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## WHIT-BITS

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Commodore: Wayne Jennings

### Commodores Comments.

Christmas and New Year have been and gone. Happy New Year to all members and I hope you had a pleasant holiday period. The weather has not been conducive to boating over the last month, and we sincerely hope that rest of this year will improve substantially so that we may enjoy our boats, and each other's company.

**Xmas Party.** The Christmas party at McLaren's Landing and Dux Anchorage was well attended and we understand a good time was had by all. We thoroughly enjoyed the weekend, the company, and especially the barbecue on Saturday night and breakfast Sunday morning. Particular thanks should go to Jim Pilgrim and Roy (Santa) for their contribution on behalf of the kids. Roy is definitely the genuine Santa and did a wonderful job. Regretfully, I was unable to thank them on site for their participation and do so now. We also hope that both their wives are improving in health.

**Membership.** It should be noted that the motion to amend the membership rules to allow continuing club members who had disposed of their Whittley to remain members, **was passed** at the EGM by an overwhelming majority. Membership is continuing to grow and we look forward to new members attending the forthcoming functions and outings.

**Bi-Yearly Whittley Easter Regatta.** Possibly the most important outing for Whittley's this year is the **Sydney Harbour Regatta at Darling Harbour**. We have only recently received the latest Invitation/Registration Form from the NSW Club. The minimum cost for one boat and 2 people is \$480, extra adult \$140/head, covering the period Thursday night to Sunday night at the marina.

We would request anyone wishing to attend to contact me at [commodore@clubwhittley.org.au](mailto:commodore@clubwhittley.org.au) or by phone, as a matter of urgency to obtain an invitation/registration form.

The only outstanding matter being the secure parking of cars and trailers, while on the water. Rod Brown, the NSW President, is chasing up some secure parking on the basis that I have advised him that five or six members may be interested in attending the Regatta over Easter.

Applications were supposed to close on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January, however, based on our discussions to date NSW is awaiting our confirmation.

**Australia Day Weekend.** As the Australia Day weekend is only two weeks before the February outing at Bribie, and the recent weather has been particularly unkind to boaties, we have decided to suggest Australia Day weekend be an informal weekend with those wishing and able to be on the water and to meet other members, to meet at Marine Stadium. No other specific arrangements will be made and it will be left up to those members wishing to attend to determine their own course of action on site. However, an on-shore get together for a BBQ on Saturday evening seems like a reasonable suggestion. Rhonda and I hope to be there.

**Email Addresses.** We note that there has been a good response in the renewal of memberships with e-mail addresses being provided by the majority of members renewing. This will definitely assist, and we would request our other members who have not provided up to date e-mail addresses to do so as soon as possible, to avoid incurring the additional fees to be charged where hardcopy notices are to be forwarded to members.



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**Commodores Comments, continued.**

**Website.** As noted on the website, Ian Ashley has chosen not to renew his membership in the club or to continue running the webpage for the Club. We regret Ian's decision and wish him well in his future boating adventures. We will undoubtedly see him around the Bay and welcome him to join any outings when he is available. Stephen Hunt, one of our members since 2001, has undertaken the task of managing the webpage, and we thank Stephen for his offer and the work that will be carried out on behalf of the Club in the future. Members should not notice any major changes in the website or the manner in which it is accessed.

**Mentoring.** I am disappointed in the response to the request for mentors for new members, as very few replies were received. I know when I first joined the club, I received a call welcoming me to the club and an approach by the mentor as soon as I turned up to our first function. This really made us feel that we belonged, and the procedure must be continued. Assistance of general members in this area would be appreciated, as the committee has substantial work to do on a voluntary basis and limited time to carry out their tasks.

**Workshops.** In accordance with the list prepared by Ian Bennett and other suggestions received, workshops will be held over the year, covering various topics. Many of these will be held on weekends when outings are arranged, and others may be organised at independent times to suit members and any assistance we may need in providing instruction to those who wish to attend. We will attempt to ensure that a workshop is carried out at least every two months and make them as instructive and enjoyable as possible. Several of these may be carried out without the involvement of our boats where this is preferable, and more conducive to the topic of the workshop.

Good boating  
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**Future On-Water Events.**

Refer to Wayne's Commodore's Comments about an informal non-club opportunity to meet at Marine Stadium on the Australia Day weekend, if you're going to be in that area of your own choice. However, remember the potential for floating debris in the water ways from recent rains

**Whittley Club events**

| <b>Date</b>   | <b>Location</b>  |
|---------------|--|
| 9-10 February | Stockyards, Pumicestone Passage, Bribie Is   |
| 21-24 March   | Easter Event, - Sydney National Rally (See website)<br><br>Locally at Buds Beach, Surfers Paradise & Marine Stadium (See details on website soon.) |
| 12-13 April   | Karragarra Is, between Macleay Is & Russell Is Sth Moreton Bay   |
| 3-5 May       | Tweed R, Nth NSW. (Qld long weekend)   |
| 14-16 June    | Great Sandy Straits, Hervey Bay  |
| 11-16 July    | Club Whittley Qld fishing competition TBConfirmed.   |
| 16-18 August  | AGM Southport Yacht Club, Southport  |

Specific details will be circulated to members the week prior to the event if forecast weather conditions or other issues require amendment.

Further details will also be available on the Club Whittley website [www.clubwhittleyqld.org.au/](http://www.clubwhittleyqld.org.au/), as they come to hand.

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**A BIT OF FUN**

One day while driving home from his fishing trip in the pouring rain, a man got a flat tyre outside a monastery. A monk came out and invited him inside to have dinner and spend the night. The fisherman accepted. That night he had a wonderful dinner of fish and chips. He decided to compliment the chef. Entering the kitchen, he asked the cook, "Are you the fish friar?" "No," the man replied, "I'm the chip monk."



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**FROM THE EDITOR**

G'day folk,

***Do you have any suggestions for future Club Activities?***

At a number of events last year there were numerous new members attending the on-water outings and that's great to see and from that we might presume that activities have met the interests of a significant number of members.

But this is New Year and we're looking for your suggestions for preferred events!!!

I'm sure that we all maintain our Club membership for slightly different reasons. Some purely for the pleasure of cruising in company of others, whilst others aim to learn more about their boats and boating.

One of the many beauties of Whittley boats is that they are all trailable although some members don't have trailers, which might limit attendance at all meetings. Then there are other members who enjoy the friendships developed and like to participate in shore based outings.

In the Commodore's Report, Wayne has referenced "Mentoring" and "Workshops" both those topics are outlined in the "Members Forum" section of the Club's website [www.clubwhittleyqld.org.au/](http://www.clubwhittleyqld.org.au/).

With regard to various activities including Workshop topics one member, Ian Bennett, has listed a whole range of activities which could possibly provide areas of interest. That list is very long and quite diverse. Please have a look at Ian Bennett's suggestions on the website.

However, for your committee to be able to plan for any of the suggestions listed by Ian or any other suggestions of your own, we need to hear from you to identify the activities where we can reasonably expect a significant level of common interest from fellow members.

To help with that there is an attachment questionnaire to the email which forwarded you the link for this Newsletter.

Please open that attachment and you'll see where you can tick a few boxes and also enter your own comments.

When you're through with this questionnaire please save your comments, etc, and attach your file to a "reply" email or "send" an email to [editor@clubwhittleyqld.org.au](mailto:editor@clubwhittleyqld.org.au) with your completed attachment or simply a summary of your own comments.

***Have you visited the Club Website recently?*** [www.clubwhittleyqld.org.au/](http://www.clubwhittleyqld.org.au/).

Again referring to Wayne's Commodore's Comments section, you've seen his comments about our pending change of webmasters, from Ian Ashley to Steve Hunt, both long term Club members.

If you've taken the time in the past to look closely at the website and compared it to the links to the southern Whittley Clubs, you'll have seen that Ian has regularly maintained our site with current information. This has often been based on scant information as we members are often reticent to submit photos and comments about the outings.

We also have a number of facilities within the "Members Forum" area which I bring to your attention in case you've not used the site recently.

- **Members Notices**- details like mentoring and Ian Bennett's suggestions about activities, etc, etc.
- **Q&A Bulletin Board**- You really can ask the questions about boating that hopefully some other member has had experience with. This is a relatively recent addition and so far there have only been 8 conversations.
- **Information Forums**- As it says "Share the Information". This section also includes the opportunity to list boating bits for sale like your boats, motors, trailers or boat covers etc, etc.
- Finally, there's the section where you can print your **Newsletters**, if you require a hard copy.

Access to the Members Forum is for members only and your password is:- membercw.

Thanks for setting up such a user-friendly site Ian and we welcome Steve to manage the web in his own inimitable way.

Don't hesitate to contact Steve with an email to [web@clubwhittleyqld.org.au](mailto:web@clubwhittleyqld.org.au), with your comments on outings and any accompanying photos.

Good boating,

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## **PHOTO GALLERY**

A few photos, especially for those not there, to show what a great time was had by all.

### **Christmas at McLarens & Dux Landings**



**Leanne & Chris Wright, new Life Members with Commodore Wayne & Vice Commodore George**



**Clive & Margaret Franks awaiting lunch  
Yes, from their boat Lady Margaret**



**The real Santa was definitely at McLarens Landing**



**Santa had plenty of Whittleys to choose from at McLarens**



**The night seemed to go on forever under the lights at Dux**

### **Nth Stradbroke, Nov 2007**



**The Whitley gang at the Point Lookout Pub**



**Frank & Rhonda Wruck had the Straddie weekend well organised**



**The assembled crew from another angle**



**A couple of the scattered Whitley boats. Nth Straddie Is in background**



**One of the photos which proves boating is beautiful**