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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE SEPTEMBER 2010

Hello friends!

Another AGM has passed with around 40 members in attendance at Southport Yacht Club. We have some changes in our committee as well as some new additions. Our members enjoyed the night with a fantastic dinner, drinks and dancing. Many thanks go to Keith and Edna Miller for organising the event. A big thank you also goes to Chris Wright and Greg and Trish Nickerson for their sponsorship.

Our rally committee is hard at work organising the National Rally for Easter next year. Interest in the event is strong particularly from the New South Wales and Victorian clubs. The expression of interest forms are coming in fast so make sure you don't miss out. Neville and Alan Whittley have also advised me that they will be attending.

Northside Marine kindly invited me to represent Club Whittley at this year's International Boat show at the Brisbane Convention Centre where I was greeted by Neville and Alan Whittley. I was happy to show the public photos and share stories of our adventures as well as assisting Northside Marine in showing off some new Whittley boats. A big thank you goes to Stewart Walls who kindly assisted me for the duration of the show on a broken leg (see opposite).

Some of the events for next year are now on the news and events page on the web site. Remember that if you have a new or a favourite venue you'd like to visit or you would like to host an event please let one of the committee members know.

The Christmas party is booked in for lunch time Saturday December 4th. Berths will be available in the marina. Please make note that it is on SATURDAY the 4th and it is at LUNCH time. We'd hate to see any silly sausages missing out for showing up at the wrong time. More details will be on the web site soon. October we head for Somerset Dam. This event was a big hit last year. Check the news and events section for details. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Keep it safe and have fun!

Pete Mitchell



New committee member Stewart Walls

(See Stewart's bio on page 4)

Club Whittley National Rally
Brisbane River
Easter 2011
DON'T MISS OUT!



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Editors Comments

Hi everyone,

Just a few notes this time on what has happened over the last couple of months and what you have to look forward to for the rest of the year.

AGM

At the AGM in August Pete Mitchell was elected as the club's Commodore. Pete is a very enthusiastic club member and will do a great job as our Commodore. Congratulations Pete.

Our heartfelt thanks go to ex-commodore Keith Miller who has taken on the role of Vice-Commodore. Keith, with Edna's able assistance, moved the club forward with his positive and direct leadership and I'm sure that he will be of great assistance to Pete in his new role.

The committee has four additional members: Barry Ralph, Stephen Magnani, Stewart Walls and Mike McFarland.

A brief bio from Stephen can be found on page 4.

The National Rally 2011

The National Rally will be held next Easter and should be a lot of fun. I haven't been on one yet but all the stories that I've heard indicate that it's not to be missed. The expression of interest form can be found at:

www.clubwhittleyqld.org.au/News/Whittley%20Rally%202011%20-Exp%20of%20Interest.pdf

If you are interested please download the form and return to the club Secretary, Miranda Mitchell, ASAP. Address on form.

Somerset Dam

Last year the Somerset Dam outing proved to be one of the club's favourite events. It will be held again over the weekend of the 16th -17th October. Details for the weekend can be found at:

www.clubwhittleyqld.org.au/News/Somerset%20Dam.pdf

Last time the red claw were plentiful and I'm sure that everyone will have their opera nets out of the shed to have a go again this time. Opinion on the best bait for red claw was very varied last year but people were successful with rock-melon, sunlight soap and sweet potato.

The organisers are Keith and Edna Miller 0409 225 675.

Calendar of events

Preliminary details are available for club outings to June

2011. The calendar of events table on the website will be updated regularly as more information comes available.

Calendar Of Events 2010/2011

DATE	VENUE	COORDINATOR
16 th -17 th OCTOBER	Somerset Dam OR alternate Marine Stadium	Keith Miller 0409 225 675. Artie Phillips 0416 186 851
6 th -7 th NOVEMBER	Karragarra –	
4 th -5 th DECEMBER	Christmas Party Calypso Bay	Pete and Miranda Mitchell 07 3355 5402 0402 815 312
29 TH – 30 TH JANUARY	Southern Bay Area	TBA
19 TH -20 TH FEBRUARY	TBA	TBA
19 th – 20 th MARCH	Noosa River	TBA
22 nd – 25 th APRIL	Easter Rally - Brisbane River	Rally Committee
30 th - 2 nd MAY	Tweed River - long weekend QLD	Keith & Edna Miller 0409 225 675.
11 th – 13 th JUNE	TBA - long weekend	TBA

Photos AGM and Budds Beach

The AGM photos can be found at:

www.clubwhittleyqld.org.au/Events/agm_syc_10_pics.htm

Photos for Budds Beach September outing.

www.clubwhittleyqld.org.au/Events/budds_beach_10_pics.htm

Thanks Gerry Tilker, Judy Oxley and Pete Mitchell



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The Queensland Maritime Museum

The Queensland Maritime Museum will be holding an open day to celebrate the 85th birthday of its' tugboat 'Forceful' on Saturday the 20th of November.

As part of the Easter event this year Pete Mitchell organized a visit to the museum, so this would be an excellent opportunity for those members who missed out then, to visit the museum and take part in the festivities.

Celebrations will start at 10am with a cake cutting at 3pm and finish at 4pm. There will be live steam exhibits and other entertainment. Entry is by a gold coin donation.



I am looking forward to catching up with you all at Somerset Dam

Until then

Happy and Safe Boating

Susanne Barrett

Budds Beach Treasure Hunt

Report by Gerry Tilker

After a two hour trip from Raby Bay we arrived at Marine Stadium about 10.30 ready to start the Treasure Hunt. Chris and Kaye Debnam (*Reel Time*) teamed up with Betty and I on *Houston*. After receiving our instructions from Keith and Edna we headed off on a trip that took us to some very interesting places.

After about four hours that included stopping for lunch we finished the treasure hunt. It was a lot of fun and a shame that only four boats took part. Arriving back at Budds Beach we handed in the results of our treasure hunt.

There were two first place winners with 16 points each: Lance and Marie May, *Enigma*, and Gerry, Betty, Chris and Kaye. Second place went to John and Kim Cassells with 13 points and third place to Tony and Marie-Ann Coyle, *Vintage Time*, with 12 points.



I do apologise that I didn't get a photo of Tony and Marie-Ann. G.Tilker

Miranda Mitchell was very surprised when her mother and father were at Budds Beach to wish her a happy birthday, arranged by Peter! A well kept secret. Happy hour was great as we mingled as usual, enjoying mixing, chatting with nibbles and a few drinks followed by a BBQ.

There were 11 boats at Budds Beach on Saturday night. Once the party and tourist boats had finished their trips we all had a good night's sleep with a calm anchorage. Thank you Keith and Edna for the effort that you put into organizing the treasure hunt and Whitley outing.



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A BIT OF FUN

At St. Peter's Catholic Church in Toronto, they have weekly husband's marriage seminars.

At the session last week, the priest asked Giuseppe, who said he was approaching his 50th wedding anniversary, to take a few minutes and share some insight into how he had managed to stay married to the same woman all these years.

Giuseppe replied to the assembled husbands, 'Wella, I've tried to treat her nicea, spenda da money on her, but besta of all is, I tooka her to Italy for the 25th anniversary!' The priest responded, 'Giuseppe, you are an amazing inspiration to all the husbands here! Please tell us what you are planning for your wife for your 50th anniversary?' Giuseppe proudly replied, " I gonna go pick her up....."

Steve Magnani and Stewart Walls are two of the new committee members. Following are their bios.

Hi fellow Whittle lovers. Brissy born and bred, I have been boating since I was young and got my boat licence when I was 16. Started with a 14ft tinnie, and then graduated to a 17ft bow-rider, then to our current boat, the Whittle Voyager. As well as messing around on the top of the water I also like scuba diving and snorkelling when time permits. We (Kelly & my two kids) always went 4 Wheel Driving, camping and loved the water. So we combined everything and bought a Whittle as they were about the only boats around that were set-up for comfortable overnight trips.

We are enjoying the club and have been to some spectacular places with some great people. I hope I can add something to the club and give something back, and keep this the best boating club on the water.

Steve Magnani



"I was born in Cape Town, South Africa and our family emigrated to Australia, more specifically Sydney, when I was three years old. I grew up and initially studied to be a Civil Engineer in Sydney before working my way up the coast on various Pacific Highway upgrade projects in the 90's. I finally ended up building what is now the M1 Motorway through Coomera in 1997 and have been in and around Brissy ever since (apart from a 12 month stint in Darwin building a wharf and another 12 months in Cairns building a marina). I met my gorgeous wife, Tess, whilst working in Darwin in 2001.

I was always interested in power boats as a small child in the early '80's, with my ultimate dream boat at the time being a Mariner 43!

We always hired tinnies on our annual holidays in Forster and finally in about 1981 my Dad got sick of pestering him about getting a boat of our own. He bought a Brooker V12 tinny with a 9.8 Mercury on it and I thought all my Christmases had come at once. I still have the tinny, although it is on it's third trailer, and is now powered by a 1996 Mercury 15, although I still have the original motor! Tess will tell you that this is because I have never thrown anything out in my life.....

In January 2010 we decided to take the old tinny up to Bribie for the day. Tess, Taz (our mini foxy dog) and I ended up doing a 70km trip that day in the tinny and much to my surprise Tess said she had thoroughly enjoyed it! Cue Stewart the Super Salesman, and I soon (within 3 months...) convinced her that we really couldn't go on without a Whittle! Enter our 2001 Monterey "Blue Dolphin Bleu" (we DIDN'T name her....)that we "imported" (or should that be rescued?) from Victoria. We had a wonderful first trip with the Whittle Club on the 2010 May Day long weekend at Ballina and were pleasantly surprised at how welcome we were made to feel. We are both completely hooked on the Whittle Way of Life to the point that we are planning a new shed to accommodate a 2800 in our back yard (I'm allowed to dream, but have a bit more of a sales job on my hands – watch this space!). We're looking forward to many happy years in the club and boating in general!"

(See Stewarts Photo page 1)