

The Rambler

The Official Newsletter of the River Murray Boat Owners Association Inc.

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Morgan
2006 River Ramble

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Events Calendar

RMBOA.

AGM. 5th November
The Barn Mannum Hotel Motel
10.30am for 11am start.

Christmas Amble 25th / 26th November
Mary Ann Reserve includes Christmas
Picnic at Lions Club Shelter on
Sunday 26th

Non RMBOA Events

RCBC River Run
30th September

“Source to the Sea” Reunion
14th /15th October

Mannum Commemoration of the 56
Flood. 14th / 15th October

Wooden Boat & Music Festival
Goolwa 10th / 13th March 2007

A FRIENDLY REMINDER – RMBOA SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

Don't forget your membership subscription is now due. Please use the form from your last Newsletter and post with your cheque or postal note for \$25.00 to:

RMBOA
PO Box 3202
Melbourne St North Adelaide 5006

OR

Bring your payment to the AGM on the 5th
November 2006

Please note that if you fail to renew and wish to take part in Ramble 2008 you will be asked to pay for 2007 as well as your 2008 subscription. You must also be financial to vote in the upcoming AGM

Disclaimer

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Aims & Objectives

To assist in protecting the River Murray
And its environs from all forms of
damage, pollution and destruction.

To communicate with members and boat
Owners; to keep them informed of
Relevant developments and to liaise with
Governments and instrumentalities
Having any form of control over the river
and its environments.

To arrange, manage and co-ordinate
Functions of recreation, education and
conservation surrounding the river to
benefit members and other users of the river

From the President's Pen,

There is a well known saying that it is
a woman's privilege to change her
mind, so I am sure it will come as no
surprise to find that I have once again
put pen to paper to fill "my space"
within the pages of the changed news-
letter format.

Boat owners who love cruising
through the Murray Mouth will be
delighted to hear that access to these
waters will again be available over the
long weekend during daylight hours.

The exclusion zone around the sand
dredging equipment will be clearly
marked by buoys, and hopefully if
everyone obeys the rules, further
access will be approved at a later date.

Lack of rain throughout the Murray
Darling Basin will not only affect
farmers but also commercial and
recreational boating on the river. 500
Gigalitres of water was to have been
returned to the Murray by 2009, mainly
through purchases from current users.

At the present time this target is way off
beam.

We have all experienced the awful
feeling when your craft touches
bottom because of low water levels,
but such sharp awakenings make one
study the Murray Pilot with even more
care than usual.

Whilst browsing through quotations
made by various authors, I came across
one written by Sara Henderson on
CHALLENGES and I would like to share
these lines with you.

If you continually face challenges
One of two things can happen;
You either collapse under the strain,
lose confidence in your ability and
walk away defeated - perhaps to fight
again later, or just drift into a life of
non-challenge.

OR, you win a few impossibles and are
then encouraged to have a go at the
next impossible.

Before long you find the IMPOSSIBLES
HAVE BECOME POSSIBLE.

Safe and Happy Boating. Celia

Editor's Note

The format of our newsletter is being
reviewed by the RMBOA committee.
So in the coming issues as in this one we
will be trying out different things to find a
cost and time affective format to move
forward with. The success of this will
partly depend on contributions from
RMBOA members and committee, so
please feel free to contribute by sending
river and boating related stories, ideas,
recipes, safety tips, book reviews, trivia or
photos.

This newsletter will be available in the
future by E-mail and online at the
RMBOA website www.rmboa.org.au or
mailed in the normal way.

Enclosed you will find forms for AGM
committee nominations and a membership
information upgrade sheet. Please fill it in
and return to the secretary even if you
have already paid your membership for the
year. All info will be kept private by the
association committee and will not be
provided to any other company or persons.

Notice of RMBOA. AGM.

5th November 2006

The barn Mannum Hotel Motel

10.30 for 11.00 am start.

Tea and Coffee supplied at meeting.

BYO. Picnic afterwards at Arnold Park just across from the Barn

Weather permitting.

Amble - Christmas Party Weekend

25th – 26th November

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Mary Anne Reserve Mannum

Spend the weekend on your boat socializing with fellow members from Friday afternoon.

Or come on Sunday by boat or car for our Christmas get together at the Lions Club Shelter 12noon start. Father Christmas will attend, please bring Male and Female gift to max value \$5.00 if you want to participate in the gift giving.

Tea & Coffee Supplied.

RMBOA Website

Don't forget to check our own website at

www.rmboa.org.au

The Mighty Murray

It gives you relaxation in its own special way

Beauty & isolation if you seek it.

Thrills of water skiing,

Peaceful pleasures of angling, sailing, houseboating,

Canoeing or camping.

Consider all those using it with you so everyone will

Enjoy the river to the full.

Play by the book...

And plain, old fashioned common sense.

Do The Right Thing By The Murray

SUMMARY OF RMBOA MEMBERS MEETING held on Tuesday 29th August 2006 (7.30PM TPI Building Adelaide)

- Approximately 36 members were in attendance with 9 apologies.
- In the absence of the President, Rob Potter took the chair and minutes from the previous 21st February 2006 meeting were read and accepted.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Wake Boats

Colin Hill spoke and said that the Sustainable Recreation Committee, which has strong EPA representation, was aware of the problems, particularly in towns where bank erosion is becoming a huge problem. Rob Potter attended a BIASA Marina Meeting that also has EPA representatives they also are concerned about the effect of these boats. It was suggested that the Murray may be "speed zoned" much like the Glenelg River in Victoria. This is some way off as yet.

Adelaide Nautical College

The ANC "Ramble" did not take place due to lack of interest and due to the fact that we did not allow them in our Ramble. ANC has tried to organise a number of subsequent Rambles, all have been cancelled to date.

1956 Flood Celebrations

These have started in Renmark and is now moving downstream. The organisers are looking for pre 1956 boats to take part in a sail-past in Mannum.

FINANCIAL REPORT

\$7,320.34 in the bank and \$8,624.31 in fixed deposit. Ramble profit \$360.72

WEBMASTER REPORT

The Webmaster, Mark Little, gave a PowerPoint presentation of what the website achieves who uses it and further developments.

REPORTS

Colin Hill –River Murray Urban Users Group. Colin spoke briefly about the educative role of this committee especially with regard to teaching teachers. He said that next year the schools curriculum in years 11 and 12 will include salinity and healthy river subjects. He spoke about "River Link" a program where country and city kids could interact.

Colin-Hill-Sustainable Recreation Committee

- Colin spoke about the plans for redevelopment of the Walker Flat area, the problems with regard to bank erosion, tree planting and the installation of toilets etc. Trees have also been planted at Bigbend and Hogwash Bend, Colin said RMBOA should become involved in this process.
- A new Swan Reach Jetty is likely to be situated downstream from the ferry before the first willows.

Colin proposed that the RMBOA have representative on the SRC committee. He will arrange an invitation that will be sent to the secretary of RMBOA

OTHER BUSINESS

Rob Potter, spoke briefly about a negative Murray Pioneer article (25/8/06) on the new EPA-COP with regard to greywater. Rob said that the article contained some element of scare mongering ie. all boats would have to carry huge holding tanks at great cost.

Rob said that he had spoken to Ron Greening (Mannum Marine) and others involved in the development and testing of filtration systems. It was true some super luxury houseboats with many bathrooms, dishwashers and washing machines etc may need to have holding tanks, but most other craft including quite large vessels may only require filtration for sinks as showers will be exempt at this stage. Rob tabled documents on the performance of these systems, which were very effective. The simple filtration system "Riverguardian" (cheapest option) is yet to be properly tested. Rob tabled a form where one could get details of this system from Ron Greening. Colin Hill said that the EPA was forcing people to act responsibly and that we had a duty to be seen to be doing so. Rob Potter said that he agreed and that all users had an obligation to look after the river and this was consistent with the RMBOA policy of "do the right thing"

Craig Birbeck and Geoff McAllister spoke briefly about "Riverwatch" and reporting bad behaviour. Geoff said he was somewhat discouraged as RW would not say what action they had taken (if any) against the perpetrators.

The meeting concluded at 8.45pm

There was then a slide show of the Ramble that went for approximately 1 hour

ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2006/07

All positions on the RMBOA Management Committee are open for re-election ie. President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and 5 (five) ordinary Committee members. Elections will take place at the AGM on the 5th November 2006. 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.

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Nomination forms must be posted to RMBOA, PO Box 3202 Melbourne St. North Adelaide 5006, by the close of business Friday 3rd of November 2006

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UPGRADE OF MEMBER INFORMATION

NAME(S) : _____

DATE OF BIRTH :

Male: ≤ 15 to 25 ≤ 25 to 35 ≤ 35 to 45 ≤ 45 to 55 ≤ 55 to 65 ≤ 65 to 75 ≤ 75 to 85

Female: ≤ 15 to 25 ≤ 25 to 35 ≤ 35 to 45 ≤ 45 to 55 ≤ 55 to 65 ≤ 65 to 75 ≤ 75 to 85

POSTAL ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS ETC:

HOME: _____ WORK: _____

MOBILE: _____ FAX: _____

EMAIL: _____

BOAT DETAILS: HOUSEBOAT / CRUISER ETC: _____

NAME: _____ REG NO: _____

SIZE: _____ DRAFT: _____

ENGINE: OUTBOARD / PETROL / DIESEL

DO YOU HAVE A TENDER? YES / NO OUTBOARD? YES / NO

NORMAL MOORING LOCATION: _____

RENEWAL FEE: 2006 / 2007 FINANCIAL YEAR \$ 25.00

CHEQUE / MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO: -
RIVER MURRAY BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION or RMBOA

NOTE: -

- (1) IF THERE IS ANY INFORMATION ON THIS FORM THAT YOU DO NOT WISH TO SUPPLY PLEASE JUST LEAVE APPROPRIATE SECTION BLANK
- (2) WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL? YES / NO