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20th Anniversary Issue

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turned "on".

The launch of BWMYC 20 years ago on a barge
Alongside Adriana

Club News and Upcoming Events

AGM Saturday 24 October

This will commence at 0900 hours with a complimentary bacon and egg breakfast, available until 1000 hours. At 1030 hours proceedings will commence with an Extra-ordinary General Meeting lasting 10-15 minutes and followed immediately by the Annual General Meeting proper. Please set this date aside as it is such an important event in the Club's year.

November 2FM

Friday 13 November. This month our 2FM will be a BBQ in the Berowra Waters Foreshore Park to celebrate the Club's 20th anniversary, commencing 6.30 pm. Bring something to BBQ or buy fish'n'chips, it's up to you, but come along. If you know someone who has been a member over the years, invite them along. You will need to bring your own chairs.

Christmas Party

Saturday 5 December. No 2FM this month, but we look forward to seeing all Club members at this special event. There will be a fully catered lunch, drinks, decorations etc all under the Club shelters at the Foreshore Park at Berowra Waters. Start preparing your special Chrissie hat! It will commence at 12 noon, and further details will be emailed to members.

New Members



Vicki and John Lewis
Regal 36' "Rum Runner"

Club Sponsor profile

Fenwicks Marina on the magnificent Hawkesbury River is an Australian award winning marina run by a family with generations of mariners as their history. This 55-berth marina has almost reached its 30th anniversary and boasts excellent facilities for boat storage, repair and maintenance. Andrew John Fenwick is the current Managing Director of the Marina and is the sixth generation with the love of the water in his blood. Andrew is the direct descendant of Andrew Fenwick born in 1813 in Newburgh Scotland, who brought his family to Australia in 1849. His son John, along with a younger brother Thomas, started J Fenwick & Co in 1870, the Sydney harbour tug company that operated by the Fenwick family for 100 years.

In 2009/10 Fenwicks Marina won Australian Marina of the year (under 85 berths). The 2013/14 MIA awards brought a Highly Commended for Boatyard of the Year and in 2015/16 Fenwicks won Best Australian Boatyard of the year (under 20 boats).

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Vale



It is with much sadness that I note the recent passing of Keith Crumpton. Keith was a founding member of our club, member no.4. I only ever met Keith twice, but both times I found Keith to be a true gentleman, and an iconic Australian character. Keith will be sadly missed by many club members and Berowra Waters locals.

Our deepest thoughts go out to his wife Lorraine and their family during this sad time.

Paul King
Commodore



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BWMYC 20 Years.....Richard Tooker

It's not often you hear a drum roll being played on a barge in the middle of Berowra Waters but that's what heralded the launch of the Berowra Waters Motor Yacht Club on a sunny, winter's day 20 years ago!!

Founding members Graham and Denise Rowell and myself and Marianne Tooker established BWMYC after being summarily dismissed from a club mooring in Refuge Bay. A most unreasonable request we thought at the time (!) but it triggered the thought "Well, we'll start our own club!"

So, the name was easy and registering the Club with its own constitution was also quite easy. But we needed a flag, and that wasn't so easy. Graham recalled the "upside down fish" carving on the east side of Berowra Creek and its uniqueness to the area. Denise then made contact with vexillographer John Vaughan, and together they designed the Club pennant. It was unfurled to a drum roll by local Berowra Waters' musician, Gary Haines, at the BWMYC launch, with the Club's first members in attendance. Naturally, a party followed – the first of many to follow in the years to come.

The first rule of the Club was also established that day – no member was allowed to move off their mooring without flying the Club pennant. If a member was espied "flagless", the fine was two bottles of champagne!

I became the first Commodore, Graham was Vice-Commodore, Denise was Treasurer and Marianne became first club secretary. The first Annual General Meeting a year later was held on Murray and Wendy Forman's Tiamo houseboat – and a party followed!

As Commodore, my team arranged the first three, very successful annual Boat Rallies. I dreamed up an event to test the boating skills of participants which involved throwing "holey" plastic golf balls from their boats into a ring made up of 20ft pieces of dowel connected together by rope and floats. However, the seamanship of some members became very creative as they realised the "holey" golf balls would be easier to throw and reach their mark if they were first filled with sand. And Denise's son, Tim, and Graham decided "to hell with trying to manoeuvre a boat, avoid the floats and still try and get a ball into the target" – they drove their boat up to the floating ring and Tim jumped off the bow into the ring and attempted to place a ball inside! I think we might have had some cheats with our earliest club members, because none of that was in the Rally rules!! Despite some attempts to bribe the judges, all decisions were final – and a party followed!

We were a small, fledgling club but all members at the time, and since, were joined together in a common love for Berowra Waters and the Hawkesbury River. Many club events over the years have brought boat lovers and residents together to share the experience of boating and living in one of the best kept secrets in Sydney.

Richard Tooker.....Commodore (retired)



First Committee

Graham Rowell, Erica Cunningham, Murray Forman, Denise Rowell, Colin Woods, Richard Tooker, Marianne Tooker



Early Club Members

Denise Rowell, Win Bottomley
Erica Cunningham.



Post AGM on board Tiamo

Marianne Tooker, Denise Rowell,
Wendy Forman, Graham Rowell



Colin and Pam Woods..

Either "surrendering" or "receiving" a
bottle of champagne



Post AGM Party aboard Tiamo

Notice Keith Crumpton in his signature
white hat!!



First Twin Beaches club event

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BWMYC - 20 YEARS...Graham Rowell

Who would have thought, that after a quiet little drink aboard two boats rafted up together on a magical Berowra Waters weekend, that we would be celebrating the 20th anniversary of the formation of the BWMYC. It happened just like that and the two boats were "Amandajay" and "Southern Comfort", with foundation members Richard and Marianne Tooker and Graham and Denise Rowell.

A lot of water has flowed under a lot of bridges since then, but the highlights for me as Vice-Commodore and then Commodore has been to see this club grow and become a recognisable identity on the river as it is today. The club emblem of the aboriginal carving of the upside down fish is very distinctive and much talked about near and far, but would never have come about except for my old friend and local fisherman Keith Crumpton pointing it out while cruising down the Berowra Creek in 1986.

One of the problems for us as a committee in the early years was to raise enough money to cover our insurances and we looked at different ways to do so. The most effective and fun way was to have a fund-raising dinner at the "Waterview Restaurant". This restaurant is owned by Allan Ray and with his support we produced some wonderful and fun-filled events that easily covered our yearly expenses.

Our first event was called "The Last First Class Dinner Aboard the Titanic" and it was a blockbuster! The entire restaurant was transformed into the Titanic's First Class dining room complete with life rafts hanging outside the windows and imitation ice bergs floating on the bay outside. People dressed in period costume and the waiters wore life jackets as they went about their duties.

As this was our first attempt at fundraising we were not sure we could fill the 110 seats in the restaurant, so we made it open to the public via some local newspaper advertising. To our surprise it was immediately responded to by a group wanting a table for twelve, and they booked in the name of "Lightoller". That name rang some alarm bells for me, and on further enquiry, I was informed that he was a direct descendant of the First Officer on the bridge of the ill-fated ship.

What a coup, but then I got a phone call from club members Murray and Wendy Forman in America to tell me that they had just visited the Titanic Museum and had purchased some authenticated coal from the ship after it sank, and would be returning with it to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. The night went off fabulously, but most of all it was a lot of fun.

Trying to top this the following year was always going to be a problem, but I think we nearly did this with "Casablanca". This time the restaurant was transformed into "Ricky's Club Americana" with its own pink piano and shootings at regular intervals! Another great fun night!

As the club grew, it became obvious that we needed some club moorings throughout the river systems around Berowra Waters, so with money in the bank, we purchased a mooring in America Bay (Cowan Creek), which was very popular for weekends. But members wanted something closer to home, so I applied for a club mooring in Joe Crafts Bay, only to be told by Maritimes that this was not a designated area for club moorings and so declined the application. After twelve months of negotiations and meetings with Maritimes, they finally gave in and granted us permission to install a club mooring in one of the best bays in the Hawkesbury

The club was growing at a fast rate and before long we found the single mooring in Joe Crafts Bay overcrowded, so I applied for another mooring next to it to ease the load, but was once again told that no new moorings would be allowed in that bay. Once more I travelled to Maritimes Hornsby to plead my case for another mooring because of safety issues! Again, it was finally granted but the paper work reads: two moorings under the original application known now as mooring "A" and mooring "B". All good, as Commodore of the club for so long, I found it a huge buzz for me to do the sorts of new and fun activities which the members came to enjoy. There have been changes in the committee over the years and this has brought new ideas, only time will tell if they are the correct ones, but I thoroughly enjoyed my time at the helm and hope the club continues on its successful path.

Graham Rowell.....Commodore (retired)



PAST
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CURRENT
COMMODORE



Richard Tooker, Kevin Clifford, Graham Rowell, George Herczeg, Brian Killin, Richard Bell

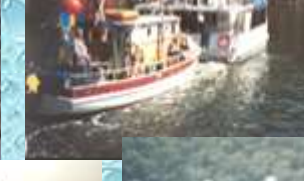
Paul King



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20 years Photo Album





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Berowra Waters remembers the 100th Anniversary of

In the early morning light, with the fog & mist as a backdrop, as the importance of the occasion hung in the air, with about 150 people rugged up on the Berowra Waters foreshore to pay their respects to the men and women who have given, and are still giving, in our Armed and Supporting Services, all that is theirs to give, in order that the world may be a nobler place in which to live.

ANZAC Day goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day on which we remember Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. The spirit of ANZAC, with its human qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.

The community arrived to 15 minutes of reflective, heart-rending video war footage from both history & recent campaigns. Welcome address by Mick Calleja with statements such as: "The ANZACs who died in the Great War didn't die to preserve prejudices they cast aside on the battlefield. They generated a new spirit, a new vitality, and a brotherhood: ANZAC".

This was followed by facts & figures from the Gallipoli campaign of what can only be described as a military tragedy of immense human magnitude composed and read by Graham Gow. A moving poem 100 Years Ago by Rupert McCall was contemplatively read by Graham Rowell.

A touching address read by Mick Calleja informing the gathering of the Unknown Soldier who lay entombed at the Australian War Memorial, all were told about what he stood and fought for; "The Unknown Australian is not interred to glorify war over peace; or to assert a soldier's character above a civilian's; or one race or one nation or one religion above another; or men above women; or the war in which he fought and died above any other war; or of one generation above any that has or will come later."

"The Unknown Soldier honors' the memory of all those men and women who laid down their lives for Australia."

"His tomb is a reminder of what we have lost in war and what we have gained."

The ceremony towards its conclusion with a moving slideshow of War photos to the hymn Amazing Grace, which was followed by the laying of wreaths, two minute silence, the sounding of the Last Post and Reveille, and The Ode.

Following the formalities everyone enjoyed a warm sumptuous breakfast organised by the Progress Association, Ladies Committee & our Motor Yacht Club. Joining together ensured it was a very successful and stirring ceremony. Thank you to all involved in the organisation and to those who attended. Hope to see you next year.

DO NOT FORGET...

the sacrifice of those brave ANZAC's.
of the Gallipoli landings.



"Our friends and family that attended thought it was a very emotive experience and other people also commented that it was the best Dawn Service they had been to" – Kerry Hill





B Day Twin Beaches

Sunday 6th June

Forecast: Fine/Overcast Temp. 18C Max. Wind 030/05 Early Fog

Despite the early fog the majority of the Berowra fleet was able to anchor safely off the Twin Beaches by 0900Hrs. At about 1000Hrs the visibility began to improve and onshore fishermen and water ski types gazed in dismay at the assembled fleet. Skipper elected to lead a small advance landing party ashore and soon the club pennant was fluttering above the secured beachhead. So began the 3rd annual BYMYC BBQ day.

By 1130Hrs most of the troops were safely ashore, the only obstacle thick mud which sucked down the boots of the unwary. Greg and Kerry's supply craft proved a huge success bringing ashore much needed supplies and equipment. Loretta and Ted soon had a canteen up and running with tea and coffee freely flowing.

1230Hrs saw two soup kitchens established staffed by Britta, Eti, Melissa and Fleur offering two delicious homemade soup types. Specialty chefs Steve and Bill brought in for the occasion, had the barbeques at full steam and the troops were treated to steaks to order and mussels. Yum.

1400Hrs our guest entertainer Frank with his guitar entertained the masses with a huge repertoire of songs soon to be joined by our Fleur who proved to be a beautiful songstress and gifted guitarist. The early evening gathering around the campfire was left agog by a memorable and titillating performance of a Namibian fertility dance performed by our guest dancers Wendy and Kerry. Well done girls, that display should double the membership. Not to be outdone, Mick demonstrated a dazzling display of karate concluding with an awe inspiring table crush move using his entire body.

As darkness further descended so did the temperature and most elected to return to their craft for a well-earned rest. So ended the 3rd annual BYMC BBQ day.

Thanks to the committee and volunteers for making this day such a success as it involved a tremendous amount of work and coordination. Special thanks to skipper Paul and Elizabeth, I know you did the hard yards and the heavy lifting to make this operation a success.

BYMYC historians will write that this entire operation was possibly one of the highlights of all club events.

Casualties 0 Wounded (self-inflicted minor head wounds) 35

CheersGrant



"CLUB NOTICES"

Club Clothing & Merchandise

The club's clothing and merchandise catalogue is available on the website.

Savings for Members

Don't forget that there are some excellent discounts available for BWMYC members at the Berowra Waters Marina. Secure parking is available for \$20 per night (usually \$25), buying more than 100 litres of fuel gives you a discount of 8.75% and there is a flat daily rate for casual berthing of \$30 (usually \$35/\$45/\$55, depending on boat size). To use berths at the marina you will need to provide proof of insurance. These great deals are available to club members only.

Glenno's Tips

When drilling into fibreglass, run the drill in reverse before starting to drill. This will form a small dent which will act like a centre punch and guide for drilling.

When planning to anti foul your boat, turn the can upside down the day before you use it to allow the solids in the paint to mix better before use.

When finished using your cartridge of silicon or polyurethane adhesive (Sikaflex) rather than stick a nail in the tip, dip the tip in vaseline. This will seal better and the product will remain soft in the tip ready for when you next need it.

When not using your boat for long periods place small containers of baking soda in the bilge, fridge, cupboards and around the head. They will absorb odours and remove that musty smell when you next use your boat.

If your engine oil filter won't budge or is hard to remove put a large hose clamp around it near the threaded end and tighten and loosen the hose clamp a number of times. This will normally break the "o" ring seal. Remember that in most cases an oil filter should not be tightened with an oil filter removal tool (these are only to be used for undoing the filter) they should only be hand tightened.

Remember, a good captain will always use great judgement so he will not have to show off his fantastic skill.

Happy boating and I'll see you on the water

Glenno



Brampton

Long standing members and good friends Geoff & Maureen Bollins have sold their beloved Brampton. They will be missed by many of us, Geoff and Maureen have always been hospitable and you could call in on them anytime for a chat.

I would not be surprised to see them back on Berowra creek on a smaller boat some time in the future, after they get tired of exploring Australia in their new motorhome. On a brighter note, Brampton's new owners are none other than our own Paul and Elizabeth King. Paul and Elizabeth have grand plans for Brampton, can't wait to see Brampton in the months ahead.

George Herczeg

Happy 80th birthday, Warwick



CONGRATULATIONS WARWICK!

We don't usually reveal the ages of our members, but Warwick Savage is a special member and he has recently turned 80! Family and friends helped Warwick celebrate at a lunch in the city. Warwick and wife Karen have made club history by twice cruising to Queensland and back in their timber cruiser MV Jess, the second trip stretching to over two years (see [The Adventures of MV Jess on the Club website](#)). Jess has recently gone to a new owner, but Warwick and Karen certainly made the most of their boating years.

Calabash Bay

We all pass by Calabash Bay on our way down the river and possibly know little of its history or some of its features.

Its history aspect includes a shingle cutting camp, orchards, fishermen's caves, a guest house and a wharf. Further into the bay some of the side creeks are reputed to have been hideaways for bushrangers.

In the mid-1890s it was proposed that a road go through from Calabash Point across to Cunio Point, however, after a series of administrative errors it was decided that it would be cheaper and more practical for the road and ferry to be located at their present locations. As a result of this decision the guest house was no longer relevant to the purpose for which it was built and therefore fell into disrepair.

It was originally built about 1900 by the Fretus family who owned a hotel at San Souci in Sydney. When this hotel closed the sandstone was transported by a shallow drafted steamer to Calabash Point and the pieces were carried up to the site one block at a time.

It was quite a substantial building for its time with magnificent views back towards Berowra Ferry and to Half Moon Bay. By the 1920s and 1930s vandalism and bushfire had turned it to its present ruinous state. Its remains can be seen from inside the bay by a keen eye or by binoculars.

GRAHAM GOW

2FM Dinner Attendance & Raffle Winners

JUNE 2FM - There were 6 members in attendance (and we especially changed the venue to suit the non - seafood eaters).

JULY 2FM - There were 26 members and guests in attendance. Winner of the raffle was Vicki Read. Congratulations Vicki.

AUGUST 2FM - There were 21 members and guests in attendance. Winner of the raffle was Kerry Weatherby. Congratulations Kerry.

SEPTEMBER 2FM - There were 14 members and guests in attendance. Winner of the raffle was Elizabeth King. Congratulations Elizabeth.

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Club Mooring Protocol

1. Only boats belonging to financial club members are entitled to use the club moorings, and must fly the club burgee.
2. No single member is entitled to exclusive use of a club mooring.
Any member on a club mooring shall accept any other club member to raft up along side providing it is safe to do so.
3. It is the responsibility of the skipper joining the raft up to provide the fenders and ropes for a safe raft up. Both the skipper already on the mooring and the skipper joining the raft up should agree on the safe tethering of both boats.
5. The number of boats rafting up on the club moorings will be determined by weather conditions, proximity of other moored boats and common sense. At all times the skipper takes responsibility for the safety of his boat.
6. At all times the skippers in the raft up must ensure that they do not interfere with other boats on nearby moorings.
7. If when arriving at a club mooring you find a non club member moored. (Check your Members' boats list). It is recommended that you inform them that they are on a private mooring and you may politely ask them to leave. If they refuse your request the committee recommends that you contact the local R.M.S. Boating officer or the Water police.
8. It is the skippers responsibility to ensure the mooring is adequate to moor to before attaching their boat.
9. Please remember that you represent the Berowra Waters Motor Yacht Club when on a club mooring so be mindful of the comfort of others moored nearby.

REMEMBER YOU ARE THE SKIPPER AND YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE

Club Mooring - GPS Positions

It has been reported that some members are unable to use club moorings because they are occupied by non-member boats. Should you find a mooring occupied by a non-member boat (members' boats should be flying the Club burgee), follow the Club mooring protocol

no. 7. If they refuse to leave, take their photo, clearly identifying the boat's rego. RMS boating officer for our area Dave Lyons has given us his mobile number and you can call him on 0427 976 161. Tell the offending boat's skipper that you are doing this.

Each mooring is serviced annually, but if you find anything amiss, be sure to contact the committee. Thanks to member Peter Smith for contributing the GPS positions of each mooring.

Joe Crafts	33°34'59.8"S	151°8'7.5"E
	33°34'59.2"S	151°8'10.1"E
America Bay	33°35'47.3"S	151°15'27.6"E
Spencer	33°27'28.8"S	151°8.1'55"E
Mooney Mooney	33°31'6.7"S	151°12'16.6"E
Mullet Creek	33°29'23.1"S	151°15'42.2"E

An explosive subject

We experienced one of the most dangerous situations a boat crew can think of about two years after getting our new boat. Every new boat has its little secrets and as many of you know, one usually finds out about them slowly and at times unexpectedly. The difference with that particular secret was that it could have landed us on the front page of all major newspapers for all the wrong reasons.

Our boat is powered by petrol. I attempted to start the generator, a Kohler, which has the reputation of being a grumpy starter. It always takes time and a work out of the starter motor to get it running. Knowing that, I did not get concerned when the generator refused to start and I repeated the starting process a couple of times from the main panel in our cabin.

I opened the engine bay hatch and was immediately overwhelmed by the smell of petrol and I noticed a noise like an open tap running. There was approximately 50 litres of fuel in the bilge already and petrol was gushing out of the generator. We turned off all power and shut the fuel taps at the tanks. The flow of petrol was stopped.

The reason for the fuel spill was the water pump of the generator. It had a leak because of a faulty gasket. That caused saltwater running into the tray on which the generator is mounted. That tray has an up bend all-around of approximately 20 mm. The fuel pump of the generator sits at the bottom of the engine and was therefore sitting in the collected saltwater for as long as the leak had started.

We did not detect the leak or notice the water in the tray because the whole thing is covered by an extra housing. The salt water caused the housing of the petrol pump to rust and to rupture over time. Since then we have installed two sniffer sensors in the engine bay which indicate fumes with an alarm and flashing light in the dash board. One can check sniffer sensors by holding a rag with some petrol under the sensor and the alarm should go off. We could have been blown to pieces that day and are very lucky we weren't.

So what did we learn out of that? Before starting any engine open the hatch and have a visual and a sniffing check and of course ventilate, check and double check.

Safe boating Britta and Eti

You will find detailed information about boat explosions in the article you can find under

http://www.waltersforensic.com/articles/fire_investigation/vol13-no2.htm



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Committee Reports Spring 2015

Commodore's Report - Spring 2015

My first year's tenure as Skipper of our club is coming to an end and I have thoroughly enjoyed it. Seeing all the happy members, laughing and enjoying themselves, has made all the hard work and effort worth it.

Coming up we have some great events, including Doggy Day Out, a huge success last year, and a 20th Anniversary party in November. Our annual Xmas lunch will be in December as usual, and then there will be some rafts up in different places over the Xmas/New Year break, with many of us going to Gosford again for the New Year celebrations. Then of course, we will be having a second annual Ladies Dinghy Race and Flag Parade on the Australia Day weekend at the end of January. This weekend was immensely enjoyed by all this year, and even if you are not a competitor, come along and have a giggle at the competitive antics.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members for all their earnest contributions throughout the year. Our meetings have been lively and fun.

I also need to thank all the other club members who pitch in and help with the set up and dismantling of club events. It is a good thing to look up occasionally to see a club member who has dived in and is holding the leg of a gazebo, or the like and helping to pack up. Without the help of many of you "unsung heroes" our club events would not be possible. You know who you are and I would like to thank you again.

Finally I would like to welcome all our new club members who have joined this year, you have made a great decision to become crew members in the most friendly and progressive club on the river.

Paul King - Commodore

Secretary's Report - Spring 2015

TWENTY YEARS TO NOW!

One of the "joys" of being secretary is keeping lots of the paperwork accumulated over the past two decades. Among this are copies of the early Club newsletters. You will have noticed that the current issue celebrates the Club's 20th anniversary, so here are a few facts and figures gleaned from those early newsletters, highlighting the "now" and "then".

The first few Christmas parties were held at Peats Bite Restaurant - very nice, as will be the 2015 one at the Foreshore Reserve. Visiting Crosslands was a popular activity and the early members were more adventurous than us, even taking some of the larger cruisers and houseboats up there on an extra high tide.

At first there were no membership fees, but reality soon set in, especially as a Club mooring was a priority. The first annual membership fee was \$20. Nineteen years and five moorings later, surely our renewal fee of about \$90 is good value.

Right through the last 20 years there has been a great team of people producing newsletters, organizing activities, banking money and balancing books, shopping and cooking, selling raffle tickets, attending committee meetings etc, etc. The Club couldn't have survived without these people, some of whom took on several roles in times of crisis. A very big thank-you to those who came before us. We couldn't have done it without them!

Regards, Loretta Thomas - Secretary

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2015 Social Calendar

October - January 2016

3/4/5 October

OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND – Oktoberfest and raft-up
Please refer to Paul's previous email. On Saturday many members will be at the Berowra RSL Oktoberfest event. There will be a shuttle bus for those who book early. Then there will be a raft-up with BBQ for the rest of the weekend, at Joe Crafts Bay. Attend for all or part of the weekend, it should be a great time.
NB We change to daylight saving on Sunday morning.

8 October~24 October

The fuel wharf and its other facilities at the Marina will be closed for refurbishment. Remember to use pump-out and fill up with fuel and water before the 8th.

8 October~16 November

Marina pontoons will be undergoing refurbishment during this time, so no casual berthing facilities will be available to our members.

Friday 9 October

2FM DINNER

Join us for a wonderful hot and cold seafood buffet, sumptuous salads and non-fattening desserts, all for the special price of \$47.50, which includes wine and soft drinks.

Saturday 24 October

AGM

This will commence at 0900 hours with a complimentary bacon and egg breakfast, available until 1000 hours. At 1030 hours proceedings will commence with an Extra-ordinary General Meeting lasting 10-15 minutes and followed immediately by the Annual General Meeting proper. Please set this date aside as it is such an important event in the Club's year.

Saturday 7 November

This will be the Club's second annual Doggy Day out. Bring your pooch or pooches around to Joe Crafts Bay for a raft-up, a sausage sizzle and some play on the sandbar while the tide is out. A very popular event last year!

Friday 13 November

2FM

This month our 2FM will be a BBQ in the Berowra Waters Foreshore Park to celebrate the Club's 20th anniversary, commencing 6.30 pm. Bring something to BBQ or buy fish'n'chips, it's up to you, but come along. If you know someone who has been a member over the years, invite them along. You will need to bring your own chairs.

Saturday 5 December

CHRISTMAS PARTY

No 2FM this month, but we look forward to seeing all Club members at this special event. There will be a fully catered lunch, drinks, decorations etc all under the Club shelters at the Foreshore Park at Berowra Waters. Start preparing your special Chrissie hat! It will commence at 12 noon, and further details will be emailed to members.

Friday 8 January 2016

2FM DINNER

Join us for the first club dinner of the year at the Waterview. A wonderful hot and cold seafood buffet, sumptuous salads and non-fattening desserts, all for the special price of \$47.50, which includes wine and soft drinks.