



YARINGA BOAT HARBOUR NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN 2008

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Dear Yaringa Members,

Another summer season draws to a close complete with Gale Force winds etc, though usually autumn has the most stable weather patterns for the year; then again that was in the past. Just the usual reminder for everyone to log in their E-mail addresses with Sheryl or Miranda at the office so that we can expedite communications.

UPDATES ON WHAT'S NEW AT YARINGA

Restaurant

Back by popular request, as from the 1st April, is our Yaringa 'Wednesday Special' discount for Yaringa members. Just mention you are a member when booking and show your MEMBER pass when paying at the Restaurant. Member concession for 2008 will be: Each member card shown will be able to **half the food bill** for up to a maximum of four guests. Naturally there is *no deductions* on the Bar charges. We have enclosed a sticker for all new members to attach to their security access card.

Wooden Boat Show – 29th-30th March - “Ossie Whittley’s”

The Maritime History Preservation Society of East Victoria is having a display of Wooden Boats, Model Ships and related artefacts at Yaringa on the 29th-30th of March. This show will be similar to the past shows at Warneet and Tooradin. The emphasis is very much on the history of wooden boats in Westernport and their involvement in the development of the region. The show is purely voluntary though there are costs of over \$3000 in getting it going, so any help would be much appreciated.

Dints & Scratches on Trailer Boats

It's been a bad season for boats getting damaged in the day berths. Whilst it is possible to blame the Marina for all damages and some minor thefts, it only takes a few minutes sitting on the Balcony on a busy Summers day and watch the action as boats come in with anchors hanging out and slamming sideways into parked boats to develop a slightly different view of things. The Marina staff do have problems handling some of the bigger boats especially when the wind is up and everyone is in a rush etc. Hence it would be great if everyone took a little more care when manoeuvring and securing boats in the Day Berths. To this end we have installed more security cameras that record all boat movements day and night so please report all incidents to the office so that we can advise respective owners and insurance companies etc.

Dust in the Dry Storage

We have just completed asphaltting the majority of the haul roads in the dry storage yard. This should dramatically reduce the amount of dust generated and vibration to boats and trailers as they are moved to and fro from the Harbour. This expenditure alone was in excess of \$50,000.

On Water Fuel

After another quick \$50,000 we now have brand new on water Fuel dispensing pumps for both Unleaded and Diesel. These units can only be operated by Marina Staff during “normal” business hours seven days a week! These units are located on the visitors wharf adjacent to the fresh water and sewage pump out facilities. For environmental and safety reasons all these facilities have to be operated by trained Marina Staff; there is no self service. For all fuel sales please provide the Marina

Office with your credit card details or cash deposit prior to requesting fuel. The majority of trailerable boats will be refuelled as in the past i.e. prior to launching as this is safer and more environmentally sound.

Containers for Hire

Due to the development of our new dedicated Spray Painting Area, we will have several containers available for hire (call the office) to store your surplus gear so that you don't have to lug so much equipment around. Alternatively you can get together with a few others and lock up your "Rubber Ducks"; much safer and stops the UV's from killing the Ducks etc.

Spray Painting, Sandblasting etc

The above activities have lately got totally out of hand. The usual story the "Cavalier" attitude of a few means the rules have to change for everyone! First of all no-one has the automatic right to enter the Yaringa precinct and start spray painting/grit blasting etc, be it you the owner or your friends or inside or outside Contractors. There are many State Laws that control these activities. You cannot just do as you like!

The overall objective is total containment with all residue removed off site and disposed of properly i.e.; not just chucked on the ground for someone else to clean up. We are developing internal policies for our own Contractors. Anyone else will have to abide by the same rules. Please make enquiries at the Marina Office before commencing work.

For this type of work we are building a dedicated area to meet State Guide lines as well as the "Clean Marina" program of which we are part of an International Accredited system. There will be additional costs involved in using this system (another quick \$50,000), but we all have to clean up our act in all Environmental areas.

New People

"Old" Bob of electronics fame has decided not to retire yet as he has captured his grandson (Dale) as an apprentice. On a similar note Duncan and Linda have sold their Mast and Rigging business to Craig and Lisa Freeman and Rada has moved the Kiosk onto James and Michelle; welcome to all.

We as the managers of the Marina are constantly at work improving all aspects of the Marina needless to say that there are many areas that require improvement. Positive suggestions are always welcome especially if they are cost effective.

Stefan S Borzecki