

RMBOA Mini – Newsletter March 2008

Extended Mini-Amble Ramble Alternative

An extended mini Amble Friday 18th to Monday 21st April 2008 will be held at Kroehn's Landing It will take place regardless of weather conditions. The Amble is not a member's only event; feel free to invite your friends or prospective new members. There is no registration fee or memorabilia as it is an unofficial get together. As we will hold a barbeque (RMBOA will supply the meat) it is essential that you contact the secretary (0417 870955; (08) 82691530 or secretary@rmboa.org.au **by Friday 4th April** to register your interest in attending the barbeque, so we can organise the catering. **Please bring a salad!**

Some facts about Kroehn's Landing

- Kroehn's landing is located a few km upstream of the Wongulla Boat Ramp on the opposite bank. At position 218 - 219km according to "The Pilot" – "purple" edition). If you have GPS these are the coordinates are S34 41.616 and E129 35.422.
- By Road from Mannum, cross at the ferry turn left until you reach the Bowhill road, turn onto the Bowhill Road in the direction of Swan Reach, pass through Bowhill (approx 29 km) continue for approximately another 29km past the Walker Flat turn off in the direction of Swan Reach, there is a sign on the left (river side) pointing to Kroehn's Landing which is approx 1km from the main bitumen road.
- It is likely committee boat Geza will be there on the Friday afternoon (18th April) UHF Radio Channel 24 will also be monitored. Rob Potter's mobile number is 0408 089753 if you really get bushed!
- Bush camping is possible but there are no facilities (e.g. toilets, showers or shops) it is not known whether there is mobile phone coverage for phones without external antennae. The closest town on the same side of the river is Nildottie (approx 8km)
- There are many boat ramps for trailerable craft and it may be possible to leave vehicles and trailers at the caravan parks in Swan Reach or Mannum. You are responsible for organising security of your vehicle and trailer if you bring trailerable craft.
- Unlike the Ramble, no toilets will be supplied, if you are camping or your boat has no facilities the disposal of your waste and rubbish is your responsibility, please think ahead.
- A barbeque and entertainment will be held on Saturday 19th April, the RMBOA will supply the meat, tea and coffee. Please bring a salad or similar for the barbeque and **don't forget to register your intention to attend by 4th April so we can organise the catering.**
- Bring your fishing rods and Petanque boules.
- Please don't hesitate to contact the secretary, Michael Heuzenroeder on 0417 870955 or (08) 82691530 or by e-mail secretary@rmboa.org.au, if you have any questions.

DO YOU WANT TO "CONVOY" TO THE MINI - AMBLE?

Some members have expressed a desire to perhaps convoy or take their time in arriving at the Amble, as this is an unofficial event members can do as they wish, but should keep in mind that the barbeque and entertainment will take place on Saturday 19th April.

MEMBER'S ADVERTISEMENTS

We are sometimes asked to publish "boats for sale" for members. We are very happy to do this free of charge, but please be aware that space can some times be a problem so we cannot guarantee publishing your advertisement, but we will do our best. Some things to keep in mind, please try to submit digital photographs and wording by e-mail, this greatly simplifies the production process. Please submit just **one** small photograph (preferably smaller than 0.5MB in size) and no more than about 10 - 12 lines of writing. We reserve the right to edit any advertisement submitted.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The annual financial statement is attached to this newsletter, due to page constraints this was not attached to the last "Rambler" and a number of members expressed their concern at the member's meeting, so here it is!

MEMBER'S BOAT FOR SALE – “Julie Anne” \$7,800

- 20' Fishing/Cruiser sleeps 2..... Can carry 4 adults & 4 kids
- Planing hull, (draws approx. 2'6"), Eagle Fish Finder and Sounder
- Electric winch for sea anchor, electric winch for trailer retrieval
- Marine Radio, two batteries, one for auxiliary/instruments
- 4 x 20l fuel tanks, 2x life jackets
- Hydrofoil stabilizer, distress kit
- Plenty of storage space
- All navigation lights plus spot light and work light
- New rear tail lights and new tires for trailer, auxiliary motor available (extra price)



For more details ph. 0427 108575 (please leave a message if no answer or ph. (08) 85325715 and we will get back to you)



“Old Talent Time” At the Mini Amble on Saturday 19th April

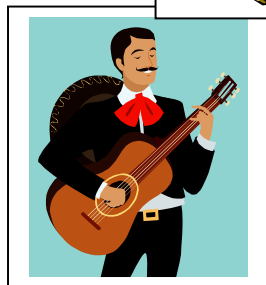
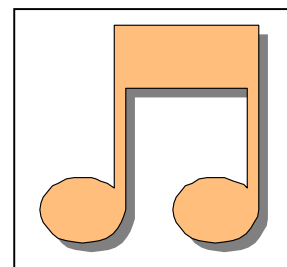
So you think you can dance?

It takes two or perhaps you prefer to go solo?

Australian Aging Idol perhaps?

We are looking for people/groups with hidden entertaining talents.

Be prepared to astound, astonish or just embarrass yourself.



Come prepared on the Saturday Night BBQ at the Mini Amble to compete for the inaugural
“Old Talent Time Trophy”

MEMBER'S MEETINGS

As our members can clearly see from the minutes below the regular member's meetings have become very popular with over 50 members attending the recent meeting at the Tower Hotel in Magill. The meal beforehand has been equally popular, in fact a little too popular as our meeting was delayed in order to allow our members to finish their dinners. It is **absolutely essential** that you contact the President, Rob Potter, Home: 08 8332 5675, Work: 08 8431 1334, Mobile: 0408 089753 to book your place at the pre-meeting dinner. We also ask that you arrive in sufficient time in order to place your order prior to 6.30pm, this is important to give members sufficient time to finish their meals before the meeting business begins at 8pm.

The committee is always interested in suggestions from members for venues for meetings and meals. The criteria are: meals must be reasonably priced, the venue is in a central location (4-5km of the CBD), and have a capacity for up to 50 persons and have easy parking, if you know somewhere like this, please contact a committee member.

RMBOA MEMBERS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 21st February 2008 Tower Hotel Magill

MEETING COMMENCED: 8.30PM

ATTENDEES: See list attached to the original minutes (54 signed the attendance sheet). Approximately 46 members attended the dinner prior to commencement of the meeting. **APOLOGIES:** Graham and Prue Langsford, Barry and Rhonda Windle, Celia Schollar, Mark Little, Trevor and Lorraine Beythien, Keith and Christine Pout.

MINUTES: Rob Potter took the chair and the previous minutes from 23rd August 2008 were accepted Peter Allen/Colin Hill **All Agreed.**

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (23rd August 2008)

“Riverwatch”: No Progress, Craig will ask them to attend one of our meetings.

THIS MEETING

CORRESPONDENCE: Bob Halse from DWLBC: Sent two e-mails inviting us to attend a meeting concerning the Waste disposal stations and other issues. The Advisory Group meeting would occur on Thursday 28 February from 12:15 pm to 2:30 pm. The questions that they would appreciate our advice on at the meeting will include:

- customer feedback on the overall functionality of the Waste Disposal Stations
- Consideration and agreement on signage proposed for berthing at the currently being constructed Walker Flat Station and the 12 existing stations.
- Works to upgrade stations to 40 tonne capacity and handling future loadings.
- upgrading works program at all stations

Roger Wickes expressed concern that WDS were not very user friendly for cruisers particularly in the low water. He asked that his concerns be voiced at the meeting. Colin Hill said to e-mail the secretary of DWLBC with any concerns.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: No formal report, he said the Ramble had been the major point of concern for the Committee since the last meeting. The President also stated that the committee had taken steps that had doubled the interest (6.98%) rate for our fixed deposit.

FINANCIAL REPORT: There is \$4002 in the operating account. The fixed deposit \$10,613 had been rolled over for a further 8 months at 6.98%. Ted Jackson seconded the report. **All Agreed.**

There was spirited discussion on the issue of subscription receipts and the lack of a financial notice from the AGM as a result of this discussion:

Walter Schollar proposed a motion. “That subscription receipts be sent out to all members as they had been in the past”. **No-one seconded this motion so it lapsed.**

Walter Schollar proposed a second motion” that the annual financial statement is sent to all members”. This was seconded by Ted Jackson a show of hands showed **the motion was agreed.**

WEBMASTER REPORT: The Webmaster was absent. Michael Heuzenroeder stated that the ISP for the website had been changed, from his personal ISP (free) to one owned by the Association costing approximately \$100 pa. This move was made to prevent “ownership” of the website by any one individual. He said that this was committee policy and extended to other things for example the PO Box. There was agreement from the floor.

OTHER REPORTS:

Recreational Boating Council: Craig Birbeck said RMBOA had donated \$50 to enable the council to continue to operate. Craig said that there were many things (repairs signage etc.) that needed to be done on the river and that it appeared inevitable that money from the boating levy would have to be spent on repairs to existing structures rather than new infrastructure as originally intended. Glenda Hedley asked what was being done about wake-boats, Rob said this was a tricky issue and not to expect progress overnight. Colin Hill said his committee was doing a study on bank erosion.

Sustainable Recreation Committee: Presented by Colin Hill, he spoke briefly about improvements made at Walker Flat, Younghusband, Ngaut-Ngaut and Hogwash. Glenda Hedley said cattle in the river are a problem. Colin said there is no regulation but only policy. Colin also presented data on anticipated water levels below lock 1. He said decision on a weir at Wellington would be made in June 2008. Colin said there was much information on the internet concerning these issues and others that we regularly discuss. The DWLBC site has a River Murray overview section: The address is: <http://www.dwlbc.sa.gov.au/murray/index.html>

OTHER BUSSINESS:

Ramble 2008: The reasons for the postponement were discussed briefly and have been widely distributed to members. It was also mentioned that if conditions in 2009 do not improve substantially the Ramble could be further postponed until 2010.

Ramble Alternative: It was proposed to hold an extended mini-Amble at Kroehn’s Landing on the 18th – 21st April. There would be entertainment in the form of Di and Malcolm Burgan. The theme would be “old talent time”. There would also be a free barbeque for members. Full details will be published in the forthcoming “Rambler”.

Meeting closed at 9.40PM

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RIVER MURRAY BOATOWNERS ASSOCIATION OF S.A. INC.

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2007

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

GENERAL ACCOUNT

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 2006

\$ 14,311.74

RECEIPTS:-

Bank Interest:- Cheque Account	\$ 33.17	\$ 317.78
Term Deposit	\$ 284.61	\$ 25.00
Donations	\$ 630.00	\$ 4,680.00
Membership - Joining Fees	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 447.50
Subscriptions		\$ 66.54
Stock Sales		
State cheque (drawn Dec '05 cancelled)		
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ 5,536.82

LESS PAYMENTS:-

Audit Fee	\$ 140.00
Donation:- Riverland Cyclone	\$ 200.00
Hall Hire etc	\$ 50.00
Insurances	\$ 1,836.56
Internet Service	\$ 55.00
Membership- Murray Darling Association	\$ 50.00
Newsletter Expenses	\$ 863.30
Presentations:- Plaques	\$ 128.00
Printing, Stationery, Postage etc	\$ 440.39
Post Office Box Rental	\$ 65.00
Projector	\$ 1,532.00
Power Extension Leads	\$ 34.80
Petty Cash Expenses	\$ 44.62
Registration Fee for Alteration to Constitution	\$ 159.25
Stock Purchases - Beans and Flags	\$ 880.00
Wooden Boat Show Expenses	\$ 861.00
Travelling	\$ 250.80

TOTAL PAYMENTS \$ 7,590.72

EXCESS OF PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS \$ (2,053.90)

BALANCE OF FUNDS AS AT 30TH JUNE 2007 \$ 12,257.84

FUNDS COMPRISE:-

Bank S.A. Cheque Account (part)	\$ 3,481.03
Bank S.A. Term Deposit (part)	\$ 8,626.06
Cash on Hand	\$ 150.75
TOTAL	\$ 12,257.84

RIVER MURRAY BOATOWNERS ASSOCIATION OF S.A. INC.

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2007

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RIVER RAMBLE ACCOUNT

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 2006

\$ 2,657.90

RECEIPTS:-

Interest - Term Deposit	\$ 52.70
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 52.70

LESS PAYMENTS:-

Auditing	\$ 240.00
Entertainment	\$ 60.00
Printing, Stationery & Postage	\$ 275.32
TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$ 575.32
EXCESS PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS	\$ (522.62)
BALANCE OF FUNDS	\$ 2,134.68

FUNDS COMPRISE:-

Bank S.A. Cheque Account (part)	\$ 760.74
Bank S.A. Term Deposit (part)	\$ 1,373.94
TOTAL	\$ 2,134.68

RIVER MURRAY BOATOWNERS ASSOCIATION OF S.A. INC

CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS AS AT 30TH JUNE 2007

Association Funds as per attached statement	\$ 12,257.84
River Ramble Funds as per attached statement	\$ 2,134.68
TOTAL	\$ 14,392.52
Which are represented by:-	
Bank S.A. Cheque A/c. No 105-022 111284040	\$ 4,241.77
Bank S.A. Term Deposit A/c.No.085 4035591760	\$ 10,000.00
Cash on Hand	\$ 150.75
TOTAL	\$ 14,392.52

I report that I have audited the books and records of RIVER MURRAY BOATOWNERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC for the year ended 30th June 2007. I found some discrepancies between the receipts issued and the entries in the receipts cash book but I have been satisfied by the explanations given to me by the Treasurer. The Secretary has furnished me with an inventory of approximately \$1000 worth of merchandise in stock as at 30th June 2007 but this is not shown anywhere in the financial statements which are prepared on a cash flow basis only. I have not been able to verify by audit either the cash on hand or the stock on hand as at the 30th June 2007 Subject to the above I report that to the best of my knowledge and belief the above Consolidated Statement and the attached Statements of Receipts and Payments are correct according to the books vouchers and other records made available to me

K.D. Hodge - Auditor

15/10/2007