



# BWMYC Newsletter

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BWMYC Hangi Warriors  
waiting for the Wahine.

photo by Richard Bell



## New Members



Manfred Wagner & Joanne Caldwell  
Cruisecraft... "Spirit"



Carol and Derek Hughes  
Four Winns... "Nu Moon"



Stephen Hughes  
Markline 1100... "Distraction"

## Overseas Visitor

David Higgins is an Englishman visiting his son in Australia (Norwest). David found our boat club website on the internet and sent Richard an email. He told us that he was a member of the "Middle Nene Cruising Club" in England, (Rear Commodore actually) and would like to meet up with some of our members if that was possible. Richard replied and invited David along to our 2FM club dinner. David enjoyed our

warm welcome and hospitality so much that he visited our members at the Gosford wharf on the Easter long weekend. David also joined us for our Anzac Day Dawn service and came along to another 2FM club dinner where he exchanged club burgees with Commodore Richard Bell. David will be visiting Australia again later this year, and we look forward to meeting him again.

George Herczeg



## Singapore Sub - branch visit

The Mars family drops in for dinner. It was fantastic to see Dick, Annie, Jacqi and Mason after such a long time. Happy 17th birthday to Mason, who is no longer a boy, but a fine young man. We hope to see them back in Australia sometime in the future along with their new boat, a Meridian 341 flybridge cruiser, Dick, make sure the tanks are full before setting out, you only need to reach Christmas Island, but make sure you destroy your papers.

George Herczeg



## Club News

### ANOTHER NEW CLUB MOORING

The committee has decided to apply for another club mooring in Mooney Mooney creek, just upstream from the Workers club, enter from around Spectacle Island. It will be located at the north end of the moored boats, just a short dinghy trip from the Workers Club. Several of our club members are already members of the Workers Club. A great place for a good meal and a cold beverage. Details will follow.

Your Committee

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# Club News

## Anzac Day Dawn Service

We were fortunate that our ANZAC Day dawn service was held on a crisp clear morning with the mist sitting over Dusthole Bay, the chill was eased by a roaring log fire compliments of Graham Rowell.

Having personally experienced a dawn service at ANZAC Cove (2008), the tranquillity and reverence of the atmosphere at Berowra Waters were reflective of those I experienced at ANZAC Cove.

Congratulation to Mick Calleja for his arranging and presentation of a truly moving service which was well attended by local residents and a large attendance of BWMYC members. It was magnificent to have three boat loads of fellow boaties from the Halvorsen Boat Club but truly rewarding to see the younger generation attending - I hope they will continue to attend and forever continue to celebrate the ANZAC tradition.

Further enhancement to the service was a moving poem - [ANZAC Day by D. Hunter \(A veteran of Shaggy](#)

[Ridge with the 2/12 Battalion in WW2](#)) beautifully delivered by Graham Rowell.

It was also my very great privilege to orate a brief account of one of the heroes of the fateful ANZAC landing, 'Simpson and the Donkey'.

At the conclusion of a solemn and moving service that was truly reflective of the spirit of ANZAC we all enjoyed a hearty breakfast.

Graham Gow

[see photo gallery next page](#)

## Club Sponsors

Welcome to our newest club sponsor, Dr. Suzanne Williams, most of you know her as just Suzanne, Ian and Suzanne Williams have been club members for a long time along with their **beautiful little tug "Toot 'N Ale"**. **If you can't place Ian and Suzanne**, see picture at right.



If any club member would like to advertise their business or professional service, or if you have a friend or colleague who would like to help to fund our club newsletter, please contact me. Also a big thank you to all our current club sponsors, your support is greatly appreciated.

George Herczeg

## 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..**

Loretta Thomas

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# Twin Beaches Hangi

The club decided to shout the members a free Hangi which was held at twin beaches with an attendance of 29. It was quite uncanny that it rained all week was fine on Saturday and Sunday and the rain continued on Monday. I think all members would agree that this is a rarity for a major club event as the norm is for fine weather during the week and rain on the weekend. Most members brought their boat and stayed the night, however there were a few who came by runabout and went home quite late at the end of proceedings. We put the hangi down at around 1.00 pm but there was a lot of work put in by many before that. Myself, Paul King, Steve McLaren, Mick Calleja, Bill Holden, our commodore Richard and not forgetting of course Eti who all put in a massive effort to ensure the success of the night. After loading up the boats the night before with the food, the wood for the fire and the lucky stones the hard working gang ventured ashore early Saturday morning to dig a pit, prepare the food and light the fire to heat the stones. The Joint effort ran like clockwork with every task completed without a hiccup. I think there were a few people who had not been to a hangi before and didn't realise that under the big pile of dirt and sand was the food for the nights meal. The hangi was lifted around six and the food which consisted of beef, lamb, pork, chicken, potato, kumara cauliflower, carrots, pumpkin, onion and roasted garlic was cooked perfectly (even if I do say so myself) with a lot of it being plated even before it reached the serving table.



After the feast most people just sat around yakking except Brian and Ollie who preferred to lie around at the back of their chair after twice toppling over. They were unhurt and unperturbed and just carried on enjoying the company and the night. Twin Beaches really is a magical place at night with a full moon, a calm river and good company. With a full belly and a few wines most of us took to the dinghies and went to our boats for a sleep but I believe there were some who partied on into the wee hours and in due course awoke a little worse for wear. The Sunday morning was spent on the beach with Jo, Karen, Cheryl and the other wahines making a great bubble and squeak from the leftovers. Everyone then cleaned up the site which was left in the same condition as it was when we arrived. All in all the night was a great success with all attendees enjoying themselves.

I would like to thank the following for the part they played in making the hangi a success.

Mick Calleja for assisting getting the stones. This was hard work and we both suffered for a few days after.

Paul King for supplying firewood and generally just helping with everything.

Bill Holden for helping to dig the pit and making and supplying the fantastic gravy. Bill from this day forth is to be referred to as "gravy boy".

Steve McLaren for stacking and lighting the fire and helping with everything. He shall now be called flame boy.

Laurie Duffy for supplying the hardwood for the hangi.

TTM engineering for supplying the steel mesh to make the food baskets and allowing me to use their equipment to make them.

Vicki who went out and purchased the food at an ungodly hour so it would be the freshest possible.

Richard who supported the idea and generally helped with everything.

Eti who helped with everything and anything with great enthusiasm, and to everyone else that helped to make a great night.

**Glenn Rapson**

see photo gallery next page

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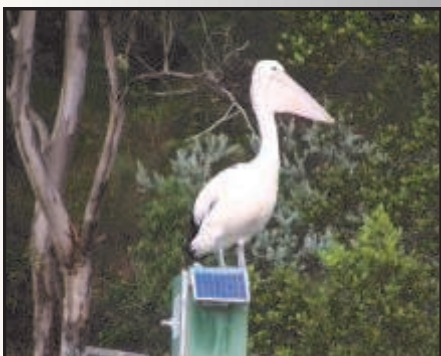
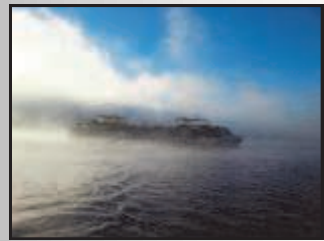
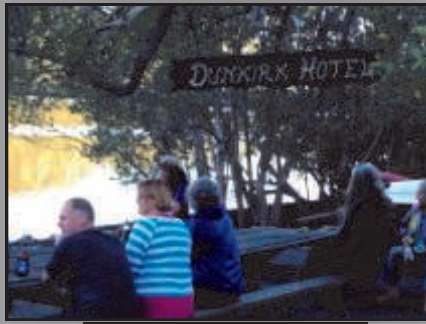


# ngi beaches



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## Club Clothing & Merchandise

Our brand new club clothing and merchandise has finally arrived, a big thank you to Mick Calleja for taking on This project. The catalogue is now on our website for you to view. The order form is also on the website, with instructions for ordering items. The catalogue and sample clothing will also be on display at 2FM Dinners.

## For Sale

Lune de Miel affectionately know as Kissin is for sale, Geoff and Cherie Brooke have decided to wind down their boating activities and have reluctantly put her up for sale. Kissin is now listed with Mainsales at Brooklyn. Kissin is a 1974, length of 36 ft. Cheoy Lee Pilothouse Trawler (originally imported by Keith Williams of Hamilton Island fame), powered by twin Ford Lees 120hp engines giving her a comfortable and economical cruise. She has been painted from top to bottom, has new covers, new carpets and is in pristine condition, regularly antifouled and serviced.

Asking price \$119,000. Contact Geoff Brooke on 0414 469 670 or Mainsales on 9985 7033.



**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 make room for other items for sale.**

## 2FM Dinner Attendance & Raffle Winners

MARCH 8th 2FM. Winner of the raffle prize was Derek Hughes, congratulations to Derek. There were 30 members and 3 guests in attendance.

APRIL 12TH 2FM. Winner of the raffle prizes were 1st prize, David Higgins (visitor from England) and 2nd prize Eti Scheller. Congratulations to David and Eti. There were 33 members and guests in attendance.

MAY 10th 2FM. Winner of the raffle prize was Graham Rowell, congratulations to Graham. There were 30 members and guests in attendance.

JUNE 14th 2FM. Winner of the raffle prize was Mick Calleja, congratulations to Mick. There were 31 members and guests in attendance.

**JULY 12th 2FM. Winner of the raffle prize was Tim (Roland's nephew visiting from Germany).** There were 23 members and guests in attendance.

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# “River History”

## Hawkesbury River Rail Bridges:

Before the construction of the first railway bridge in 1889, people and goods were ferried across the Hawkesbury River by a paddle steamer named “General Gordon” which carried them out into Broken Bay and up Brisbane Water to Gosford where they could board trains heading north.

The first railway bridge was constructed by the Union Bridge Company of Brooklyn, New York and was opened with the first train crossing in May 1889. A special banquet was held for guests on a large pontoon off Dangar Island. The guest list included Sir Henry Parkes who acclaimed the bridge as a major stimulus to Federation. The bridge was a major achievement of its time, being the deepest structure in the world, one of its piers reaching a **depth of 162 feet before resting on solid rock. The bridge needed strengthening in 1927 and then during the 1930’s** cracks developed in one of the piers, and it became necessary to replace the whole structure. A new bridge was constructed and opened in 1946, being positioned 60 metres west, or upstream, of the original bridge. Upon completion of the new bridge, the old bridge was removed, however the sandstone capped piers still remain.



Hawkesbury River Rail Bridge, opening ceremony 1 May 1889



Construction of second bridge

## Warship Graveyard:

Opposite Milson Island lay the remains of the HMAS Parramatta beneath Cascade Gully. Built in Scotland and launched in 1910, the Parramatta was an advanced River Class torpedo boat destroyer of 700 tons and was the **Australian Navy’s first warship. During WWI she was on active duty in the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific Oceans as well as the Adriatic, Coral and Mediterranean Seas.** While patrolling Port Said and Malta in February 1917 she became the first Australian vessel to sink a U-boat. After the war, she was used as a training vessel in Australian waters. **In 1928, she was surplus to the Navy’s requirements, and her hull was used to convey construction materials** up the Hawkesbury river to build new hospitals on Milson and Peat Islands in 1934. She then became stranded on **a sandbank at Cascade Gully. Unsuccessful attempts were made to salvage her hull in the 1950’s and again in 1963.** Then the bow and stern sections were removed and these now feature as memorials at a riverside park in Parramatta and at Sydney’s Garden Island Naval Dockyard.



Wreck of the HMAS Parramatta, photo taken around 2007.

Researched and contributed by Elizabeth King



## Commodore's Report

It may be a surprise to some of us but there are other clubs like ours out there in the world, and just to prove it we had the pleasure of welcoming David Higgins to a couple of club events recently. David is Rear Commodore of the Middle Nene Cruising Club situated in the heart of England and got in contact whilst visiting his son in Oz. It is good to know our burgee will be displayed above the bar in their clubhouse – **check out their website, you'll be impressed.**

One of the events David attended was our ANZAC Day dawn service and I know that he was duly impressed – great work again from Mick Calleja (ably assisted by Graham Rowell and Graham Gow).

Following the ANZAC Day service a few boats headed off up to try out our new club mooring at Spencer. Although a spur of the moment thing we had at least 9 boats and gave the mooring a good test – so much of a test that we need to review and reiterate our mooring and rafting up procedures. We will be sending out more information on

this topic to highlight the responsibilities of skippers and the importance of safety first.

There were many who doubted it could be done but I have to say that those who attended were extremely impressed **by our Twin Beaches 'Hangi' event. The weather turned out perfect, a bright sunny day followed by a full moon – with the very high tide to match. You'll see and hear more about it in this newsletter but I have to say that Glenn Rapson and his helpers did a great job in organising such an unusual but very successful event.**

Seems incredible to think we are past halfway in the calendar year but we still have more events to come as well as our regular 2FM dinners. A visit to the Sydney Rowing Club at Abbotsford for lunch is something we have not done before, so looking forward to that, and our Boat Rally is not far away. See you soon, on the water or at any of our forthcoming events.

Richard Bell – Commodore

## Vice Commodore's Report

Long Overdue !

**As long as I have been a member of BWMYC, our "Club Sign" at the front of the Waterview Restaurant, has displayed two phone numbers that we couldn't identify. The time has come to replace them with our web address, so if anyone wants to contact us they can view our website and learn a little about our club and our contact details are there. See updated sign at right.**

Newsletter !

Many thanks to all my contributors, Richard, Jo, Elizabeth, Glenn, Loretta and Graham Gow. This is a collaboration effort. I hope you all like the result.

George Herczeg - Editor & Vice Commodore



## Glenno's Tips

Did you know that old computer bags make great cooler bags to take your food, drinks or ice down to your boat. They are very well insulated and keep things cool for a long time and are easy to carry.

Vicki and I use vacuum storage bags to store linen and blankets and warm clothes during summer which shrink to a third of normal size therefore taking up a lot less room.

One of the handiest products to keep on your boat are zip up plastic bags. They are not only good for keeping food fresh, they are also great for putting food waste such as used paper plates, used serviettes etc in before putting them in rubbish bags. There will be no smell.

A quick no mess way to have a great dinner is to wrap and seal a meat roast or chicken in "five" layers of tin foil along with veges of your choice also in "five" layers of tin foil. Put them on the barbie turning them every 15-20mins. It will take a shorter time than in an oven as they are in contact with direct heat. After approximately 50 mins take the veges off the direct heat and place them on top of the meat and cook for a further 20mins. This is a "boat hangi". You will now have a meal that allows you to converse with your guests while your dinner is being cooked and the taste is nearly as good as a traditional hangi.

Happy and safe boating....

Glenno





# 2013 Social Calendar

## July – December

- Friday 12th July**      **2FM DINNER**  
A wonderful Hot and Cold Seafood Buffet, sumptuous salads and non-fattening desserts is on offer for the special price of \$43.00 per person includes all beverages for the evening including wine and soft drinks
- Friday 9th August**      **2FM DINNER**  
A wonderful Hot and Cold Seafood Buffet, sumptuous salads and non-fattening desserts is on offer for the special price of \$43.00 per person includes all beverages for the evening including wine and soft drinks
- Saturday 31st August**      **SYDNEY ROWING CLUB VISIT**  
Lunch at the Rowing Club and a tour of “The Old Boatshed” next door with our tour guide “Glenn”, travel via Rivercat from Rydalmere (optional). Details will follow.
- Friday 13th September**      **2FM DINNER**  
A wonderful Hot and Cold Seafood Buffet, sumptuous salads and non-fattening desserts is on offer for the special price of \$43.00 per person includes all beverages for the evening including wine and soft drinks
- Sunday 6th October**      **ANNUAL BOAT RALLY, October long weekend**  
a highlight of our boating year, boats dressed in themes and flags. Prizes for the winners in three categories. Followed by a raft up in Joe Crafts Bay
- Friday 11th October**      **2FM DINNER**  
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- Sunday 20th October**      **AGM**  
Commencing at 10.30 am. at the Berowra Waters foreshore free BBQ breakfast from 9.00 - 10.00 am.
- Friday 8th November**      **2FM DINNER**  
A wonderful Hot and Cold Seafood Buffet, sumptuous salads and non-fattening desserts is on offer for the special price of \$43.00 per person includes all beverages for the evening including wine and soft drinks
- Saturday 16th November**      **CROSSLANDS DINGHY TRIP**  
This annual outing was washed out earlier this year, so we have scheduled it for November, the weather will be much warmer, so a lot more pleasant. The tides are right and the moon will be full, so come along and enjoy this event.
- Saturday 7th December**      **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
No 2FM this month but a big Christmas Party to end the year. Usually very well supported, details to follow.