep in touch through the internet. We are finding that some emails "bounce back" because the email address has become non-functional. If you change email addresses, home addresses or phone numbers please let us know so we can let you know what's going on..

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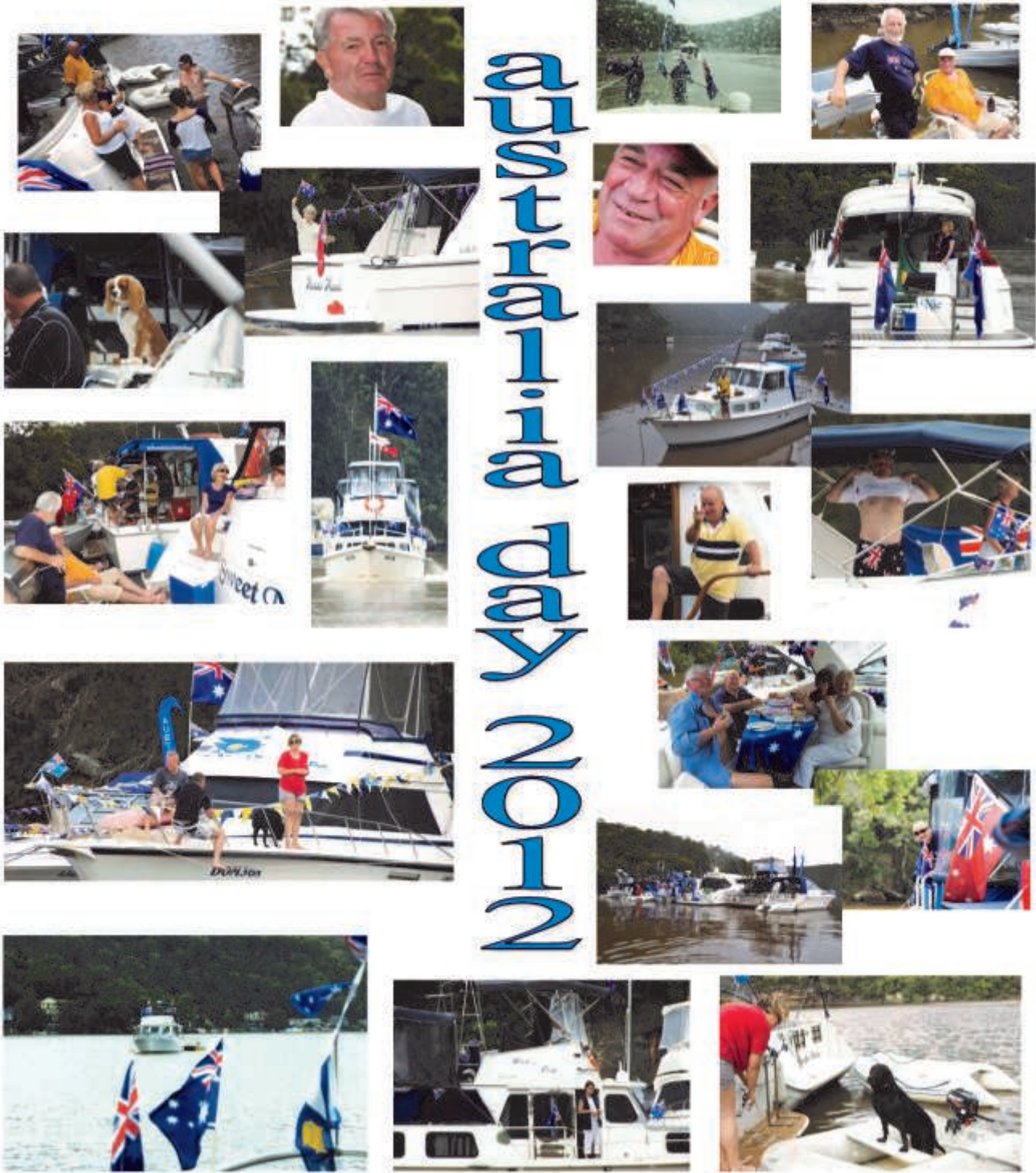
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A logo for Bayview Slipway Marine Services Pty Ltd. The logo features a blue and yellow wave design with the company name in blue and yellow text. Below the logo, there is a list of services: "Slipping • Painting • Shipwright". At the bottom, the contact information for Mark Barry-Cotter is provided: "12/1714 Pittwater Road Bayview 2104 Phone:9997 8588 Fax:9979 5696".

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• **TWIN BEACHES**

The trip to Twin Beaches started out as a beautiful day even though there was a chance of rain coming in the afternoon, we didn't think it would come. We anchored our boats about 100mts off the beach and set up a great picnic spot under the marquee. It was very leisurely and relaxing. The beaches, as most would know have a permanent bbq and a toilet block built back into the bush. It really is an idyllic setting. After settling in wood was collected for the bbq and three or four were spent trying to light it. Next time we must remember that there are easier ways to light a fire than with two sticks and wet logs. All was going well with usual banter and social interaction and a good time was being had by all.

Then it happened!! The heavens just opened up with absolutely torrential rain and wind gusting to 1000kph (well it felt like it). The rain was horizontal and the marquee started to rise above the ground. It was all hands on the marquee except for those who were still trying to light the bbq.

The boats disappeared in the rain which at times was a complete white out with even the shore difficult to see. Our Commodore Richard had his rubber dinghy on the foredeck of his boat (had being the operative word) which in normal circumstances would have been safe. As the wind died quite remarkably the dinghy returned on its own to the beach right in front of us, he reckons he planned it and says the dinghy quite often goes off on its own.

I could only watch all this happening in disbelief as I realized I had the clears on the flybridge open and the doors and windows of Maski wide open. It took a long time to strip all the cushions and dry them out.

There were some other weird happenings on the day as well, Cool Change managed to stay pointed in the same direction while other boats turned with the wind and tide. I don't know why that happened. Another remarkable occurrence was that Wendy and Brian who were on their first introduction to a club outing have actually joined the club. There were also a couple of other club members that came for the first time to a club excursion. Bill and Cheryl and Paul and Elizabeth. Hope they had a good time as everybody enjoyed their company.

Although Maski returned to her mooring before the second onslaught of wind and rain there were a couple of others who returned at just the right time to be caught in the bad winds and had a lot of trouble picking up their moorings.

Despite the wind and rain it was an enjoyable excursion and certainly a bit of an adventure and I think that generally a good time was had by all.....Glenn Rapson



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• **IT'S A TRIBAL THING** Crosslands Dinghy Picnic 2012

Difficult to believe, but the morning of the Club dinghy picnic at Crosslands dawned fine and sunny. Well, there was some fog, but it soon burned off. Come 0930 hours some five dinghies of all shapes and sizes were milling around the Woolwash, at the southern end of Berowra Waters. The tide was good and high, so off we went. It would be hard to tire of the beautiful scenery along the upper reaches of Berowra Creek. There was a little debris in the water from the recent heavy rains, some of it even collectible. We had a good collection of tennis balls by the end of the trip.

Our regular spot at Crosslands was occupied by a six-year-old's birthday party, which turned out to be a blessing in disguise. George went on ahead to find another spot while Graham made friends with the six-year-old's grandma and came back munching fairy bread. Soon George was back with the news that he had found a much better spot further on. Even a small wharf had been built nearby, suitable for landing our belongings. We all pulled in to a small beach just past the wharf, and soon folks from two more dinghies joined us. We had a shelter shed, gas barbies, lots of room, good toilets, what more could we need for a great day (and night)? Hmmm, maybe some tame goannas who could help us eat up left-overs...

Mick set up several sporting activities while we welcomed more members who had driven down for a few hours. Vicki, Harvey, Phil, Brian and Julie brought lunch and shared part of the day with us. Our game of cricket attracted interest from a nearby group of dads and kids having a camping weekend and they soon joined in. During the afternoon firewood was collected and piled in the stone bon-fire circle.

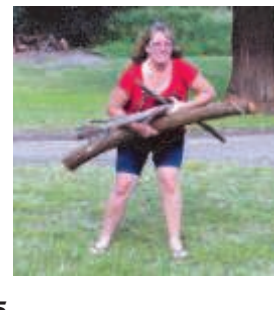
Well, we had almost everything we could need, good food, good weather, good friends, then Kevin Collins added another element – music! He has added the ukelele to his range of musical accomplishments and favoured us with some excellent playing and singing. Thanks Kevin, you really added to the day.

We ate our evening meal just as the sun was going down and then moved over to the bon-fire. Mick, being a guru of all things outdoors, encouraged the younger members of the group to light the fire by striking a flint stone with a short length of a hacksaw blade, Tanya tried and tried and eventually gave them to Melissa who eventually lit the fire. Jo had brought marshmallows, which proved to be popular with younger members of our group. Our festivities attracted the attention of the nearby dads and kids group and they gradually joined us for the evening. They were somewhat bemused by a group of folks who had come up the creek in broad daylight and then chose to stay there late in order to travel back after dark.

After quite a bit of conversation, one of the dads exclaimed, "I understand what this is all about for you people, it seems like it's a tribal thing!" He was right!

The dads put their younger children to bed and some of our group started to wonder just when the tide was going to come in. It seemed especially slow that night and the readers of tide charts were asked to explain. It had been dark for hours and still the dinghies were high and dry. After many trips down to the creek bank to check, finally it was judged that there was sufficient water for us to go. The only downside to a wonderful day was that the full moon had become hidden by cloud, which made for a very dark trip back. However, with Graham bringing up the rear, we made it safely back to Berowra Waters.

We all hope that this great day was a sign of good things to come in the way of better weather and more great social events for the Club during 2012. For those of you who couldn't make it, come and join us next year!.....Loretta







DID ANYONE KNOW THE QUEEN WAS COMING ?



IT WAS GREAT TO SEE COL AND PAM WOODS WHO HAVE SERVED AS VICE COMMODORE AND TREASURER OF THE CLUB OVER MANY YEARS



# Xmas Pa



OOP'S THAT WAS THE WINNING HAT



CAN I GET YOU A STRAW ?



'OK YOU TWO THAT'S ENOUGH'







RAFFLE WINNERS



# Party 2011



BEST XMAS HAT FINALISTS



# CLUB NOTICES

## • CLUB GEAR AND ACCESSORIES

Our club clothing is under a major review, as soon as the committee has decided on what we will have available, we will let you know and will be on the new website.

## • CLUB WEBSITE

Our club website hosting has lapsed so our website is currently down. The committee has decided to build a brand new website and change our hosting. It should be uploaded in the very near future. We have had several draft versions, and have changed it, altered it, modified it constantly trying to improve on it before we upload. The website will contain approximately ten pages. We will have a Members boats page, so if you would like a photo of your boat on this page, please email it to me as a jpeg file, [george@australprinting.com.au](mailto:george@australprinting.com.au) Hopefully I can fit them all in. Our valued sponsors will also be on the website giving them much wider advertising exposure. When the site is up and running, have a look and give us some feedback.

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If you have anything to sell, send me the details and I'll include them in the next newsletter. If you have sold any of these items above, please let me know so I can delete them.

## • 2FM DINNER ATTENDANCE AND RAFFLE WINNERS

**DECEMBER 10th CHRISTMAS PARY.** Winners of the raffle prizes were, Britta Vogel, Jeannine Schmidt and Greg Weatherby, Best Christmas Hat winner was Glenn Rapson. Congratulations to all of our winners. There were 49 members and guests in attendance.

**JANUARY 13th 2FM.** Winner of the raffle prize was Roland Schmidt. Congratulations to Roland. There were 35 members & guests in attendance.

**FEBRUARY 10th 2FM. Valentines Day dinner.** Winner of the raffle prize was Sue and Peter, guests of Richard and Marianne Tooker. There were 41 members and guest in attendance.

**MARCH 9th 2FM.** Winner of the raffle prize was Kerry Hill and Graham Gow. Congratulations to Kerry and Graham. There were 37 members and guests in attendance.

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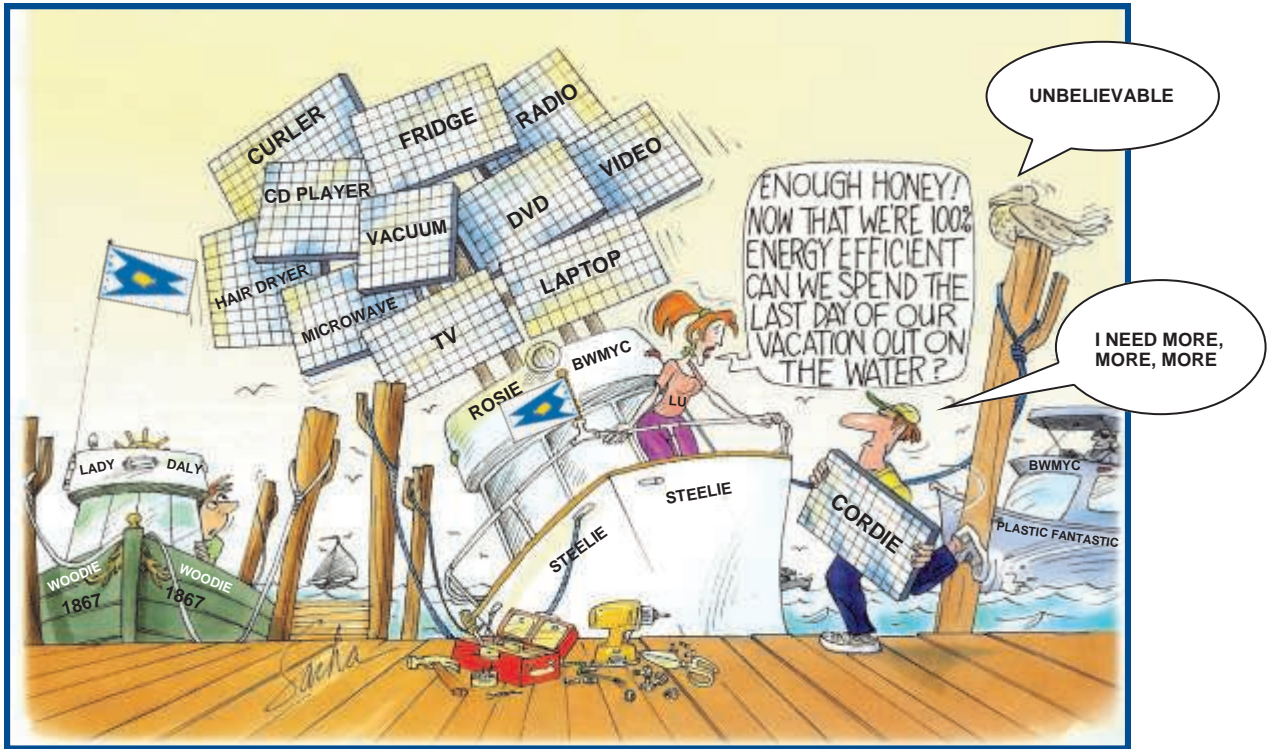
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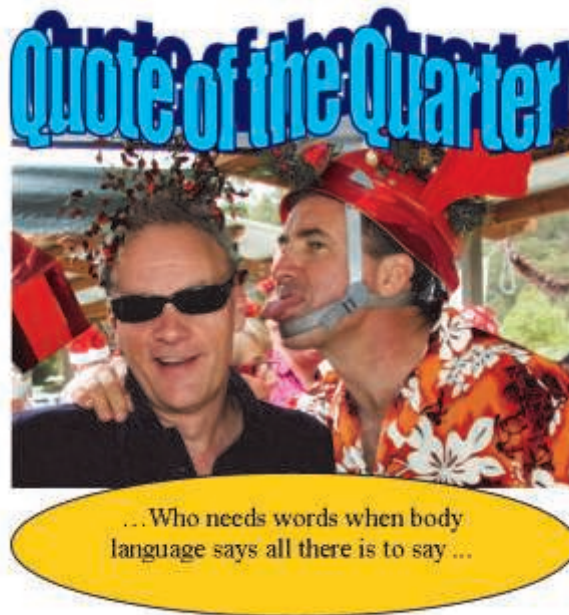
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• **GLENNO'S TIPS**

**VARNISHING**

A better way to fill small cracks and ute epoxy glue with timber sanding dust. collect the dust on a clean piece of plastic Remember to be quick as you only have won't match exactly, but it will match better than an off the shelf polyester wood filler and will be far more durable. Another tip is to ensure that you only sand in the direction of the grain taking extra care at miter joins. The difference is really noticeable.



holes before varnishing is to use 5 min- When sanding the item to be varnished or paper. Mix it in until it is very stiff. 5 minutes working time. The colour

When applying varnish, start with the first coat (starting with the sixth coat never works) thinned down by up to 50%. This will allow the varnish to soak right into the wood and give the timber not only a deep sheen but will also give better durability. Subsequent coats need only be thinned 10-15% I always use a little wood stain in the varnish as it helps give the timber a consistent hue and hides a multitude of sins. Sanding between coats can be done with a fine sand paper but I prefer to use steel wool or a fine stainless kitchen scourer. Depending whether the varnish is inside or outside 5-7 coats is normally enough. Remember to only brush in the direction of the grain as this minimizes the appearance of brush marks. Happy painting.

**A POINT TO REMEMBER, IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE TIME OR MONEY TO DO A JOB RIGHT IN THE FIRST PLACE. HOW WILL YOU HAVE THE TIME OR MONEY TO REPAIR IT.**

I don't know about anyone else but over the last couple of years I've had three "D" shackles nicked from my trailer. Purely by accident I discovered that if you put a padlock through the same link as the shackle it can't be removed from the link. Of course they can then nick the chain or undo the winch or take the whole bloody trailer but at least you can be happy in the thought that they can't use the "D" shackle.

Happy boating.....Glenn Rapson

**“VALENTINES DAY DINNER PHOTOS”**



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## • COMMODORE'S REPORT

It is hard to believe that we are half way through the club year already, with Christmas a distant memory and Easter looming. It was a great club Christmas party and I trust you all had an enjoyable festive season – we enjoyed cruising around on Petty Cash over the Christmas and New Year period.

After hoping that we had seen the last of the wet weather we had our first major outing of the year in torrential rain! However, those hardy souls who were brave enough to venture out were rewarded with a very memorable day. As if that was not enough, the Twin Beaches picnic was hit by a ferocious storm right on lunchtime – I spent almost an hour clutching an umbrella, standing over the barbeque trying to keep the steaks and sausages dry (failing miserably). There was a good story on the day about our dinghy that blew off the boat but with 'homing' instinct found its way back to the beach right next to our tinnie.

All was not lost to the weather though – the Crosslands day was blessed with near perfect conditions (some might say that was because the Commodore could not make it). We look forward to Easter and the trip to Gosford, hoping for fine weather once more with a gentle swell across the Bay.

For those who attended, I hope you enjoyed the 'themed' 2FM's we have had this year – Freaky Friday and Valentine's day. Both were well attended and with great raffle prizes on offer, a good time was had by all. It is good to see we have had a good number of new members join up recently – and I believe there are a few more out there who have expressed an interest. Welcome to our new members and we look forward to seeing you at our 2FM dinners and other events and social activities.

**Richard Bell,**

**Commodore**

## • VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

New website nearly finished, have just added some animated gif files from Valentines Day dinner and from Crosslands dinghy trip. This allows for larger photos and more photos per page, hope you like it.

Announcing a new arrival to the Herczeg clan, Gerard and Bec have had a little girl and named her "Rosie Isla" Rosie is our 7th grand daughter and 11th grand child. We now have two Rosies, a floating one and a crying one, we are so blessed.

### **NEWSLETTER**

Again a big thank you to all the contributors to the newsletter. Especially to Jo, Glenn, Ted and Loretta. Please keep the articles & photos coming, they are very welcome.

If any of your items have been sold on the club notices page, please let me know, so I can delete them and make room for other advertisers.

**George Herczeg,**

**Vice Commodore**

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## BWMYC 2012 SOCIAL CALENDAR April - December

Friday 6/7/8th April	<b>EASTER - GOSFORD CRUISE</b> By popular demand the committee has decided that we are going to Gosford again. We have not been for number of years, and some of our newer members want to experience this event. All marina berths now booked.
Friday 13th April	<b>2FM DINNER</b> A wonderful Hot and Cold Seafood Buffet, sumptuous salads and non-fattening desserts is on offer for the special price of \$42.00 per person includes all beverages for the evening including wine and soft drinks.
Friday 11th May	<b>2FM MOTHERS DAY</b> A special night to honour the Mothers in our club, usually a very popular event, flowers will be presented to all Ladies present. A wonderful Hot and Cold Seafood Buffet, sumptuous salads and non-fattening desserts is on offer for the special price of \$42.00 per person includes all beverages for the evening including wine and soft drinks.
Friday 8th June	<b>2FM DINNER</b> A wonderful Hot and Cold Seafood Buffet, sumptuous salads and non-fattening desserts is on offer for the special price of \$42.00 per person includes all beverages for the evening including wine and soft drinks.
Saturday 9/10/11th June	<b>JUNE LONG WEEKEND—MULLET CREEK CRUISE AND RAFTUP</b> Details to follow.
Friday 13th July	<b>2FM DINNER</b> A wonderful Hot and Cold Seafood Buffet, sumptuous salads and non-fattening desserts is on offer for the special price of \$42.00 per person includes all beverages for the evening including wine and soft drinks.
Friday 10th August	<b>2FM DINNER</b> A wonderful Hot and Cold Seafood Buffet, sumptuous salads and non-fattening desserts is on offer for the special price of \$42.00 per person includes all beverages for the evening including wine and soft drinks.
Saturday 18th August	<b>NEW TITANIC EXHIBITION</b> Maritime Museum Darling Harbour. Details to follow.
Friday 14th September	<b>2FM DINNER</b> A wonderful Hot and Cold Seafood Buffet, sumptuous salads and non-fattening desserts is on offer for the special price of \$42.00 per person includes all beverages for the evening including wine and soft drinks.
Saturday 29/30th September Monday 1st October	<b>ANNUAL BOAT RALLY</b> A highlight of our boating year, boats dressed in themes or flags, and prizes for the winners in three categories. Followed by a raft up in Joe Crafts bay.
Friday 12th October	<b>2FM DINNER</b> A wonderful Hot and Cold Seafood Buffet, sumptuous salads and non-fattening desserts is on offer for the special price of \$42.00 per person includes all beverages for the evening including wine and soft drinks.
Sunday 21st October	<b>AGM, commencing at 10.30am at the Berowra Waters foreshore</b> free BBQ breakfast from 9.00 –10.00am.
Friday 9th November	<b>2FM DINNER</b> A wonderful Hot and Cold Seafood Buffet, sumptuous salads and non-fattening desserts is on offer for the special price of \$42.00 per person includes all beverages for the evening including wine and soft drinks.
Saturday 15th December	<b>ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY</b> A big party to end the year, usually very well supported, details will follow.