

- **NEW MEMBERS**

No new members to report this issue.

- **RIVER HAPPENINGS**

“Kissin’s new paintjob” All completed now, the cockpit and flybridge and some varnish work was the last stage. What a picture, you would not believe that Kissin was built in 1974. Mr. Cheoy Lee would be very proud, as are Geoff and Cherie.

“Downeaster Alexa” progress report. All insurance repairs are completed, but Graham and Denise have commissioned some additional works in the way of some painting and a new marlin board. By the time this newsletter is in your hands, their pride and joy will be re launched. Best wishes to Graham and Denise, we look forward to rafting up with you in the near future.

“Aphrodite is away being painted” I had the opportunity to inspect the progressive works on Aphrodite the other week when I took “Rosie” to Bayview for a scrape and antifoul, She had just been slipped for the final stage of the makeover, painting the hull. The decks and super structure were all painted, and she looked beautiful, better than new. Another great paint job, completed by the very talented crew at Bayview Slipway. Aphrodite is the third boat at Berowra Waters that has been painted by them. Berowra Waters is becoming a showroom for their quality workmanship.

“Lollipop” Di Sheehy has purchased Lollipop, and has had her transported to her farm at East Kurrajong. Graham and Di have started the long hard task of a full restoration. The colour scheme Di has chosen is amazing, real Lollipop colours. I can’t wait to her cruising Berowra Waters again. It will be a very emotional experience for everyone who knows her history. We are sure David will be there in spirit with a big smile on his face.

“Rosie gets her bum cleaned” It has been 22 months since she was last done, and we had her antifouled at Bayview slipway as usual, prop speed on her prop and prop shaft, what a great product. There was minimal growth on her and I am looking forward to approximately another two years before we do it again. Thank you to Mark Barry-Cotter, Suzie and Maureen at Bayview Slipway for your personal attention.

“Toot n Ale” arrives on the river, she is a pretty, 25 foot Ranger Tug built in Seattle USA, marketed by John Smale. She is a scaled down model of a Bristol tugboat, full GRP displacement hull, single screw shaft driven by a single 30 hp Yanmar diesel, I photographed her at the boat show this year and in my mind, she was the best buy at the show. And guess who bought her, a very proud Ian and Suzanne Williams. Congratulations guys, check her out in the photo gallery.

- **MATTERS OF INTEREST**

What a Surprise !!!!!

Thank you so much for the biggest surprise. Our farewell from NSW, as you all know, I was just a tiny bit emotional. It is very humbling to know how much Den and I are thought of in the club. It was a freezing night, Den and I walked into the Waterview all rugged up in jackets and scarves. There was everyone dressed in lays and sunhats and sunglasses all dressed for sunny Queensland then we noticed our names in lights and a Parking Meter.

It was a f a n t a s t i c sight. There was a lot of laughing and a lot of tears that night, but one we will never forget. Thank you everyone for making the night possible. Our prized possession the “Parking Meter” stands proudly in our Queensland garden near the BBQ. It is a great conversation starter.

We miss you all especially the nights of the 2FM’s.

See you all at the Christmas Party.

Leonie and Denis. xxxx

AGM 2008

The AGM this year was quite different to previous AGM's, in that we held it in the park, under the "Club Marquee". It was preceded by a BBQ breakfast, which was enjoyed by 30 members, the atmosphere was very relaxed and informal. I believe it was the best AGM that I have attended. I think Graham and Di were responsible for the re-location, and what a great idea. Members, please give us some feedback. Did you enjoy yourselves?? Perhaps we can hold the AGM in the park again next year.

There were no surprises, we only received nominations for existing office bearers, who were duly elected. There being one vacancy for an Ordinary Member, nominations were called for from the members present. One nomination was received from John Wilson who was duly elected to the committee. Congratulations, John, we look forward to working with you.

GENERAL BUSINESS –

The Chairman announced that no notice of matters had been received prior to the meeting and therefore no matters could be resolved at the meeting, but that a list of concerns could be developed which would be passed to the incoming committee for action.

Maureen Wilson suggested that a notice board be placed at the marina or in the environs advertising club benefits, events and matters of interest.

Di Sheehy asked that the possibility of a Club website be investigated fully and progressed quickly.

Maureen Wilson suggested that a Club Open Day be arranged to promote the Club and to gain new members.

Derek Hughes suggested that the Club distribute bumper stickers and that promotional competitions be introduced such as a slogan using the letters of the club emblem.

Harvey Read asked for information regarding the proposed new mooring. The Commodore answered and explained that an earlier approval by Maritime had subsequently been rescinded for no stated reason apart from that approval had been "an error". Our application is currently on the list for future approval.

Karen Savage queried the location of the new mooring in close proximity to an existing one. The Commodore explained that it had been felt that the choice of this location would be beneficial when a number of different sized boats were to be rafted up, and it had seemed that early approval would be obtained. A different location would certainly be considered for future moorings.

Kevin Collins asked about usage of our mooring in America Bay. Several of those present indicated that they had used the mooring on a number of occasions.

Harvey Read raised the issue of the condition of the fuel bowsers on the marina fuel wharf. The meeting agreed that this matter would best be handled on an individual basis by those buying fuel there.

BEROWRA WATERS MARINA AND CARPARK

Are we there yet??? Not from what I can see, the council has extended the time frame for objections to the proposed development, until mid February 2009, so there is a delay in the commencement of works.

SICK BAY

Karen has procedure in hospital, talk about a twisted sister, or was it something to do with a bowl, I hated spelling at school. I'm pleased to report that all went well and Karen is back to her bubbly self, bossing Warwick around.

Ted Thomas has had prostate problems and has just had surgery, and all went well, I spoke with Ted and he sounded great. He is recovering very rapidly and thanked me for the flowers sent by the club. I'm sure we will see Ted very soon on the river possibly the 2FM.

Graham Rowell informed me that Melissa Ruscoe, one of our newer members, has been in hospital very recently, we wish Melissa all the best, and hope to see her and Matthew on the river soon.

CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR will be announced at the Christmas party again this year, for our newer members who are not familiar with this club award, throughout the year the Vice Commodore awards points to members who are wearing club clothing at club functions. At the end of the year the points are added up and the member with the highest points is awarded Club member of the year. Last year the joint winners were Dennis Cox and Geoff Brooke. Who will it be, this year? Don't miss out, make sure you have some club clothing and wear it with pride, if you don't, see our newly appointed club merchandise officer, Di Sheehy 0438 774 767.

“Nautical Trivia and humour”

- **TRIVIA QUIZ**

If you're really dying to get away from it all and sail to the most remote spot on the face of the Earth, where would you have to sail?

Answer on page 5.

- **BRAIN TEASER**

This is only for our smarter members. My answer was incorrect. So I am not a smart member. See if you can figure out what these words have in common.

Banana
Dresser
Grammar
Potato
Revive
Uneven
Assess

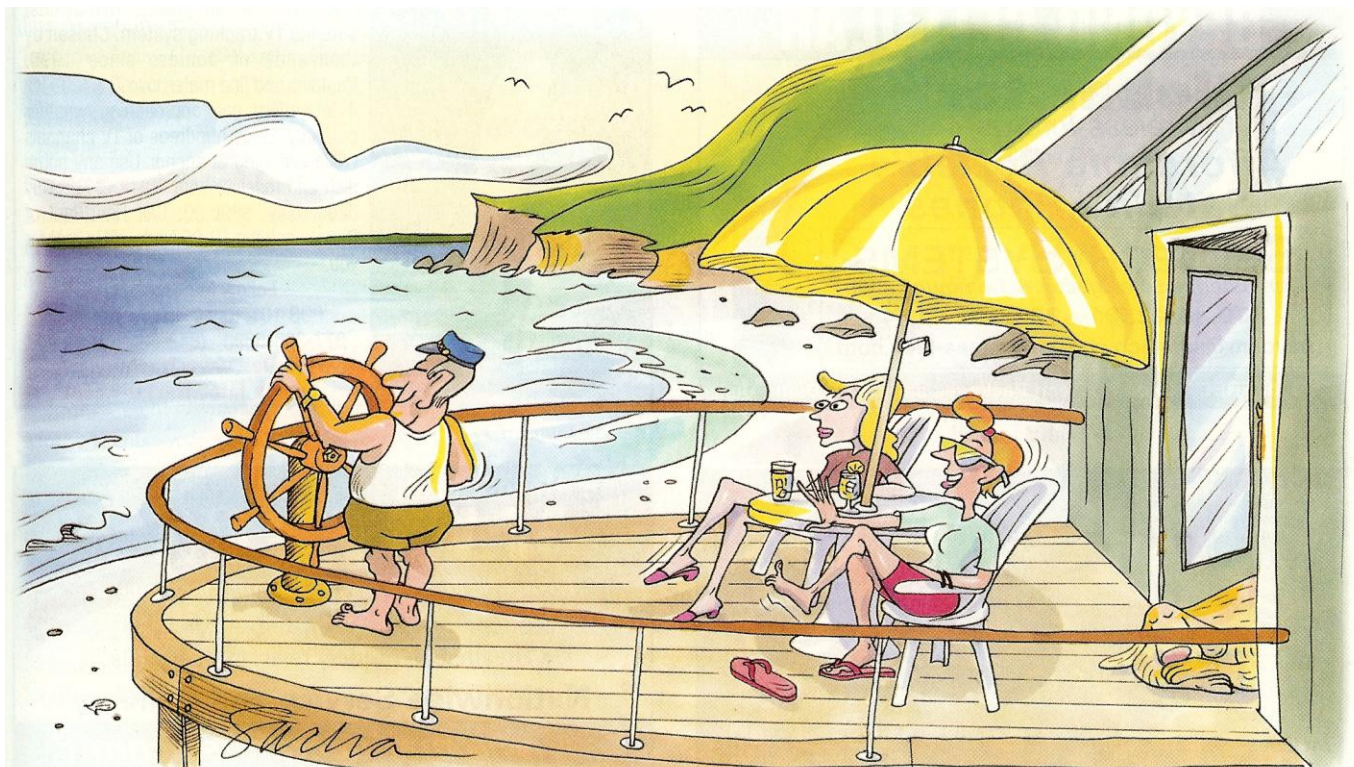
Are you still thinking or have you already given up? Give it another try.

This is cool.

No, it is not that they all have at least 2 double letters, or that they are all black, or that they all start with a capital letter.

Answer on page 6.

- **IN THE WAKE**



HE HAS ADAPTED RATHER WELL SINCE I TOLD HIM THE BOAT GOES OR I GO.

(Bad choice)

- **INCREASE YOUR NAUTICAL VOCABULARY**

Nautical Terms (continued from last issue)

Motor sailer

A hybrid boat that combines the simplicity and reliability of sail power with the calm and serenity of a throbbing engine.

Ocean racing

Demanding form of sailing practised by sportsman whose idea of a good time is standing under an ice cold shower, fully clothed while re examining their last meal.

Passage

Basically a voyage from point A to point B, interrupted by unexpected landfalls or stopovers at point K, point Q, and point Z.

Pontoon

Harbour landing place that goes crack, crunch when hit.

(To be continued next newsletter).

- **WORDS OF WISDOM**

A ducks opinion of me, is greatly dependant on whether or not I have any bread.

Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance.

Remember: Amateurs built the Ark, professionals built the Titanic.

Women and cats will do as they please – men and dogs should relax and just get used to it.

- **STRESS STOPPERS**

Last week I locked my coat hanger in my car. Thank goodness I had a key.

What does Geronimo say when he jumps out of a plane? Meeeeeee.....!!!

CLUB NOTICES

- **THANK YOU**

A very special thank you to Geoff and Maureen Bollins for the donation of the “Club Marquee”. It is a very worthwhile piece of equipment, and we will use it frequently.

Thank you to Martin Burke of Burke Marine for donating the all weather Burke jacket for our Fathers’ Day raffle.

- **CLUB GEAR AND ACCESSORIES**

NEW PRODUCTS; We have available the sets of club logo stickers in 2 sizes, large and small and the club logo fridge magnet, available for \$15.00 per set.

BOAT CARD SAMPLES AVAILABLE, see Di Sheehy. She now has the costing and order forms available and they have been added to the merchandise catalogue.

OTHER NEW PRODUCTS; Have arrived and in stock, are Club ties and Club Scarves. The ties are blue with the logo about one third of the way down from the top of a knotted tie. The scarves are blue with a gold band along each long side and the Club logo on one end. They are available for \$25.00 each. Also available are: stock flags, blue and red ensign and city of Sydney etc. and new club Burgees at a reasonable price, plus the usual, Shirts: Polo, Tee and formal with epaulettes, long and short sleeves all with the Club logo, and with the option to add your name and your boat name are available from your Club. Other clothing includes fleecy jackets either sleeveless or with long sleeves, and a range of women's tops and singlets and men's shorts. Accessories include plastic name badges, caps and visors together with poly can holders with your boat name on them. The range of both clothes and accessories is being constantly expanded to meet Members' needs. A full catalogue showing the current range with prices is available at all Club functions and on our website, just ask any committee member. Prices start at \$6.00 including GST. Payment by cheque, money order or cash is required before orders are processed, and delivery is normally within three weeks of processing.

• **CLUB WEBSITE**

Have you had a look at our club website? It is very informative and is frequently updated. Have a look. Uploaded you will find, The Club Merchandise Catalogue & order form, New Club Rules, Application for Membership form, Renewal of Membership form, Club Newsletters and Photo Galleries, Nomination form and Proxy form, Welcome to the club flier and The Adventures of MV Jess, 2008 Social Calendar, have a look and give us some feedback. www.ozemail.com.au/~australprinting/bwmyc

• **FOR SALE**

- 14 foot Hobie Cat with sails and accessories and a new trampoline \$500.00 contact Graham Oliver on 9985 9210.
- Magma Marine Kettle BBQ, never used, cost \$398.00, sell for \$260.00, includes new gas bottle with fittings, contact Vicki Read. Phone 0429 808 280 or 4580 8280.
- Latronics Sun Power inverter, 350VA surge to 1050VA, \$100.00, contact Eddie Fowler. Phone 4572 3109 or 0407 703 143.

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

• **2FM DINNER RAFFLE WINNERS**

AUGUST 8TH 2FM. Winner of the compact tote tool bag was Donna Weatherby. There were 23 members and guests in attendance.

SEPTEMBER 5th 1FM. Winner of the Fathers Day raffle, which was the all weather "Burke Marine" jacket, donated by Martin Burke, was Loretta Thomas, Hey! I thought it was Fathers day, not Mothers day. There were 55 members and guests in attendance.

OCTOBER 10TH 2FM. Winner of the bent stem glasses was...any guesses? We haven't seen Kim and Ted McKay for a while, but yeah you're right, Kim has done it again. Welcome back Kim, we have all missed you. There were 26 members and guests in attendance.

• **TRIVIA QUIZ ANSWERS**

Answer for Brain Teaser:

For all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word.

If you didn't get it right, don't worry. Just accept the fact that you are also not one of the smarter members, just like me...feel better?

- SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fathers' Day 2FM Dinner 5th September 2008



Fathers' Day like Mothers' Day was a huge success.

Thank you to everyone who celebrated Fathers' Day with us. A gift to all the Dads, a bottle of BWMYC Cabinet Merlot really did make all the Dads feel special. The Dad that felt the most special that night was Ted Thomas when Loretta won him the beautiful Burke Waterproof Jacket in the raffle. The thing is, I'm not sure that Ted ended up with the jacket, it looked pretty good on Loretta.

I would like to Thank Ted and Loretta for the fantastic decorations in the restaurant, it looked great.

Congratulations guys well done.

Leonie

Rosehill Spring Carnival 20th September 2008



WOW!!!!

What a day. The boys looked very dashing in their suits and the girls were spectacular in gorgeous hats, everyone was in the spirit even though some of us knew next to nothing about horse racing, that didn't stop us all having one of the best days on our social calendar. We felt like VIPS in our private box, the service and food was second to none. Luncheon on champagne, oysters and prawns etc. We were looked after very well. Some went home a little richer, some went home a little poorer, and some were very lucky to break even. There was so much excitement from the time we walked through the gate, it was a fantastic day.

I was asked to book for next year now so we won't miss out. Next year's "Spring Carnival" can't be booked till April 2009 but don't worry, on the 1st April I will be booking the same suite.

Unfortunately Graham and Di weren't able to go at the last minute as Di put out her back. Thankfully Di is OK now. I rang everyone in the club till it was too late, looking for someone to use their tickets. No one could go so I asked my sister. Meryl, thank you Graham and Di, so very much.

You will see some great photos in the Photo Gallery

Leonie

"AGM REPORTS"

• COMMODORE'S AGM REPORT

Thank you everyone for coming to our first outdoor breakfast AGM and I hope you enjoy this new concept, with sausage, bacon and egg rolls, washed down with fruit juice and tea or coffee.

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing office bearers and committee for their continuing support to me, throughout the past year and for their efforts in the running of the club. Special thanks to Vice Commodore George Herczeg for his support, and for the professional way he produces the Club's Newsletter. It surpasses any other club's newsletter that I have seen, including the Royal Motor Yacht Club's newsletter.

Warwick Savage, our secretary, does an exceptional job as usual and continually makes my job and the Club run smoothly. The treasurer is Geoff Brooke who has the accountancy skills and professionalism to execute his job to the highest level. The social committee consists of Leonie Cox and Ted Thomas who have organized some great outings and events throughout the year. Leonie does deserve a special mention for her tireless efforts.

This group of people, get on very well and it is a pleasure to be part of the group we call the office bearers and committee.

Another special thanks, goes to my friend Di Sheehy, who has helped me to prepare the behind the scenes things that make a club run smoothly with enthusiasm and spontaneity that is so refreshing.

During the year we have had a number of new members join the Club, and even though they have received their welcome and Club burgee at the 2FM dinner, I would again like to welcome them to the Club and hope to see them on the water some time.

Our latest outing was the annual boat rally, which Di and I set. This was quite well attended even though the weather was not good to us. After two hours of answering questions, making things with coat hangers and retrieving bricks from the bottom of the river we had our winners.

1. Overall Rally winner, Warwick and Karen Savage (MV Jess).
2. Best dressed boat, Ian and Suzanne Williams (Toot n Ale).
3. Best dressed flags, George and Louise Herczeg (White Rose)

You may not know that this meeting is being conducted in this large marquee which has been kindly donated to the Club by Geoff and Maureen Bollins from "The Brampton". We thank them very much for their generosity but wonder if they could let us have the erection instructions as each time the box holding the marquee and steel support posts is opened, there are a lot of blank looks on the faces of the erectors.

Another special thanks goes to Johannes Schultz for donating that great painting of Broken Bay with Lion Island in the background. This will be a raffle prize to be drawn at the Christmas party and tickets are still available. Johannes informs me that he will paint "in" the winner's boat to make the painting a little bit more personal.

Thank you for all your support

Graham Rowell, Commodore

• VICE COMMODORE'S AGM REPORT

MEMBERSHIPS

We have welcomed six new members to the Club throughout the year, and we have also lost some members, but total Membership is currently 57 Memberships, or one hundred and eight persons.

NEWSLETTER

During the year I have continued to upgrade and improve the newsletter, to be more informative, more interesting and humorous, and more "colourful". We now have a regular four page photo gallery, so we can re live events and have a laugh at ourselves.

CLUB WEBSITE

The club website is frequently updated with updated forms, newsletters, trip reports, new club clothing catalogue, club rules book etc. etc, and more to be added soon.

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CLUB GEAR AND ACCESSORIES

The new Catalogue has been put together by Warwick Savage, and Warwick has added some new exciting products. The catalogue can be viewed online. Check our website. The Club has just appointed a new merchandising officer in Di Sheehy. Di can be contacted on 0438 774 767 or diannesheehy@bigpond.com

BWMYC SPONSORS 2009

We have five confirmed sponsors so far, and are finalizing details with three others, whose ads will be included in the next newsletter. This leaves us with four blank spots on our Sponsors Page. We would like to fill these spots, so if anyone would like to take these up, please contact me. Or if you have any suggestions as to anyone I could approach, let me know.

CLUB BURGEES

Several committee members have noticed some very sad looking, tattered and torn club burgees on some members' boats. We would like to encourage our members to look after their burgees and fly them with pride. The club burgee should be flown on the bow of a boat, which makes it very accessible for removal and stowage at the end of a weekend's boating, doing this will help keep the burgee in good condition and last for many years. Members need to maintain this standard. New burgees are readily available and are inexpensive at only \$50.00 from Di Sheehy.

George Herczeg,

Vice Commodore and Newsletter Editor

• TREASURER'S REPORT

Sunday 19th October, 2008

I table for this Annual General Meeting a report of the Club's financial position for the year ended 30th September, 2008 in the form of financial statements –

- . Bank Reconciliation Statement;
- . Bank Account Statement;
- . Income and Expenditure Statement;
- . Balance Sheet;
- . Trading Statement of Events.

In summary, I highlight the following –

- . Cash at bank at balance date is \$10,156.65 (an increase of \$123.18 over last year's balance date of \$10,033.47);
- . The Club this year had a surplus of Income over Expenditure of \$123.18 (compared to last year's surplus of \$1,256.16);
- . Total income for the year of \$11,997.90 (a decrease of \$4,820.05 over last year's income) was made up mainly of Memberships \$3,890.00, Club Raffles \$2,085.40, Events \$5,187.50 and Sales to members of Club clothing and other items of \$835.00);
- . Total expenditure for the year was \$11,874.72 (a decrease of \$3,687.07 over Last year's expenditure) made up mainly of stocking up of Club items produced for sale to members \$515.80, Insurances \$1,134.10, Postages Printing and Stationery \$1,501.75, a new Club mooring application fee and renewals of two moorings annual licence fees \$1,137.00, Prizes and trophies \$743.07, and Cost of Events \$5,989.57.
- . The Club's trading in its Events produced a gross trading surplus of \$540.26 mainly through the following activities:

. Raffles		+\$2,085.40
. Prizes and Trophies		-\$ 743.07
. Subsidy of events –		
Boat Rally 2007	\$200.00	
Xmas Function 2007	\$112.07	
Fort Denison Tour	\$ 20.00	
Easter eggs for children	\$ 30.00	
Rosehill Race Day	\$220.00	
Xmas Function 2008	<u>\$220.00</u>	
		<u>-\$ 802.07</u>
		<u>+\$ 540.26</u>

*R.G.Brooke,
Treasurer, BWMYC,
19th October, 2008.*

• SECRETARY'S REPORT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2008

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The duties of the Secretary are essentially to administer meetings and to keep minutes of them and records of all aspects of Club membership. I can state that confidently only because one of the major achievements of the Committee in the past year is the development of a set of Position Statements covering all official Club positions. I would like to thank and congratulate Ted Thomas for doing all the work to achieve this.

Since the last AGM there have been 5 Committee Meetings. I would like to emphasise that number – 5 to remove any idea that committee membership is an arduous and demanding burden. We had only one resignation from the committee, that of Graham Oliver, whose work demands prevented him from performing his duties to his standards. We will be asking for a replacement later in this meeting and I would urge everybody to please give it favourable consideration. In terms of administration, we now have a complete membership list in alphabetical order which is updated immediately any changes are notified to a committee member. There are currently 57 members most of whom have attended at least one club activity during the past year.

I have also been the Merchandise Officer and have introduced a wide and growing range of club merchandise. Sales help the club financially, while the display of our logo really helps the promotion not only of the benefits of membership, but also of our very existence. A more pro-active approach to the sale of merchandise is promised for the coming year with the appointment of Di Sheehy as Merchandise Officer.

Warwick Savage, Secretary

• SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Berowra Waters Motor Yacht Club AGM

19 October, 2008

The 2008 Club year has been a busy and interesting one with well attended social activities. The Club Committee had, as its Ordinary Members (known as the social committee) Leonie Cox, Graham Oliver and Ted Thomas. Unfortunately, due to work commitments and frequent overseas business trips Graham was forced to resign.

Our social calendar since last AGM repeated some of the on water activities held most years together with a couple of special ones away from Berowra. Activities included:

- Christmas Party in the Park with Santa- Dec. 2007.
- Australia Day boat parade and raft up.
- Fort Denison tour with lunch.
- Gilligans Island picnic (Crosslands Dinghy Picnic relocated).
- Easter Weekend Gosford Boat Rally.
- “Boatpersonship” Course under the instruction of Kevin Clifford and Karen Savage, June long weekend.
- Freaky Friday June 13th 2FM Dinner.
- Mother’s Day 2FM Dinner.
- Father’s Day 2FM Dinner.
- Rosehill Spring Carnival Day-Sept. 12th
- Annual Boat Rally-October long weekend.

All of these activities were well described with accompanying photos in the Club Newsletters but comments need to be made about a couple of them. Those who attended the Easter Rally to Gosford are still talking about the scary trip across to Brisbane Waters. “Never again” someone said. The Fort Denison tour was an enjoyable different activity with some travelling by ferry from Parramatta and others, joining at Circular Quay. There was even a big, big ship in at the Overseas Terminal. It wasn’t Jess, it wasn’t White Rose and it wasn’t Kissin. What a bonus seeing the Queen Victoria. Gilligans Island was a hastily arranged relocation of the Crosslands Picnic, it looked like rain. Everyone enjoyed the picnic under the tent (it only took two hours to put up) right at the boat ramp.

Ted Thomas, Committee member

• STOP PRESS NEWS

On one of our recent cruises, we noticed some building activity at Twin Beaches, so we deployed a landing party in “Bone” (no longer red) and found that National Parks have built two “long drop” toilets, one on each beach. Thank you National Parks. This will make it more convenient if the club wants to use the beaches for any activities.



“2008 CLUB SOCIAL CALENDAR”

DATES TO REMEMBER

PUT THESE IN YOUR DIARY OR STICK THESE PAGES ON YOUR FRIDGE

November 14th 2008 **2FM Dinner**. Will be a BBQ (byo) held in the park, adjacent to the boat ramp. (near Gilligans island).

December 13th 2008, Christmas party in the park.

“MORE TO COME SOON”

From the new Committee after their first meeting