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Lake Macquarie, photo by Marianne Took

NEW MEMBERS



Brian and Wendy Alexander Houseboat 33' R + Ahhh





Gavin and Pamela McCarthy Bayliner 31.5' Providence



Steve and Debby Maclaren Doral, Ositos



Jeff and Karen Rogers Riviera 35' Excess

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The address is still the same. please let me know what you think. new website, I'm sure you will enjoy it and working perfectly well on other browsers. working on Internet Explorer, although members that out new website was not features. Have another look and explore your photos, includes music and some interesting WEBSITE". This new site is much bigger and no longer support Publisher based websites. brighter with more pages and heaps more have chosen one and built another "NEW So after looking at many other platforms TECH that Microsoft in its wisdom decided to I was recently informed by my computer I have had reports from the majority of club

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MOTHERS' DAY DINNER

real trooper, nothing could keep her away in" accident, hence the broken wing. Jo is a club treasurer Jo has had a horse "breaking drawn by Jo's mum Noel, all the way from Marianne Tooker, and her winning ticket was of the raffle this year was a beaming they all receive a red single stem rose. Winner because the ladies love this night, you see We had a good turnout again this year, Victoria. You can see in the photos that our recovery. Commodore around. We all wish Jo a quick her down that much, here she is ordering the from this special night. See, it hasn't slowed

SICK BAY

water. well, and hope to see him very soon at a 2FM or on the and doing as he is told, for now that is. We all wish Geoff damage to the heart and Geoff is home recouperating, weekend. Geoff was very lucky, there is no significant has had a mild heart attack Just before the June long Our past long serving worlds best treasurer Geoff Brooke,

KEEPING US UP TO DATE

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





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& Graham Rowell for the superb job they did of organising and conducting a Congratulations to Berowra Waters Motor Yacht Club members Mick Calleja deeply moving Anzac Day Dawn Service on the Western Foreshore on the 25th of April



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LAKE MACQUARIE IN MAY

contortions from any one of us trying to extra dinghy and required serious which was severely hampered by the freed up space on the bow, access to came to collect the dinghy and this accompanied their Dad when they that we would transport the dinghy on Two very excited young boys RMYC Toronto to finalise the deal. purchaser then only had to meet us at the bow of "Conquest" and the at Swansea. So it had been agreed a purchaser who just happened to live Sydney, Richard accepted an offer from "Conquest". that came with their purchase of Marianne's tender boat plus the dinghy dinghies on her bow - Richard and was carrying not one, but two rubber odd, however, due to the fact that she "Conquest" might have looked a little somersaulting out of the water great show by leaping and very active dolphins which put on a accompanied on our trip by a couple of wasn't long before we were Absolutely ideal conditions and it Macquarie. Early on Saturday morning, 12th May, we ventured out breeze, blue skies and a .5m swell. through Broken Bay, with a light beginning a week long trip to Lake overnight stop in Refuge Bay before Graham Rowell on "Conquest" for an Tooker were joined by Di Sheehy and Friday 11th May, Richard and Marianne Having enjoyed the 2FM dinner on tace to face, so to speak! obviously wanted to confront the fish on Lake Macquarie. been a very successful morning's fishing and Marianne as we ended what had the scene that confronted Di, Richard Stop mucking about. Get out of the water and back on the boat!" That's "Graham, what the hell are you doing? Just before leaving **But Graham** That's

reach the anchor on the bow!

Anyway, back to the trip up the coast, travelling at about 10 knots, which was a very comfortable speed, we made the trip from Lion Island to Swansea in a little over four hours. High tide was due around midday so we negotiated the Swansea Bar in good conditions and made the 12 noon Swansea Bridge opening in perfect time.

We booked a berth at Royal Motor Yacht Club, Toronto, on the first night. This is only a short walk to Toronto shops for provisions if necessary, or a nice coffee, and the Club has an excellent restaurant.

sinking fillets, lost his balance and he reached out to retrieve the quickly flying through the air! Quick as a flash, to toss overboard and saw three fillets picked up the bucket of bloody water to freeze the catch. Graham then once they were washed in preparation and then Marianne pulled them out The fillets were dumped into a bucket the fish scaled and cleaned in no time. station on the marlin board, we had So having set up a scaling and filleting magnificent flathead and some bream included a couple of jewfish, a various power stations. Our catch also the warm water emissions from the are apparently drawn to the Lake by several deep sea leatherjacket which got stuck into the fishing catching cool nights. And it was here that we spectacular weather – mild days and spent two nights here enjoying this part of the Lake go as low as 2 "Conquest" which draws 1.2m. We metres but that was plenty enough for anchorage in Crangan Bay. Depths in and found a delightful, sheltered the southern end of Lake Macquarie After two nights at RMYC, we drove to

ended up in the water with Richard yelling at him to catch the bucket which got dropped in the commotion! Graham lost the fillets, retrieved the bucket and scored 7 out of 10 for his spectacular dive!!

of the Lake. of Pulbah Island, located in the centre for the night on the north eastern shore we decided on a sheltered anchorage Having checked the weather forecast, ramps, bush land and power stations. waterfront homes, marinas and boat scenery around here ranges from Wyee Bay and Bonnells Bay. part of the Lake — Chain Valley Bay, We next explored the south western competition for entertainment. lunch with the Ladies Bowls an excellent bistro and enjoyed a tasty Gwandalan Bowling Club which boasts the west side of Crangan Bay to anchor, we took the rubber duck up The next day, leaving "Conquest" at The

guess!). to concur (but I think it was a lucky was the captain, we had no choice but that we needed to bear left and as he round in Lake Eraring. Richard insisted which was Graham's choice, we would have found ourselves going round and to say that if we had gone to the right, we needed to bear left or right. I have there was some debate about whether the chart behind so at the entrance namely Marianne, inadvertently left to Dora Creek. A member of the crew, duck and headed west to the entrance morning tea, jumped into the rubber with the necessities for an idyllic "Conquest", we packed a picnic basket but believing it to be too shallow for Dora Creek was our next destination



We quickly realised that our captain was right and for the next couple of kilometres we motored up the Creek with some lovely waterside properties and manicured lawns all the way. We also realised quite soon that the Creek was probably navigable by "Conquest" as there were several large boats moored along the way.

At Dora Creek bridge we decided to find somewhere for our morning tea and spied a couple of logs basking in the sunshine on the river bank.

Jumping onto land and setting up our morning tea, Di gasped with horror when she realised there were no tea bags. And anyone who knows Graham and his morning tea will appreciate how serious was the situation. But that's one morning tea Graham will never catch up to, I'm afraid!

That night we chose Rathmines in Kilaben Bay for our anchorage and on going ashore, strolled around the foreshore which includes the heritage listed Catalina Base, the flying boats base set up in 1941. Most of the base is behind a wire fence but there are several information signs that give you an idea of what the base looked like in its hey day and when it played a vital role in the defence of Australia. Richard's mother was stationed here during the war as a member of the W.R.A.F.

As a bonus, Graham and Di met the contractor they used to transport "Lollipop" from Berowra to Di's property where it is currently undergoing a makeover. We watched fascinated as he manouvered a very large sailing catamaran onto his trailer for the owner who lived on the other side of Kilaben Bay.

We decided to refuel at Marmong Point the next morning, just to be sure we would have full tanks before the

return trip to Sydney. This northern part of the lake seems to attract the dolphins and we enjoyed their company all the way to Marmong. Once refuelled, we turned south again and they rejoined us, darting between" Conquest's" hulls and having a great time.

Our second last night on the Lake was spent near Green Point on the eastern shore, not far from Belmont. Here, for some reason, the water is very clear which meant the fish had a very clear which meant probably accounts for their hesitation in jumping on our lines, despite our feeding them the very best chicken breast fillet!!

On our last day we returned to RMYC

On our last day we returned to RMYC at Toronto to carry out some routine checks on the boat before our return trip to Berowra Waters.

to 5 pm! only operated Monday to Friday, 9 am Fuel Doctor emergency help line, but it followed! We tried contacting the fuel tank, it was the water tank!! the starboard tank and poured it into the SB fuel tank. Only it wasn't the Horror of horrors and deathly silence side fuel tank. additive and poured it into the port and measured the required amount of in hand and lots of rags, he calculated the same problem. With measuring jug whenever he refuelled to help prevent advised to use Fuel Doctor additive protessionally cleaned. Richard was tuel has been extracted and the tanks that trip was dirty fuel. Since then the one of the problems we encountered on the Gold Coast to Berowra in June 2011, When "Conquest" made the trip from He measured again for

There was nothing for it but to drain the tank completely, refill and empty again and again, cleaning thoroughly between each fill. After several fills, we convinced ourselves (with a taste test) that all was well. So, to calm down

after the morning's drama, Richard decided to clean the port and starboard windows on "Conquest". To do this, he needed to remove the black mesh window screens and promptly dropped the starboard one in the water. He tried a fishing rod to hook the screen, but the rod decided at that point to jam up. In total frustration, the rod was despatched unceremoniously while Di and Graham rigged up a long pole with a hook to then successfully retrieve the offending window screen.

We could hardly believe the bad luck we were having after such a wonderful week, but a couple of beers later (or was it a cup of tea, I can't remember!), we settled down and relaxed again. That night, we had dinner at the RMYC bistro and luckily one of us remembered the four digit number to

open the marina gate.
The four hour trip back from Swansea to Broken Bay was again very pleasant, although the sea was a little more choppy than the trip up the previous week. "Conquest" handled the trip well and our week in Lake Macquarie was very memorable. We used "Cruising the New South Wales Coast" by Alan Lucas as a great reference book. It's full of useful information and photographs and is highly recommended.

Marianne Tooker



JUNE LONG WEEKEND MULLET CREEK CRUISE

We are back in Mullet creek, and tranquil. Cruising in was line work, so it was very quiet this weekend, due to overhead Central Coast were not running a possible site for another club one of our favourite places, and mooring. The trains to the

gradually deteriorated by out front. The weather on the stern line to shore and anchor All rafted up snug and secure, channel and on top of the tide. were in the middle of the a bit tricky, watching that you Saturday was great, but

> good to see some newer awful by the Monday. It was Sunday, and it was positively the weather we all had a good first club cruise, and inspite of members joining in for their

George Herczeg

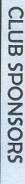














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Forster Marina & The Colonels Café

With our boat in the workshop getting some work done we decided now would be a good time to go see some other water scenes so we went to Forster for a couple of days.

breakfasts and lunches. for those "nice weather" over the water, which is perfect extensive. Being a retired army The Café has an outside deck café has reached a very high Over the last couple of years the being called The Colonels Café. Colonel easily led to the Café level of service and the menu is boat hire side of the business. café to complement the seasonal visit. John wanted to develop a Forster and we were keen to hire boat marina business in Maureen Wilson took up a small know that members John and A lot of BWMYC members will





When the weather is a bit cooler John has provided a nice warm fire to sit around in a large inside lounge with plenty of tables and chairs.

The coffee is superb, the breakfasts are huge and the dinner menu available currently over three nights looks delicious. Friday and Saturday night dining is accompanied by guitar and singing (yes John sings too) and on Sunday afternoon there is live jazz.

worked hard to provide a well set up dinghy and party boat hire business. The Colonels Café is the icing on the cake for them. They send their regards and hope to see you sometime. The telephone number on the loyalty card we took away with us is (02) 6555 8344.

Loretta and Ted Thomas

Party Pontoon









trust a bunny Never





























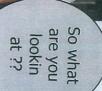
































The captain always goes down with the ship Vicki





CLUB GEAR AND ACCESSORIES

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

FOR SALE

FOR SALE - LIFE JACKETS, All \$25.00 each, $3 \times Tuff$ TF Multi fit Coastal New, $5 \times Hutchwilco$ MK2 Multi Coastal New and $3 \times Used$. $1 \times Dri-clad$ Ultrasafe Medium Used, $5 \times Hutchwilco$ Coastguard II Adult New and $1 \times Used$, $4 \times Marlin$ PFD Type 1 Adult New, $3 \times Excell$ PFD Type 1 Adult New, $3 \times Ultra$ Vital PFD Type 1 Adult Used, 1 x Challenger PFD Type 1 Adult New.

having probably never been "used" but have some marks from being stored away. Most life jackets are still in their plastic wrapping. "Used" life jackets are mostly in excellent condition

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

2FM DINNER ATTENDANCE AND RAFFLE WINNERS

There were 46 members and guests in attendance. APRIL 13th 2FM. Winners of the raffle prize was Steve and Sue, Congratulations to Steve and Sue.

MAY 11th 2FM. Mothers Day dinner. Winner of the raffle prize was Marianne Tooker. There were 47 members & guests in attendance. Congratulations to Marianne.

There were 30 members and guests in attendance. JUNE 8th 2FM. Winner of the raffle prize was Brian Mayer, Congratulations to Brian.

There were 34 members and guests in attendance. JULY 13th 2FM. Winner of the raffle prize was Sue and Peter, Congratulations to Sue and Peter.

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GLENNO'S TIPS

These tips were given to me by a boat builder mate.

The first one could come with the note "how to wipe your paint brush without getting paint around the tin edge and making a mess".





The second tip I thought was brilliant. How many times have you tried to fill an over size bucket under the sink tap only to pour half the water out when trying to get the bucket from under the tap.



Keeping your boat warm in winter

any type of heating on when you go to bed. allow a bit of oxygen in as I find it off the stove as it doesn't look hot Whatever you do don't ever leave hard to breathe in carbon dioxide. a gap in the door or window to your skin on the pot. I always leave and is very easy to leave part of really careful when taking the pot the inside of our boat warm. Be terracotta pot keeps the whole of of cabin heating that he has used for a very simple but efficient method work to some degree it is not many years. Purchase a 6" (150mm) climates of Tasmania and told us of Gosford was about to sail to the cold radiate. A yachtie we met in efficient as the heat doesn't really element or oven on. While this does months is to turn your gas stove cabin during these cold winter A common method of heating your



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COMMODORE'S REPORT July 2012

prizes on offer! dinners – it must be those fabulous raffle events we've had well attended 2FM were not dampened). As well as those moving dawn service on ANZAC day and Creek (ok there was a bit of rain but spirits a very relaxing long weekend up Mullet (we'll be going back for sure), a very We had a great time at Easter in Gosford memorable events in the past few months. Back to reality and we've had some year and we can always dream, right? to visit, nevertheless it is a highlight of the you will know it is a very dangerous event that shrink and need something bigger in preparation for the Boat Show (2nd – 6th they are already building up the pontoons August). For those of you who have boats week I got really excited as I noticed that being situated right next to Cockle Bay in Darling Harbour. Walking past there this of advantages – one of them the office For me, working in the city has a number

> river. Then we will wrap up the year with ahead – more details to follow as we get our AGM and look forward to the year where we make our presence felt on the for this as it's our main event of the year weekend and I'd love to see a big turnout have our annual boat rally on the long month is a big one for the club. Firstly we It won't be long until October and that come up with suitable locations. marquee for our outdoor events. We are facilities and are working with Maritime to also looking to add to our club mooring equipment such as tables and a new little bit of money adding to our As a committee we've been spending a

Finally I must thank George for the great work he has done in getting our website up and running again. Apart from a few suspicious looking photos of guys who call themselves commodores it looks great! See you at the next 2FM, club event or out on the water — or at the boat show!

Richard Bell
Commodore

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

NEWSLETTER

A big thank you to all the contributors to the newsletter. Especially to Jo, Glenn, Ted and Loretta and also to Marianne Tooker.

Dleave been the articles & photos

Please keep the articles & photos coming, they are very welcome, and help make your newsletter interesting.

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Not so many ups and downs this time, life has been much smoother. The weather also turned sunny for a while which was a very pleasant change. Mornings were cold then the days clear to become beautiful, sunny and warm. Monday, 2 July saw us leave Southport for Byron Bay and we had a fairly uncomfortable trip there with 2 to 3 m swells early in trip but these smoothed out during the day. At 1155 we crossed into New South Wales, a significant stage of our journey home. Very peaceful night in Byron Bay with smooth seas and just a gentle breeze.

Coffs Harbour to let her know we were Warwick's niece Carolyn who lives in Marina to book in and also rang Forecasts still looks good for Monday to occupied during the lousy weather replace it with a spare which kept him bilge pumps failed and Warwick had to leave. Sunday we rang Coffs Harbour until Saturday afternoon. One of the Then the weather turned wet and windy Lucas which was extremely pleasant. had morning tea with Alan and Trish caught the ferry to the Yamba where we and from the shops and on Friday we (11.5). We did quite a bit of walking to TV coverage which was good (except for Origin 3)! Thursday was fine and sunny, though cold in the morning the rough weather outside. We had full down to spend a few days hiding from peaceful and quiet and we settled entry. Our anchorage here was very couple of times before making a safe entrance bar where we broached a expected and this caused problems at the down. Arrived in Iluka at about three o'clock which was much earlier than we saw a couple of whales on the way but at least it was fine and sunny and we with large swells and moderate winds Next day another uncomfortable trip

Monday, 9 July we left Iluka a bit late because of the tide times and also because the anchor had got well settled into the muddy bottom and took quite a while to raise and clean. Moderate seas and winds at the start but these both quietened down during the day. It was a fairly long day but we did see a number of whales and also passed several 18 to 20 foot open boats anchored while the occupants fished. Some of the whales we passed were travelling quite close to the land, in fact inshore of us and we don't travel very far from the beach!

any samples for us to evaluate. best local whisky, but they didn't bring recently awarded a prize for Australia's brother owns a whisky distillery and was Jack Overeem from "Debutante" Steve. While at the marina, Bill and and brother-in-law and Carolyn's son, with niece Carolyn and Warwick's sister in for a chat and it seems their other able to spend some very pleasant time its northern side but the waves outside were so high they crashed over the top of it (see photos). Meanwhile, we were the next six days in the marina. The marina has a very highly seawall along turn for the worse and we were to spend arrive as it had been a very long day!
Once again the weather offshore took a berth just before dark. We were glad to was fading and managed to get to our trip because Warwick had set up all the Coffs Harbour Marina just as daylight followed them all the way. We arrived at waypoints before we left and Jess just The autopilot got a good workout on this

frightening experience. to the marina is due west, it was quite a eyes. Because the trip from the entrance the afternoon sun is blindingly in your to moor or anchor in the late afternoon, Australia is that whenever you come in problems with cruising the east coast of moorings by four o'clock. One of the we were on one of the marina's swing Macquarie) and this worked out well so have a reasonable tide on arrival at Port Tuesday after a late start (so we would will get better. We had a better run on in the past and we just keep hoping it less comfortable than we have enjoyed Harbour. Overall, travelling has been short and uncomfortable trip from Coffs which was very welcome after another peacefully in Trial Bay (South West Rocks) with just gentle rocking all night Monday night saw us anchored

turn wet, windy and cold. the weather which by now had started to at the Settlement City Plaza in spite of we arrived. Have also spent some time opened here at the marina the day after in a new coffee shop, Buzz Cafe which with them. Also spent quite a lot of time spent a couple of very pleasant evenings had met here on a previous visit and Trevor and Julie (Tranquillity) whom we stay in Port Macquarie. Met up with \$1.91 c/lt !!) next morning mooring and settled down to enjoy our (Wednesday), moved back on to our approaching, so we filled with fuel (at one week of bad weather was Weather forecasts indicated that at least

> bad again. short break in the weather before it turns next couple of stops, because it is only a can sort out the tide times here and at the took the motor to be fixed where they rowing until Monday morning when we and it looks as though we may be fuel tank! All going well now though, leaving here on Thursday morning if we found lots of sand and a feather in the getting to shore we had to do a fair bit of when the dinghy motor decided to play up and since this is our only means of read the paper. That was until Friday paper, back to the boat, settle down and Buzz Cafe, some shopping and buy the settled into a daily pattern of coffee at wonderful. Because of the weather we Boardwalk, for lunch which was favourite Port Macquarie restaurant, The birthday) and we went out to our Thursday was a special day (Warwick's

Both well and starting to look forward to being home, until next time

Love to all,

Karen and Warwick

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Friday 6/7/8th April

Friday 13th April

Friday 11th May

Friday 8th June

Saturday 9/10/11th June

Friday 13th July

Saturday 11th August

Saturday 18th August

Friday 14th September

Monday 1st October Saturday 29/30th September

Friday 12th October

Sunday 21st October

Friday 9th November

Saturday 8th December

EASTER - GOSFORD CRUISE
By popular demand the committee has decided that we are going to Gosford again. We have not been for number of this event. All marina berths now booked. years, and some of our newer members want to experience

2FM DINNER

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. A wonderful Hot and Cold Seafood Buffet, sumptuous salads

2FM MOTHERS DAY

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.

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RIVER DINNER DANCE at The Waterview Restaurant We are joining the Berowra Waters Ladies Committee to raise funds for the Santa Boat, theme for the night is Black & White smart casual. A hot and cold seafood buffet, live music and dancing with cocktails served at 7.00pm. BYO no corkage. Co: is \$55.00 per person. Bookings and pre payment essential. Contact Yvonne 0416 514 500 or Gail 0427 662 772 for bookings and payment details. Members please support this night, the Santa boat needs you.

NEW TITANIC EXHIBITION

Maritime Museum Darling Harbour. Details to follow

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ANNUAL BOAT RALLY

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free BBQ breakfast from 9.00 -10.00am. commencing at 10.30am at the Berowra Waters foreshore

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
No 2FM this month but a big Christmas party to end the year, usually very well supported, details will follow.