

DRIFT...



As we Drift into Autumn in 2019, I believe we have had great weather for our Summer of Boating. I expect routines have commenced for the year, with return to school and weekend sport. Our boating adventures, I trust, are holding us firm as we focus on our year ahead planning that next holiday.



Sail for Cancer Sunday 10 March 2019 - BarbeCURE

March is already upon us and your Club Committee are focused on our Sail for Cancer event Sunday 10th March. Our club is the longest continuous supporter to what we today know as Cure Cancer Australia. Cure Cancer Australia is committed to supporting early career researchers in ALL areas of cancer research across ALL cancer types.

In 2019 it is estimated that 158,994 Australians will be diagnosed with the follow Cancer Types.

Blood	12681	Gastro Intestinal	21637
Bone	248	Gynaecological	6454
Brain	1968	Lung	12817
Breast	19535	Prostrate	19508
Child	719	Skin	15229
Digestive	6198	Rare	42000

Sadly, one (1) Australian dies every 12 minutes from cancer. Cancer doesn't discriminate, which is why Cure Cancer Australia funds crucial research from bright young scientists working across all cancer types.

BHCC has and will continue to make a difference and we invite all club members to share in this event. Ideally, we would love to share the day with us by floating your boat in our America Bay BarBeCURE Raftup. Jump on board with family and friends, decorate your boat and share the day with the aim to make this event count for as many hours of research as possible.

For our members that cannot attend the event we would still appreciate any support you could offer by-

- Donating to our online Cure Cancer fundraising page or into BHCC Charities account.
- Provide an item that we offer as a raffle prize or something special that we could auction.
- Buy raffle tickets – book of 10 tickets for one hour's research (\$50.00) You may choose to buy 4 hours or more research to improve your chances. Just deposit money in the BHCC charities account before the day and use your surname and the word raffle and we will allocate those tickets to you. ie “**Smith Raffle**” \$250 = 5 hours research.

Big shout of thanks to our members who have already committed to attend and for those that have already made donations or gifted items for the day.

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Some of the great prizes to be raffled and/or auctioned



Weekend for 2 for 2 nights at the Anchorage Resort Port Stephens and a Mercedes car to drive for the weekend thanks to our great supporters from Mercedes-Benz Hornsby/Hornsby Mazda.

Model boat of Jacques-Yves Cousteau's RV Calypso built/donated by BHCC Life Member Gordon Rowe



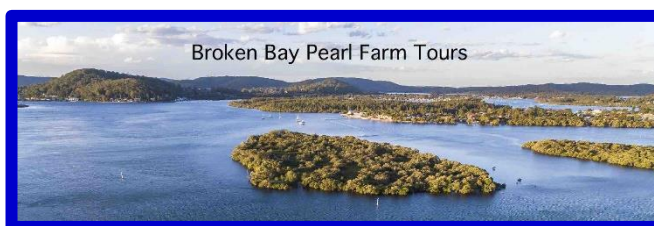
7 course degustation experience for two - Cottage Point Inn

8 x 1500 ml wines Wilberforce BottleO

Central Coast Mariners 2019 signed club Jersey/two home game tickets

\$50 food vouchers x 2 from Galley Foods

Broken Bay Pearl Farm Tour for two, from Pearls of Australia



Printing Package Options from All Print Graphics

Two nights' accommodation for two at Mollymook donated by Beaches and Mountains Girls Getaways



Watercolour by a hidden, talented club member, thanks Kevin - oops!

Peats Bite, Saturday 6 April Sunny Corner, Hawkesbury River

- What an experience – enjoy lunch over a four-hour period
- What a location – on an area of the river only accessible by boat
- What a fun day - great opportunity to meet other club members
- Make a weekend of it, stay overnight on wharf; mooring or anchor
- Informal Sunday lunch raft-up on the way back



Members who have been before seem to return time and time again. If you have not had the opportunity to discover this pearl on the river here is your chance. Follow the link read about the event on our web page.

<https://www.bhcc.org.au/events-1/peats-bite-long-lunch-2>



Members please continue to check our events page on the web site to ensure you do not miss out on our next event.

New Initiatives for 2019

19th May – BHCC Club Golf Day

5th May – Raft up training (on-the-water)

4th June New members' meeting

What's BHCC done since Christmas 2018

New Year's Eve Gosford Waterfront

Three boats shared a couple of very hot days at Gosford. Sitting down on NYE to share a lovely dinner and up she blows. A big southerly that was not on the weather forecast blew through with strong winds and light showers of rain.

Boats were getting battered on the sailing club wharf and boats anchored in the Broadwater were dragging anchors.

Fortunately, we were safe on the club mooring. The only mishap was the dingy that got away! Unbeknown to us Superman was sitting at the dinner table. Up he jumped, ripped off his shirt and dived into the water. Surfaced again and sprung straight into the tender and returned to the rafted boats.

All of us, by this time, were amazed at the agility of this member. With no concern for their own personal safety – another disaster was averted. The person then excused themselves to go and take a warm shower. We finished our meal without incident.

The storm soon passed and we enjoyed frontline seats, with great friends, for the 9.00 pm fireworks.

Lake Macquarie Australia Day Long Weekend

Three boats left Bobbin Head Marina at 7.00 am on Friday morning bound for Swansea Channel. A fourth boat met us at Box Head. A fifth boat left after 8.00 am from Bobbin Head and beat us all to Swansea Heads! Our sixth boat that was to join us on their return trip from Port Stephens, developed a fault in their port motor and had to remain in the safety at Port Stephen to get the matter resolved. One disappointed skipper and crew – but a wise call – rather than taking unnecessary risks.

We called on the assistance of Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie to lead us through to a midday bridge opening, then to proceed with us through the rest of the channel to the drop off point into the deep water of Lake Macquarie.



Our members had secured the services of two well-known professional photographers to record the auspicious occasion of our club flotilla passing through the opened bridge of Swansea channel. Thank you Graeme and Carol Bullard! By seeing you there, it was a good marker to know we were entering the correct passage of water. Once safely inside the lake we made our way to the south east shoreline where we rafted up opposite the community of Gwandalan. Time for a swim and quiet afternoon on our vessels.



Saturday was Australia Day. We broke out the decorations on the boats. People dressed for the occasion and some water fights broke out amongst the kids both big and small. Bacon and eggs for breakfast then we headed for the sandy beaches up near Swansea channel a swim. Boats everywhere in this part of the lake. People standing shoulder to shoulder to try to keep cool in the water.

Later in the day we gathered and cruised back down near the south western area of the Lake and pulled up in a shallow cove near Summerland Point.

Tonight was a big event. The pavlova decorating competition. We had four great entries which meant we all got to eat four servings of pavlova.

Entry #1 Moonstruck

Deconstructed Pavlova – lovely colours with a great selection of fruits

Entry #2 Trilogy

Sweeter than Sweet Pavlova – huge array of fruit and chocolates – Sweett!

Entry #3 Lahaina

Traditional Landowners Pavlova - featuring hand painted (banana) boomerangs

Entry #4 Five Star

Aussie through and through Pavlova – Thongs shaped from mangos/kiwifruit



And the winner (drum roll) – Five Star – designer Lois Andresson

Very interesting event packed with emotion, competitiveness and a lot of laughs.



Sunday we farewelled Five Star as they needed to head home for a Monday event. The rest of us went our own way to explore more of the lake with the plan to meet at Rathmines that afternoon. We ventured ashore to the Rathmines Bowling club for dinner and appreciated the remains of the armed forces flying squadron that used to operate from here.

Monday was farewell to the three other boats heading south, on a mid-morning bridge opening, arriving back safely to Broken Bay mid-afternoon. The Main Game left on the 1 pm bridge opening heading north for Newcastle. Thank you, guys, for a great weekend. We all left thinking when we would get the next opportunity to return to Lake Macquarie to explore it further.

Return to Port Stephens

White Knight and The Main Game returned to the waters of Port Stephens since their last visit in February 2018. Lahaina had wanted to also, but had made the decision to attend the Wooden boat show in Tasmania. White Knight travelled up the coast on their own as The Main Game had continued North after enjoying their Australia Day weekend in Lake Macquarie with a stopover at Newcastle on the way through.

Good week for both crews taking some time to chill out and enjoy catching up with family and friends. We enjoyed great day out at Broughton island as well as a trip up to Tea Gardens in the tenders where we were able to catch up with BHCC life member Gordon and Pat Rowe.



Lazy days on the boat or beach at Fingal, Shoal, Nelson Bays and overnight stay at Dutchies Beach. Plenty walking, swimming and dolphin watching as well as a stroll to the top of Mt Tomaree. Both boats returned to Bobbin Head a week later. Thank you, Greg, for encouraging boat owners to extend their boating experiences.

BHCC – Meet a Member – Kevin and Kathy Gould

WHAT TYPE OF BOAT DO YOU OWN AND ITS NAME?

GRAND BANKS 42FT "LAHAINA"

TELL ME A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOURSELF

RETIRED AND ENJOYING LIFE.

WHAT ARM ARE YOU ON OR WHERE ARE YOU BERTHED?

NOT AT BOBBIN HEAD, AT OUR HOME MOORING,
BRISBANE WATER, CENTRAL COAST.

HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED IN BOATING?

BOUGHT A RUNABOUT, DIDN'T LIKE PUTTING THE BOAT IN AT RAMPS
SO WENT TO THE BOAT SHOW AND CAME HOME WITH A 38FT INTEGRITY.



HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OF BHCC?

JOINED TWICE, FIRST WITH OUR
INTEGRITY (JOY OF KATHRYN) AND NOW WITH LAHAINA.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE BHCC EVENT?

WE ENJOYED BARBECURE AND TRIPS AWAY WITH BHCC

DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE ANCHORAGE?

QUIET MOORINGS UP THE HAWKESBURY MID-WEEK

WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE BOATING RELATED EXPERIENCE?

WE DID ENJOY THE TRIP WITH OTHER MEMBERS UP TO NELSONS BAY.

WHAT IS YOUR DREAM BOAT AND WHY?

VERY HAPPY WITH OUR GRAND BANKS IT'S A DREAM

WHAT IS THE BEST LESSON YOU HAVE LEARNED WHILST BOATING?

DON'T LET KATHY STEP INTO THE TENDER WITH THONGS ON!!

DO YOU FISH AND IF SO WHAT'S YOUR BEST FISHING STORY?

WE LOVE FISHING, AND WHILE AWAY IN NELSONS BAY, WE FISHED IN A RESERVE,
HAD A NICE FEED BEFORE THE RANGER CAME UP AND TOLD US IT'S A MARINE RESERVE.
NO WONDER THE FISH WERE SO HUNGRY AND EASY TO CATCH!

IF YOU COULD TRANSPORT YOUR BOAT AND CREW TO ANYWHERE

IN THE WORLD FOR A MONTH'S HOLIDAY, WHERE WOULD YOU GO AND WHY?

MONTI CARLO, WHAT A GREAT PLACE TO SEE THE BOATS
OF YOUR DREAMS, OUR BOAT COULD BE ONE OF THEIR TENDERS.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE MEAL ONBOARD?

FRESH CAUGHT FISH AND CRABS.

WHAT ONBOARD ITEM COULDN'T YOU SURVIVE WITHOUT?

RED WINE



BHCC – Moorings – Preserving Your Club's assets

Unfortunately, our club moorings are prone to misuse and accidental damage. A boat parked on a club mooring with no one on board. ie abandoned boat. Sadly, it does happen. Whenever we are out on the water we can all play a part in preserving our moorings by reporting things that don't seem right.

The best way to report is by email info@bhcc.org.au or send a text to either

Mooring Master	Peter Carmody	0418 417 979
Commodore	Bruce Callaghan	0413 838 603
Vice Commodore	Grant Cunningham	0407 419 072
Rear Commodore	Steve Rayward	0438 042 905

Please ensure you

- Identify which mooring that is involved ie CL5893 - Barrenjoey
- Brief description of problem
- **Pictures tell a thousand words so if possible**
 - Picture showing damage to mooring
 - If it involves another boat a photo of the vessel
 - Rego Number or Boat Identification code on rear transom



Unfortunately, when we have **damage to a mooring it can take 5-10 days** to get a mooring contractor out to complete repairs.

If we have an **abandoned boat** on a mooring, **we rely on a boating safety officer to get the boat moved**, but that can only occur **once one of our club directors can confirm to RMS** that the **vessel involved does not belong to any club member**. Therefore, photos can assist so we can clearly understand how to get these issues resolved ASAP.

We recently had a **situation where a mooring was dragged**. While this can happen if a mooring is overloaded (multiple boats) on this occasion it was not the case. The **mooring had only been serviced during the week prior** and the fact that the block had been lifted during the week prior contributed to this unfortunate situation.

The anchor blocks over time settle into the sea bed floor and on this occasion **the block would have not had adequate time to settle** and therefore was **dragged due to higher than normal winds on the day**.

Members' Update

We welcome the following members to our club. Some were already included in the last members' list dated December 2018, that was distributed in early January. I'm pleased to say we have 2 more already in 2019. Keep an eye out and make sure you introduce yourself and welcome them to the Club.

New Members

ISOLA	Ron and Marcia Geekie	F arm Bobbin Head
SOMETHING SPECIAL	Robert and Rosemary Stephens James and Janita Longhead	A arm Bobbin Head
SUBLIME	Peter & Alison Mathews	A arm Bobbin Head
HEARTBEAT	Garry and Christine Hobson	B arm Bobbin Head
THE BARNICUS	Darrin Ward and Kar Seng	B arm Bobbin Head



Commodore
Bruce Callaghan
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