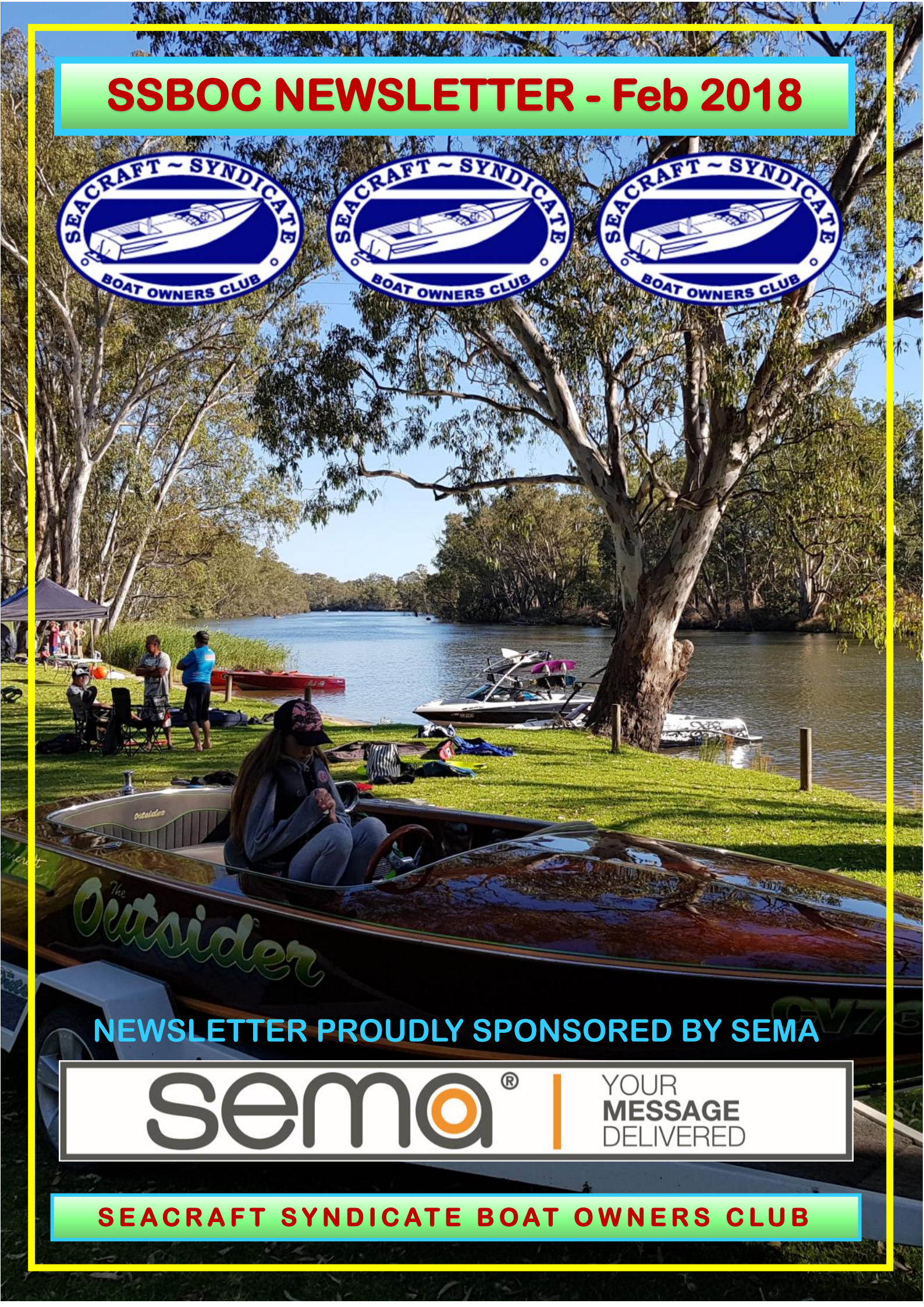


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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi,

Welcome to 2018.

Our season is in full swing, with our first Carrum Regatta a great success, and the Wills Bend weekend and the Nagambie Challenge day now done and dusted for another year.

We are quickly heading towards Carrum on March 4.

This Carrum Regatta should bring plenty of boats out for some great competition, as there are many new engines, paint jobs and restoration projects due for appearance.

I encourage everyone to come and join in – a great day will be had, and it may help you get a few bugs sorted out for our Mulwala Regatta in April; which is shaping up to be sensational!

Our younger members are a year older, and this season their skiing has lifted enormously, with great participation and competition in the under age events. In U/6 you can use pretty much anything that floats to give them a go on the course, so as an introduction to what we do, pack in your ski biscuit or kneeboard and encourage our youngsters to have some fun.

The U/16's are getting really good and are knocking on the door of the Open class – so watch out – I predict there will be some hot competition across these classes for the rest of the season!

In the skiing classes, bring a friend or mate along to have a go – for \$20 they can have an introductory day deal – best value out to get a run against the clock!

This year we will be running a longer course at Mulwala, to hopefully settle the water better over the start / finish line, and to match the traditional course length at Carrum and Echuca. Make sure it's in your calendar and your accommodation is sorted. It will be the best weekend of the year!

There are some really cool boats up for sale on our Facebook site, so please buy them and keep them or bring them into the SSBOC. Generally everything is negotiable, so get on the phone and do a deal!

Last weekend was the Southern 80, and many woodies and SSBOC members participated with great results. It is testament to our boats and passion that year after year a woody is always at the pointy end of so many classes in this most prestigious race. Congratulations to all that participated - the SSBOC is proud of you all.

See you at Carrum,

Regards,

Jon Helmore



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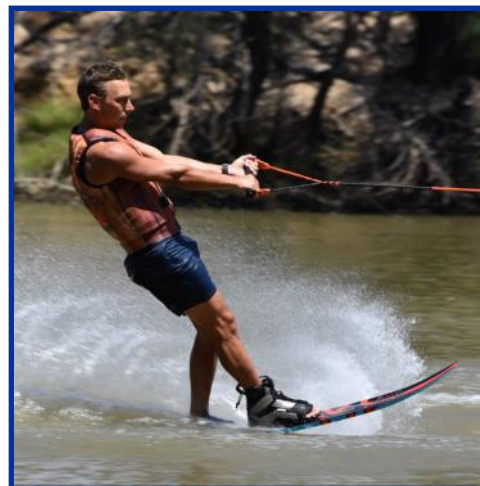
WILLS BEND



20th & 21st January

Wills Bend 2018, in the words of Robin Williams when asked what the temperature is, IT'S HOT..... DAMN HOT. I was at Wills Bend from Thursday till Sunday and the top temp for each day was 40+ degrees, but having said that, there was still a lot of fun had by all those who attended. We spent most of the day in the water with a cool Beveridge in our hand.

It was a fairly good turn out with some new faces mixed in with the regulars who know what a great weekend it is. Ryan and Kate came all the way from Maffra and said it was worth the trip, they brought their boat Knock On, it was great to see it back on the water after a fresh coat of paint and some sneaky engine mods. Wills Bend never disappoints if you're looking for a relaxed fun weekend with great boat and even better friends.



HOLESHOT, DADDY O, TERMITE, GOTTA WOODY, NAILED, LIPP-STICK, ON FIRE, THE OUTSIDER, CONQUISTADOR, GREMLIN, DECISION, CLOUD NINE, RUMOURS HAS IT, BLOWN AWAY, RIGHTY O, and KNOCK ON, WERE ALL AT WILLS BENB.





Story by

Bernie Carne

There were SSBoc Members everywhere at this years Southern 80. From Skiers to Drivers and Observers and don't forget the very important Trailer Drivers who this year waited on average an hour and a half in the trailer pick up line. These people are very underappreciated ... isn't that right Augie!

There were fist pumps galore and many happy & relieved faces as many of our amazing SSBoc members crossed that famous finish line. My apologies if I have missed anyone.

THE LAUBS

Well done to the LAUB family who had a very busy weekend of racing and whose names appeared in the program what looked like more times than there were possible days to ski.

Junior Boys Expert - 1st Place was an amazing effort with TATE Skiing, dad DARREN driving & ROB BERTRAM Observing in Chief



with a time of 36.54 with 12 boats in the class.

5.2 & 6ltr Social -

DARREN skiing for the first time in a looooooong time behind Monopoly and missing out on 3rd place by only 1 second.

SMOC Expert - Father & Son team of DARREN & TATE skied together behind Copycat with ROB BERTRAM again looking out the back.

U10 Boys - KADE did a stella job skiing his first Southern 80 behind Chief and finishing in a time of 20.03 which is a pretty awesome effort for a kid who started skiing on slalom only a few weeks ago. Dad DARREN again doing the driving with ROB BERTRAM keeping him on his feet.



THE GRECHS

The 'GIRLS' and DEAN NEEDHAM had a great day racing on Saturday finishing 1ST in Open Womens Social in a time of 9.29. Spectacular driving by Mum JENNY and good chick watching by DEAN which helped MEL & COURTNEY finally get the win that kept getting away from them.

Not so good on Sunday in Open Womens Expert with a bit of a 'rest' at Caddell but they still managed to finish with a pretty good time which is still impressive.



THE CLANCYS

Can these little chickens ski or what Congratulations to JAYMI who won herself a 1st in 60mph Social skiing behind Burn N Wood against Men & Women well above her age. JAYMI also got a 2nd in Junior Girls skiing behind The Contractor.

JAKE did it again in Sub Junior Social behind Sonic Boats beating all the girls home to take 1st place and then followed it up on Sunday morning with another 1st behind Sonic Boats in Sub Junior Boys Expert. They need a shed for all those trophies.



THE CARNES

SUMMER & RUBY skied Saturday morning in Sub Junior Social and were the 4th girls home followed on Sunday with SUMMER skiing Sub Junior Girls Expert with another girl (not me thank god) and with a rest stop around half way, skied home to be very happy she finished. Dad ADAM in his element doing all the driving in his plastic boat.



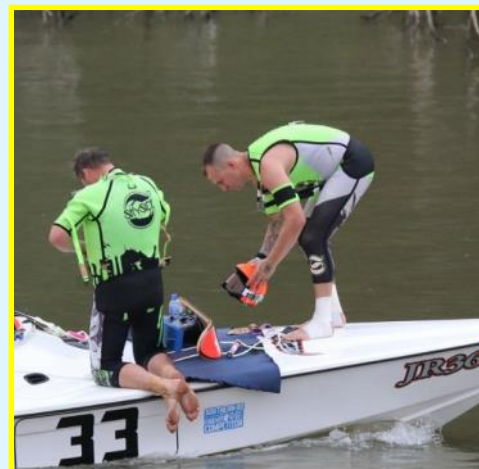
NAILED

Well done to Team NAILED to get this boat back out on the water so quickly and to also take out 3rd in 70mph Class with a time of 43.18. Some fantastic driving by LEIGH THOMAS & some great skiing out the back by LEIGH MCDONALD helped to get onto the podium. The boys also took out 3rd Place on Saturday in the 30—39 Social Class

ADAM JONES

ADAM the Social Skiing extraordinaire skied twice on Saturday, and again on Sunday. Saturday morning unfortunately a DNF behind Chief in Unlimited Inboard Social but Saturday afternoon made up for it by coming 1st in Stock 6ltr Social behind Hollowpoint in a sizzling time of 8.42.

Sunday racing ADAM skied in Super Social behind Velocity Racing and had a strong finish.



RYAN BOX

BOXY skied with ADAM on Saturday morning behind Chief in Unlimited Inboard Social and then an Omen double in Unlimited Inboard Expert coming a very impressive 9th out of 28 & then the President's Dash around the middle of the field of about what seemed like 450 boats in that class.



HARRY AUGUSTINE

Well done HARRY on his Saturday & Sunday runs behind Predator. 70mph Social on Saturday coming around the middle of a large field and Unlimited Outboard Expert coming 8th out of 11 on Sunday.

CAM REID

CAM had some fun driving Now or Never in 70mph Expert finishing around the middle of the field, well done CAM.

CINDERS

Cinders was screaming down the river on Saturday morning in 5.2 & 6ltr Social with Ralphie back where he belongs, behind the wheel.



BURN N WOOD

What a weekend for this team.

60mph Social 1ST!

60mph EXPERT ... 1ST!



KRIS FREEMAN doing all the driving, LEIGH FREEMAN Observing in Social & skiing in Expert and little (but tall) JAYMI CLANCY doing a superb job of skiing in the Social run against so many others.

ON FIRE

There are some great sayings in life
"Save the best til last",
"The best is yet to come", "them's the breaks", "there's always next time"
But my favourite is
"Don't blink or you will miss it".



The weekend Warriors well let's just say didn't quite have the weekend that they had planned. They showed off their confidence early by sticking 'On Fire' Stickers on the windows of passing cars in the boat ramp queue. I even received a text from the driver "See you at the start line and your girls better not pass me!"

Confidence turned to excitement when it was their turn to head out to the start line. All those practice sessions and facebook updates were coming down to this moment, this 45-50 minutes of racing heaven.

Just what they had all been working for ,for so long.

I as well as so many others were following their posts and hoping & wishing they would do well and with only 3 teams in the class the trophy was theirs for the taking.

5, 4, 3, 2, 1 On Fire Go 5 minutes later STOPPED!

Driver - NEIL WILLIAMS, Observer - JASON LIGHTBODY, Skiers - DAVE LIGHTBODY & RYAN PEEL
"Until next time!"



Why is Jaymi standing a box?





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To book a function, or notify us of your group passing through please call us on 03) 5726-8586 or 0425763927 to ensure we are able to cater to your needs.



CARRUM REGATTA

SUNDAY 4TH MARCH

LAND: Set up from 8.30am
WATER: Set up from 9.00AM
SAFETY BRIEFING: 9.15 am – **START:** 9:30 am
BBQ lunch will be available.

LAUNCH FEE \$ 30.00

Note:- Events subject to change subject re; conditions Order to be determined on day.

Kid's Events: U/6 – U/16 Ski Time Trials
Junior Boat-a-kana
Junior Barefoot
Under and Over 12 Two Up Event

Mixed Events: Parent / Sibling Ski Time Trial

Adult Ski Events: 6Cyl & V6/V8 Barefoot Time Trials
Male & Female 6 Cylinder Ski Time Trials
V6/V8 Ski Time Trials
Open Ski Time Trials
Veteran Ski Time Trials

Boat Driver Events: Boat-a-kana
Male & Female 6 Cylinder Time Trials
V6/V8 Time Trials

FINISH: Event finished including pack-up by 5.00pm

NAGAMBIE CHALLENGE

2018

SSBOC Victorious!!!!

The day started early, and with coffee under my belt from the servo half way, I was ready to take them on!

Arriving at the Nagambie Water Ski Club for the first time, I was blown away by the beautiful spot they have on the river and the warm welcome we received.

With Outsider, Shifty, Conquistador, Stick It and Ruff Cut, we were well represented, and looked great on the bank. Due to a few 'technical' difficulties, Shifty, Outsider and Stick It did prematurely retire, however Conquistador and Ruff Cut powered on all day without missing a beat to tow us to success!

We ran age classes hot throughout the day on a traditional SSBOC course, with a variant on the family marathon and two up events being highlights. NWSC had two guys on kneeboards in the two up event that held a blistering pace and somehow stuck to the corners – amazing! Reminded me of Kevin Gretch on tricks at Mulwala last year!

The NWSC were great hosts, organising the buoy boats to keep the river closed and putting on a sensational BBQ lunch for everyone.

It was a great day out, and being somewhere in the middle between Melbourne and the Murray, it is easy for everyone to get there.

Thanks to the Palmers for encouraging us to be involved, and to the NWSC for their invitation, organisation and hospitality.

Very much a 'must do' annual SSBOC event!

Regards,

Jon Hemore







2018 QLD WOODIE POWER BOAT FESTIVAL

Time to Dust of those boats and enjoy a day in the sun

27th May 'The Spit'
Somerset Dam
from 10am

Driver Orientation @ 10.30 am

"The Spit" Somerset dam is located along the Esk Kilcoy road Somerset. Bring your Family and friends for a great day out. Park BBQ's available on the day or bring your own. Or you can try "The Dam Shed" Café at Somerset Village. Holiday homes rentals and camping also available for those willing to make it a weekend away.

This year we welcome Members & boats from SSBQC all the way from VIC and Members & boats from the Maroochy Water Ski Club. All are welcome, it will be a great to see you there, come and say Hi! Further details please contact Jason on 0409 549 877



COMING EVENTS

4TH MARCH	CARRUM REGATTA	CONFIRMED
7TH & 8TH APRIL	MULWALA REGATTA	CONFIRMED
27TH MAY	QLD. WOODIE POWER BOAT FESTIVAL.	CONFIRMED

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GORDON JOHNSTON	LEN RETALLICK	NEVILLE BLAKE
BERYL JOHNSTON	LAURIE GLASS	CHRIS BOYLE
	JEFF TULL	

PRESIDENTS

83-84 LEN RETALLICK	91-93 ALLEN JONES	02-05 GREG SMITH
84-85 RON WILLIAMS	93-94 LAURIE GLASS	05-07 TONY GLASS
85-86 DOUG DATSUN	94-96 ANTHONYJONES	07-09 KEVIN GRECH
86-88 BOB ULHORN	96-97 ALLEN JONES	09-12 TREVOR CLANCY
88-89 RICKY DENNIS	97-98 NEVILLE BLAKE	12-14 NEIL WILLIAMS
89-90 GRAHAM RICHARDSON	98-99 ANTHONY JONES	14-16 CHRIS BOYLE
90-91 ALISTAIR MacLEAN	99-00 GREG WRIGHT	16-17 JON HELMORE
	00-02 TONY GLASS	

PROPOSED ROAD TRIP TO QUEENSLAND MAY / JUNE 2018.

This is a preliminary proposed itinerary; it is still in the planning stage.

If you are interested, feel free to contact Noel Palmer 0428 318 564 or Dave & Alison Staave Fischer 0412 796679

Jason Paroz holds a Wooden Boat Day at Somerset Dam every year where he tries to get as many Woodies as he can together.

Those who wish can join us along route are welcome to join at any point or right from the start. A couple of venues to be confirmed, updates on the website.

UPDATED 20TH Feb. So far there are 6 Boats interested and 2 other people without boats, from Victoria, also 1 Boat joining from day 3 from Qld.

DAY 1	18 MAY	Melbourne to Gundagai Via M1	450 klm.	MOTEL or camp
DAY2	19 MAY	Gundagai to Penrith Via M1/A9	373 klm.	BIG 4
DAY 3	20 MAY	Penrith Ski Park, app. 4 Hours, then to NSW Waterski Gardens (Wisemans Ferry) via WF Road and Old Northern Rd.	71klm	On site Cabin or camp.
DAY 4	21 MAY	Ski Day NSW Waterski Gardens (Hawksbury River)		On site Cabin or camp
DAY 5	22 MAY	Wisemans Ferry to Dawson River TAREE NSW	302 klm	Camp/Cabin
DAY 6	23 MAY	Ski Dawson River Morning, then to Grafton.	314 klm	Motel
DAY 7	24 MAY	Ski Grafton.		Motel
DAY 8	25 MAY	Grafton to Somerset Dam Camp is approx. 2 klm South of Spit. (Meet and Greet, with Queenslanders)	392klm	Camp
DAY 9	26 MAY	Ski at Spit area,(warm up) Somerset Dam, on water activities.		
DAY 10,	27 MAY	JASONS WOODY DAY show and shine, at Spit area Somerset Dam		
DAY 11,12	28/29/ May	Ski Somerset or tour area		
DAY 13,14	30/31May	To Coolangatta/Tweed Heads area		
DAY 15—20	1,2,3,4,5 ,6,JUNE	Ski Tweed River at Murwillumbah,or tour area,		
DAY 21,22,23,	7,8,9,10 JUNE	Cooly Rocks On. Woody Boats on display, Coolangatta, Jack Evans Boat Harbour Approx 800 Cars, 15 to 20 Dance Venue's.		