



RIVER MURRAY BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Mini – Newsletter October 2008

26th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & MINI AMBLE

A combined mini Amble (8th & 9th November) and Annual General Meeting (9th November 10.30 for 11.00AM) will be held at Kroehn's Landing (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. You will of course need to be a financial member of RMBOA to vote at the AGM. As we will hold a barbeque (RMBOA will supply the meat) immediately after the AGM it is essential that you contact the secretary (0417 870955; (08)82691530 or secretary@rmboa.org.au) by 27th October to register your interest in attending the barbeque after the AGM (Sunday 9th November). 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 (8th November) 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.
- Bring your fishing rods and Petanque boules.
- 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. **If you are attending the AGM only, please bring a chair, some shelter will be provided for the AGM, toilet facilities will be available for those attending the AGM only who have come by road that day.**
- A barbeque will be held on Sunday 9th November, immediately after the AGM 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 27th October so we can organise the catering.**
- 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.

OTHER RMBOA EVENTS

Early subscription Payment Draw held at the Members Meeting on 21st August: The lucky winner of a \$50 Myer voucher was Mr Robert O'Callaghan. Thank-you Robert for paying on time.

CHRISTMAS PARTY & MINI AMBLE - Mary Anne Reserve, Mannum (6th – 7th December 2008)

Spend the weekend on your boat socializing with fellow members from Friday (5th December) afternoon or come on Sunday (7th December 2008) by boat or car for our Christmas get together at the Lions Club Shelter 12 noon start. Father Christmas will attend, please bring male and female gift to maximum value \$5.00 if you want to participate in the gift giving. Tea, Coffee and sweets supplied.

RAMBLE 2009

Planning for Ramble 2009 is well underway, look on our website (www.rmboa.org.au) for regular updates. Could you please signal your **non – binding intent** to take part in Ramble 2009, this can be done by contacting the secretary by e-mail (secretary@rmboa.org.au), telephone 8222 3275 (Work) 8269 1530 (Home) or mobile 0417 870 955 or by mail RMBOA, PO Box 3202 Melbourne St North Adelaide SA 5006. It is essential that we have some idea of potential numbers for Ramble 2009. Just to refresh your memories the proposed itinerary for Ramble 2009 is: gathering of the fleet at **Blanchetown** on 14th April; **Murbko** 15th April; **Morgan** 16th April; **Cadell** 17th April; **Hogwash Bend** 18th April; and **Waikerie** 19th April (finale) as it is a shortened program, the entry fee is expected to be less than in 2006, caravans and campers will be very welcome.

RMBOA MEMBER'S MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 21st August 2008 at the Tower Hotel Magill

MEETING COMMENCED: 8.05PM

ATTENDEES: See list attached to the original minutes (44 signed the attendance sheet). Approximately 40 members attended the dinner prior to the meeting. **APOLOGIES:** Celia & Walter Schollar, Trevor and Lorraine Beythien, John Beale, Glenda & Rodger Hedley, Roly and Denise Bartlett, Peter & Jill Allen, David & Helen Goodall, Ted & Pat Jackson, Ben van Essen, David & Gerry Potter, Gil & Angie Leaver, Max & Annabel Harkin.

MINUTES: Rob Potter took the chair and the previous minutes from 21st February 2008 were accepted Val Pym/ Michael Wright **All Agreed.**

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (21st February 2008)

"Riverwatch": No Progress, Craig will ask them to attend one of our meetings, but will leave this until after the conclusion of Ramble 2009.

Kroehn's Landing Amble: The secretary spoke briefly about the success of this event, he foreshadowed that the AGM will take place at KL.

THIS MEETING - CORRESPONDENCE:

Wooden Boat Festival – stand application form: We are likely to attend as usual.

BIASA TV ad campaign – They are looking for donations to run short TV ads on Canberra TV about the plight of the Murray in SA. They estimate cost at \$20,000, they are looking for donations. Colin Hill said that we should know the content of the ad before making a donation. **Motion:** (proposed Colin Hill) "that the RMBOA make a donation of \$200 to BIASA for the purposes of promoting the plight of the lower Murray provided that the advertisement was broad based and not simply about boating" seconded Gary Love **All Agreed.**

River Vessel Waste Disposal Management Group Meeting – We received the minutes of this meeting, it appears that Walker Flat WDS is complete. Rob Potter will attend their next meeting on 4th September.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: No formal report, he spoke about 100th Anniversary celebrations for the PS Oscar W. The Oscar W will be travelling up to Mannum with other boats. RMBOA has been invited to a sail-past at 2pm on 28th September 2008. Rob urged members to take part. Christina Somerville elaborated on the celebrations.

Colin Hill raised the problem that there was no guidance from EPA (after speaking with them at the Boat Show) with regard to greywater. Rob Potter thanked those members who had assisted at the Boat show.

FINANCIAL REPORT: \$5275.96 is in the operating account on Monday 18th August. Val said she had banked a further \$1000 on the 21st August (today). Val said Kevin Hodge (Auditor) currently has the books. Rob Potter spoke about an administrative fee equal to the joining fee (currently \$10) that would be levied on members who were not financial by 31st October 2008 to cover costs of reminders. Val proposed her report be accepted, seconded Julie Birbeck **All Agreed**

WEBMASTER REPORT: Mark Little presented a PowerPoint presentation, explaining new additions, popular pages etc. to the RMBOA website. Colin Hill asked that the Murray Darling Commission site be linked to the RMBOA site. Craig Birbeck/Malcolm Somerville **All Agreed**

OTHER REPORTS: Recreational Boating Council: Craig Birbeck presented his report. Guest speakers at last meeting were Peter Hale DETI & Mike Cooney Executive Officer SABFAC. Increase in revenue approx 2million per year (\$1.2 million Registration and survey fees 0.8 million facilities levy. Commercial Fishing boats will remain exempt. {1077 vessels) but commercial non fishing vessels under consideration for levy (532 vessels). Spending on extra facilities funds for navigation aids 642 valued at \$30 million value. (\$762,000) (Work to be done by DETI) There will be maintenance and upgrading to new standards and OHS&W issues. Extra Rec. boat funds for: (1)VHF Radio (\$600,000) (2) Network Building including VMR to 24hr 7day coverage (3)Patrol Vessels (\$583,000) 8 vessels up to 16 years old need updating and maintenance (4) Surveys and Inspectors (\$475,000). Larger fee increases affect boats over 6mtrs scaling upwards with length (20% of boats) 80% of boats small will have an increase of approx \$20.00 (tinnies and runabouts). Registration and Levy Increases already approved by Governor by regulation not legislation this was signed 26 June 2008. A petition is probably ineffective.

Sustainable Recreation Committee: Presented by Colin Hill, funding was withdrawn without notice, project officer gone. The committee would like to carry on but NRM funding cut by Federal Government. They are replacing it with a new "caring for country" scheme which is taking over natural resource management. There was an ineffective meeting with Peter Garrett. New system appears to be very bureaucratic, the future is uncertain.

OTHER BUSSINESS: Ramble 2009: This is taking place 14th – 19th April 2009, Blanchetown to Waikerie. Michael Heuzenroeder and Chris Bodinar spoke briefly about the inclusion of Cadell in the program and the enthusiasm of locals to have us there. It was also stressed that caravans would be very welcome on the Ramble for those unable to bring their boats. Committee will do its best to reduce the entrance fee for Ramble 2009.

Presentation of Award Plaque for service to RMBOA: Rob Potter presented a plaque to Malcolm and Dianne Burgan for their commitment to providing entertainment for RMBOA events.

Early subscription Payment Draw (\$50 Myer voucher): the lucky winner was Robert O'Callaghan.

Meeting Venue: There was overwhelming support to continue to have members meetings at The Tower Hotel.

Reporting ecological damage: Barry Johnson said in view of the sorry state of the river we should note and report instances of damage. Colin Hill said new navigation hazards should also be reported, it was agreed that Ron Greening was the best person to report hazards to.

Meeting closed at 9.30PM

ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2008/09

All positions on the RMBOA Management Committee are open for re-election i.e. President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and 5 (five) ordinary Committee members. Elections will take place at the AGM on the 9th November 2008 at 11am at Kroehn's Landing. Two nomination forms are below.

NOMINATION FORM

I _____ (please print name) being a financial member of The River Murray Boat Owners Association of South Australia Inc. hereby wish to nominate for the Management Committee of the Association as: _____ (please print position)

Signed (Nominee)

Proposed by: _____ (please print name) being a financial member of The River Murray Boat Owners Association of South Australia Inc.

Signed (Proposer)

Seconded by: _____ (please print name) being a financial member of The River Murray Boat Owners Association of South Australia Inc.

Signed (Secunder)

Nomination forms must be posted to RMBOA, PO Box 3202, Melbourne St, North Adelaide 5006, to be received by the close of business Monday 27th of October 2008. Nominations not conforming to these requirements will not be accepted.

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AGENDA

RIVER MURRAY BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF SA Inc.

26th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: 9th November 2008

Time: 10.30 for 11.00 AM

Location: Riverfront at Kroehn's landing

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the previous meeting
4. Matters arising from the previous meeting (4th November 2007)
5. President's report
6. Financial report
7. Reports from Association Representatives on other Committees
8. Election of the Management Committee
9. Appointment of the Auditor
10. Webmaster's report
11. Diary Dates

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