



MYCT Newsletter

February 2005

Greetings from Queensland.

Hi to one & all at the Motor Yacht Club, a note to let you all know what's been happening. When we left Tasmania in May 2004, a lot of people said "you will be back in 6 months" well its now been 9 months (time fly's) and we are quite happy to stay.

Kaye & I have settled in Cleveland which is part of the Redlands Shire in South East Queensland, it is a nice quiet area approximately 30 minuets drive from the Brisbane CBD & Air Port. The township is a lot like Lindisfarne with the small village atmosphere, bordering on Morton Bay. We have a marina similar in size to the MYCT in Raby Bay, luxury canal homes with floating pontoons for those that are a bit better off than us. The weather is a bit more consistent than Tasmania with winter temperatures averaging around the 18-20 degree daytime to summer temperature around the 28degree. It does rain occasionally and usually when it does you measure the litres in the hour not the mm in the day, I have never seen lightning & heard thunder like it happens up here. At this stage we have not bought a boat but it is high on the future agenda as boating is a big part of the community here. We have Islands between us and the ocean that give an immense play area for fishing & cruising. You can travel by boat from Cleveland down to the South Port on the Gold Coast protected all the way by North & South Stradbroke Island along with the other dozens of small islands, some have quite a large population and some are just sand islands with a few trees on them. Kaye & I were fortunate enough to get a trip on the good ship Dallas owned & skippered by John Maloney which some of you may remember was tied up at our marina for around 12 months. We cruised from Docklands which is just south of South Bank on the Brisbane River down to South Port on the Gold Coast. The trip started at 6-30am (so we could meet the high tide on our way down through the islands) heading out of the Brisbane River , at approx 8 knots it took around 2 hours to get out of the river , we then turned and headed South in between the islands and the mainland. We used a book called "Beacon to Beacon which is similar to our D'Entrecasteaux Waterways guide. Without this book you would get totally lost, there are more Port & Starboard beacons than there are traffic lights in Hobart then you have all the Cardinal Markers, intersecting channel markers and a few other things thrown in just to confuse you. As you weave your way through the some times narrow channels along with the multitude of other craft and I don't mean just 1 or 2, I mean dozens, all shapes & sizes, you will come across an intersection, you may laugh but it is literally an intersection where other channels from around different islands & sand banks meet, can get very confusing. Our trip ended at South Port after travelling for around 8 hours averaging 8-9 knots in the unrestricted speed zones and back to 6 knots where required. We anchored in a small corner just above Marina Mirage, it is note easy to find a spot for an 80 footer on a public holiday weekend with literally 100's of others out as well. The trip down was very scenic and we would recommend it to everyone.

A bit of statistical info on boating here –

Most boating in Queensland occurs in the South East corner where Brisbane & Gold Coast regions account for about 57percent of the states registered recreational vessel fleet. There are approx. 187,000 recreational craft registered in Queensland with a further 8,000 personal water craft (Jets Skis) . Of these Jet Skis approximately 2,300 are registered on the Gold Coast. The Water Police are ever present with ones on Jet skis using radar speed guns to patrol the speed limited areas. Skippers are not to exceed .05 on the alcohol limit, it is strictly patrolled with breathalyser units on there boats, you get caught and you loose your car licence as well as your boat licence.

Any Way enough from me, we would like to wish all at the MYCT a happy & successful new year and safe boating,

From Queensland,

Chris & Kaye Debnam
(Chris is a former Commodore of the MYCT)

COMING EVENTS

TASCON CONSTRUCTIONS "POKER RUN"

To Richardsons Beach Sunday February 13

This is a Card Game / Boat Trial with a difference.

Each boat will be given a card at the start of the Trial. Boats will then navigate to three more check points and collect another card at each.

There will be an opportunity to discard cards and purchase replacement cards.
The last card will be buried on the Beach. The Boat with the best Poker hand wins.

Registration forms are available at the Club.

There will be Beach games for all ages so bring the family.
Egg & Spoon Race – Three Legged Race – Tug of War

MYCT PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Saturday 26th February

The progressive Dinner starts at the Club House at 6pm. The Fleet will travel to the DSS for entrée and back to the MYCT for main course and sweets.

Cost is \$40 per head

Music by "TAKE 2"

Bookings can be made at the Club House.

If you require Boat transport please contact the Club

Prossers on the Beach Fun Trial **Early March (Date to be confirmed)**

Another fun trial, this event is in the early stages of planning but promises to be a beauty, so check at the club for details closer to the event.

Funds raised from the trials are being put towards the purchase of lounge furniture in the alcove created after the relocation of the office. So your participation will support this worthy cause and benefit all club members.

News in brief

Club House Development Stage 1

Over the Christmas Break a number of renovations occurred which have greatly enhanced the aspect from the Dining and Function Rooms inside the Club. The Office and Storeroom have now been relocated to the back of the dining room enabling customers using the Dining and function Room a much better view of the Marina and surrounding areas. These changes illustrate the superb outlook we have at the MYCT which will be further enhanced when Stage 2 of the alterations take place. On visiting the Club Rooms Members will be surprised at the significant difference.

Sign off on the Marina Stage 1

Hazel Bros have installed the new flotation devices to arm 1. However, we are still awaiting finalization of all works.

Marina Extension

Unfortunately the quotations received to this point were considered too high. We are now negotiating with the lowest tenderer and hopefully we will be in a position to make an announcement before the end of February.

Marina Gates

Work on the gates is scheduled for completion by the bosun on his return from leave

Fire Extinguisher Boxes

4 new fibreglass extinguisher boxes have been installed on the marina. These boxes replace the original metal boxes, which rusted out. The Replacement of remaining boxes will be undertaken as the metal boxes deteriorate.

Fuel pump

The committee is considering a quotation that has been received to upgrade the fuel line on the fuel berth. It is proposed to install a new larger 10,000 litre fuel tank as part of the upgrade. The appropriate authorities are being consulted and decision on this project is imminent.

Slipways, Cradles and Main Jetty

The committee is currently obtaining reports on the condition of these structures as well as an estimated cost of repairs. A decision will then be taken on the priority each project will receive.

Dinghies on the Marina

Marina berth holders are reminded that the marina rules state quite clearly that no dinghies or fishing gear are to be stored on the marina arms. Berth holders would realise this regulation was imposed to ensure all marina users can use the facility safely and without hindrance

Additional Compens on arm 3

At the December Meeting it was agreed to install two additional compenss on arm 3. asap. This work is due for completion next week.

Maintenance of Piles

Rob the bosun is progressively undertaking pile maintenance and painting. This work includes rubbing back the piles and painting. The rubber pad buffers will also be replaced where necessary. The process of painting the piles could be sped up if at low tied berth holders could grab a paint scrapper and rough sandpaper and rub back the piles around their own boats. Check with Rob to see when the piles on your arm are scheduled for painting

MYCT BOSUN

Members are reminded that the Bosun is available to perform maintenance and minor repair work. A very competitive hourly charge out rate will be applied. Enquiries can be made through the Office.

E- MAIL

If you want to be kept up to date with the happenings around the Club why not send us your email address. Maintaining our databases is a big job and we are asking for your help. If you are not on the clubs e-mail list and would like to receive notices and newsletters direct please either e-mail the club at myct@bigpond.net.au or simply phone them on 6243 9021.

WHATS BEEN GOING ON

The Fashion Drapery Fun Trial

The Fashion Drapery Fun Trial sponsored by Colin and Bev Jose was held in less than perfect conditions on Sunday the 16th of January. It was intended to hold a mini regatta, however the yacht race was cancelled due to the inclement conditions. After a BBQ on the MYCT balcony eight boats including one yacht headed out for a fun afternoon trial. The trial was only a short course down the eastern shore to Bellerive Bluff across to Hobart Port and up the Western Shore to Self's Point across to Geilston Bay and return to the clubhouse.

Only 7 points separated first and last place and judging by the jovial conversation in the bar afterwards everyone had great time.

The event was jointly won by **Greg Fannon** and his family on Thunderbird 11 and **Rudi and Leonie van Dort** in Impetuous closely followed by **Ian Mansfield** and his family and friends in Crayden.

It was great to see **John Nibbs** and crew on Mishima competing in his first MYCT fun trial. "Nibbsy" managed a very respectable 4th place in very trying conditions.

The Anchor Wet Suits 10/80 Fleet Cruise to New Norfolk

29 - 30 January 2005

Thanks to Leonie Van Dort for this report

The following vessels took part in the second Ten Eighty Fleet Cruise to New Norfolk. Thank you to all skippers and crews for your attendance.

We particularly would like to mention the new Ten Eighty Fleet members, Andrew J, Bareeba, Dubbo, Glasscutter, Muckle Flugga, Subpoena, Ton of Fun, Valhalla, Vento and Zarlú.

ANDREW J - Peter & Margaret Cusick, Wes & Madeline Beattie
APOLLO 11 - Michael & Kerrie Mazengarb
BAREEBA - Tim & Robyn Milles
DUBBO - Jimbo Zammit and Antoinette
GEORGIA - Neville & Mary Cashion,
GLASSCUTTER - Neil & Pamela Searle (Sandringham Yacht Club)
HINDSIGHT - Graham & Janet Russell with Amy & Joe
IMPETUOUS - Rudi & Leoni Van Dort, Peter & Pat Warren
JOYSUN - Graeme & Pauline Floyed, Geoff & Toni Matthews
JUNE PATRICIA - Alan McKenzie & Jeanette, Harvey & Robyn Burns
MIRRABOOKA - Ken & Gloria Hughes
MUCKLE FLUGGA - Dick & Susie Clennett (RYCT)
OSPREY - Rob & Ann Foale, Shane & Jill Morgan, John & Delphine Robson
QUARTET - Colin & Bev Jose
SUBPOENA - Fabian & Angie Dixon (RYCT)
TAMARE - Stuart & Nicky Prosser with Jack & Luke

TON OF FUN - Dougie & Janine Walker, Phil & Tania Keal
VALHALLA - Phil & June Harper, Graeme & Shirley Jesseh
VENTO - Geoff & Sandra Rosan
XPONENTIAL - Tim & Wendy Hull, Kelly Hull & Sam Yee
ZARLU - Feron & Louise Stopford with Zara & Sharnie

After an 8:30 briefing at the MYCT by Rob Foale, which was attended by or at least represented by every boat, the boats and crews then departed so as to be at the Bridgewater Bridge by 11:00.

On our way up river, Rob had set a fun cryptic trial which got everyone's brain working, some more than others.

There is always one who is slow and lagging behind, but without mentioning any names, **Apollo 11** was so far behind by the time the bridge was to open, we could hardly see him in the distance.

Once through the bridge we opened our second envelope, expecting more cryptic questions, only to find we had a scavenger hunt to reconcile with, the results of which showed quite some vivid imaginations.

Well what a wonderful weekend it turned out to be, once again. Even though the weather on Saturday morning was overcast and dismal looking, an hour or so after arriving at "the valley of love" New Norfolk, the cloud lifted and the day turned out to be very warm and sunny.

After a lovely afternoon of fun in the sun, we all met at the Bush Inn for a meal and a lot of laughs.

During the evening a game of Deal of No Deal was played, with Tim and Robyn off **Bareeba** playing for the \$300.00 cash prize. They made a deal which guaranteed the \$150.00, but had they played on further and had chosen to stay with their envelope they would have won \$200.00. Not to worry, they were still very happy with their prize and the MYCT benefited by receiving the balance of \$150.00. A raffle was also had on the night and together with the money raised in entry fees and the \$150.00 Deal of No Deal 'change' the MYCT gained \$955.00 which will go towards purchasing new furniture for the fantastic newly created alcove where the office used to be. Neil & Pamela Searle our visitors from Melbourne in **Glasscutter** then donated \$50.00 to the coffers, which bought money raised to over \$1000.00. Neil also donated back to the Club the \$25.00 voucher he won as 3rd prize in the cryptic trial – not a bad effort for a couple of mainlanders who had never been to New Norfolk before.

The winner of the trial was Dick and Susie Clennett off **Muckle Flugga**, second place went to the **Impetuous** crew, and equal third were the crews off **Joysun** and **Glasscutter**. Jeanette off **June Patricia** won the raffle, and I am sure that Alan McKenzie would have had his camera working overtime.

It was nice to see the effort some people went to so as they could come along for the weekend. Fabian and Angie Dixon off **Subpoena** came up from Kettering for the occasion and Peter and Margaret Cusick off **Andrew J** came back from holidays just for the event. I am sure both of these crews were very happy with their decisions.

After a great meal, except for Graham and Janet Russell off **Hindsight** who decided that they were not hungry at the end of the night cancelled their meal, we all returned to our boats in dribs and drabs. You had to feel sorry for Neville and Mary Cashion off **Georgia** who were looking forward to a romantic weekend, but how could they with 2 boats rafted up either side of them, in particular **Tamare'** with the hand grenade thrower on board.

As usual **Ton of Fun** lived up to her name, being lit up like a Christmas tree. They enjoyed anchoring amongst the trees and they even had blue carpet rolled out so that Tania and Janine could step ashore without getting their feet wet and dirty.

The crews off **Mirrbooka** and **Quartet** were a bit quiet on the night after a few days of hard partying, but made up for it on Sunday when Ken and Colin went for a 'hoon' in some fellows yellow ski boat with a 300hp motor attached to the back.

Rumour has it that the owner of the ski boat wants to trade it in on the old **Mirrbooka**, but Gloria says 'no way, it is much too fast and flighty for Ken to handle', even Colin had white knuckles holding on when Ken was driving.

At our BBQ brunch the next morning Graeme, (Dr Phil) Pauline, Geoff and Toni off **Joysun** took the cake with a brilliant BBQ set up. Special tables, chairs, and all the trimmings. During the morning and early afternoon some members drove up from Hobart to join in, and Leigh Richards (Broccoli) came in his very fast ski boat. Danielle Van Dort had a barefoot run. At the time for her it was great, but not so the next morning as she was stiff, sore and bruised, the moral of this story is "never barefoot without the extra padding of an Anchor Wet Suit"

It was nice to see the Hull family in their new boat **Xponential** (the X boat) join us, along with the yachts **Valhalla** and **Vento**. Jimbo and Antoinette off **Dubbo** were also first time Ten Eighty Fleet cruisers and we have been told that this won't be their last time.

The Stopford family off **Zarlu** thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and the kids had a ball. All the kids who attended on the weekend were given pencil cases for the new school year, there was a very good reaction to this. Not only did the kids get a present, all skippers were given an All Purpose Tool in a leather case and a couple of stubbie holders. There was something for everyone.

On our way home after we had come back under the bridge at 1500 hours, most boats opted to drop anchor and raft up together at the deep hole at Cadburys which topped off a perfect weekend.

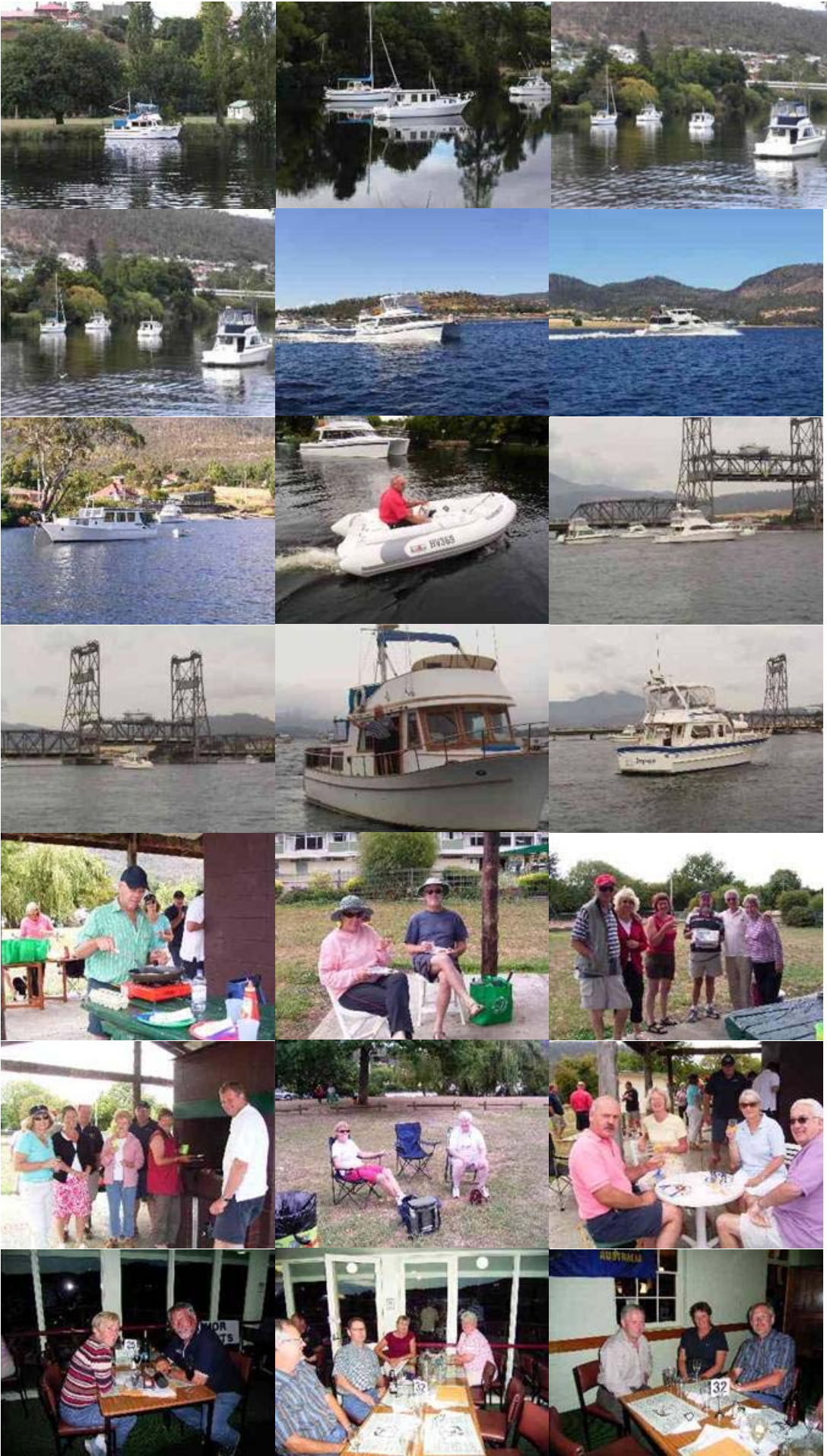
Last but not least to get a mention in this newsletter is our Vice Commodore Rob Foale, his wife Ann and crew off **Osprey**.

Rob did a fantastic job in organizing the trial and we can all look forward to the more fun events from Rob. (Don't forget the Tascon Fun Poker Run to Richardson's Beach on Sunday 13th February, if it is half as good as this weekend, it will be fantastic)

Unfortunately the Motor Yacht Club Commodore Tim Abey and his wife Jan off Arcadia, and the Rear Commodore Paul Rafter and his wife Catherine off Kapel Kita were unable to attend this year's cruise as both families were away on holiday, but they did send their best wishes for a great weekend.

The Ten Eighty Fleet will be going to New Norfolk again next year, and from all reports those who attended this year will be there again, along with others from the first cruise, quite possibly some VIP's and also we hear more new boats from the DSS and the RYCT. Keep posted for the date and mark it in your calendar – this is a weekend not to be missed.

10/80 CRUISE TO NEW NORFOLK 29-30 Jan





Tales from the Engine Room

Dead ahead, through the pitch-black night, the captain sees a light on a collision course with his ship.

He sends a signal: "Change your course ten degrees east."

"Change yours ten degrees west," comes the reply.

The captain responds, "I'm a United States Navy captain! Change your course, sir!"

"I'm a seaman second class," the next message reads. "Change your course, sir."

The captain is furious. "I'm a battleship! I'm not changing course!"

"I'm a lighthouse. Your call."

Knock, knock. - Who's there? - Genoa. - Genoa who? - Genoa a good sailmaker?

What's the difference between a lawyer and a dock line? One should be whipped at both ends: the other keeps your boat tied to the dock.

What time is it when an elephant sits on the windward rail? Time to ask yourself why you have such a hard time getting crew.

A brunette, a redhead, and a blonde had all entered a singlehanded race but failed to make it to the starting line. The brunette lost her mast overboard during a grueling qualifying passage and couldn't get it repaired in time. The redhead decided the flexing of the hull around the keelbolts she discovered at the last moment might lead to structural failure when she was far at sea and beyond the range of easy rescue. The blonde couldn't find crew.

I was in a local tavern in a time-hidden little coastal town. There sat a crusty old pirate enjoying a grog in the corner. I was curious about his peg leg, eye patch and hook for a hand so I pulled up a chair to share a few drinks. Tell me sir, I said. How did you come by your wooden peg leg? Wellllll Maitey - he drawled. Me mates were havin a bit of fun and we were all drunk on deck one night. Before I knew it they threw me overboard to sober me up! As I swam back to the boat I seed a fin break the surface -- and before me mates could get me back onboard the shark had a piece of me leg! Oh, I said. That must have been terrible. AYE mate, it were! - Then tell me sir, how did you come by your hook? - Argghhh! he says. That were the time a squall line were blowin in from the North. I's a working the foredeck and bringing in the sheets. Just as me pulled the belayin pin, a big gust of wind come up and blowed out the tall sail. The problem were me hand were caught in the line as the sail blowed out. It ripped her clean off me arm! Well, I replied. Sounds like you've had some hard times. So tell me, how did you come by your eye patch. Well sonny, the old pirate went on, me was swabbin the deck one day when a frigate and lots of seagulls flewed over the masts. Me raised up me head to look and - SPLAT! - one of them birds pooped in me eye!

- I paused for a second waiting for more of a story, then asked. But sir, I don't understand. How is it that a little bird poop would cause you to lose your eye! ARRGGHH MAITEY!!! That were the first day me had me new hook!!

The other day, down on the Launching Ramp, some folks, new to boating, were having a problem. No matter how hard they tried, they couldn't get their brand new 22 ft. Bayliner boat to perform. It wouldn't plane at all, and it was very sluggish in almost every manoeuvre, no matter how much power was applied. After about an hour of trying to make it go, they putted over to a nearby marina, thinking someone there could tell them what was wrong. A thorough topside check revealed everything in perfect working order. The engine ran fine, the sterndrive went up and down, the prop was the correct size and pitch. So, one of the marina guys jumped in the water to check underneath. He came up choking on water, he was laughing so hard.

REMEMBER, THIS IS TRUE

.....Under the boat, still strapped securely in place, was the trailer.

Weddings, Parties.....Anything

The MYCT Clubhouse is ideal for all styles of functions from corporate seminars to birthdays, special occasion celebrations and weddings.

Our function sales and catering team can tailor any function to meet your special requirements.

Want to know more? Please contact the Clubs Function Coordinator Kerrie on 62439021 to assist you with the arrangement of your special event.

MEMBERSHIP

The Club would like to welcome the following new members:

October *Full Members:* Matthew Hamilton, Laurence Veska, Max Reed.

Social Members: Joyce Bradburn, Anne Hornby, Suzanne Smith, Daimeon Horne

November *Full Members:* Tim Lockett, Jason Bielleman. *Social Members:* Jason Cooper, Kerry Nicolle, Peter Beveridge.

December *Full Members:* Christian Cuthbert, Stephen McCann, Phillip Harper, Nathan Jenkins, Michael O'Reilly, Robert Broughton, Shane Morgan, Mark Nikolai, Mark Johnston, Sam Anning. *Family Members:* Paul Clyne. *Country Members.* Brian Smith, Russell Smith, James Smith.

Social Members: Peter Waite, Laurie Knott, Max Chivers.

MYCT ON THE WEB

You can go to www.motoryachtclub.org to read your newsletter and get caught up on happenings at the clubhouse. By reading the newsletter on the web you can save your club the expense of printing and mailing.
