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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi everyone,

The Christmas / New Year period has come and gone and 2016 is well underway.

We've had the Wills Bend weekend which was another great success with plenty of members and friends with about 20 boats turn up. It's called a weekend, but it actually went from about Wednesday to the following Monday. People had a variety of accommodation ranging from sleeping in cars, swags, tents, camper trailers, caravans, even up to a motor home. Friday was a bit blowy but Saturday and Sunday was great weather for boating and skiing. There are photos and more, elsewhere in the newsletter from Wills Bend.

Coming up next month, we have the Carrum Regatta. It will be a little different this time, we are holding this event over 2 days on the 5th and 6th of March so we can have all the events which we would normally have at the Echuca Regatta. We will be looking at having the boat time trials, boat-a-kana and possibly family marathon on the Saturday afternoon. The barefoot, and all the ski time trials will be held on Sunday. We can only have the use of the facility from 12.00 pm on the Saturday, so we will need to be there a little beforehand so we can be ready to go as soon as we have access. Pre-entry would be a big help to speed things along on the day and we may also limit entries for some events. So fill out the entry forms and email them through asap. We also won't be having the barbeque on the Saturday, but we'll have drinks available. Sunday will be as normal for the barbeque.

While we will continue to hold events at Carrum, we have also been in the process of looking into other venues for future time trials / competition. We've had several offers from different clubs and facilities, and over the coming months we will endeavour to check them out and find which suits our club the best.

Echuca Regatta (2nd-3rd of April), has now become a social weekend. There will be some type of organised activities or boat cruise / rally to be involved in during the weekend. Details of which will be in the next newsletter.

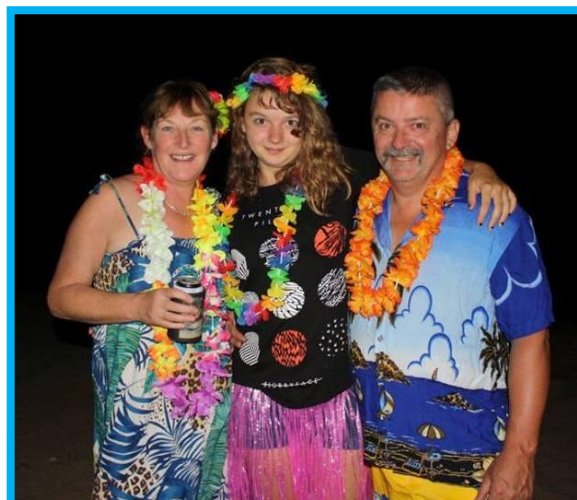
If you have any questions on any of the events coming up, I can be contacted on 0416 208 080

Chris

WEEKEND AT WILLS BEND

Well the weekend at Wills Bend 2 is over for another year and at the risk of sounding like a broken record, I think everyone who came along had a really fun filled and relaxing weekend. Some people are getting really keen and arriving as early as Wednesday to get a head start on everyone else, and why wouldn't you, if you can get time off work it's a great place to be. It was a great turn out with a lot of the regulars showing up and a few first timers which is good to see.

Saturday Night was a bit of fun on the Beach with a "Beach Party". It was great to see a lot of people got into the swing of the party and dressed for the occasion. I had a bit of fun playing some tunes from my music collection and there was some great dancing going on but the prize for best dance moves has to go to Nash Cox, Nash got up and busted some pretty interesting moves when we played M.C.Hammer's HAMMER TIME. I'm not sure which one of his parents are responsible for teaching him those moves, but it was very entertaining. I hope everyone enjoyed the night, if so we might try something again next year.



Sunday Morning and we are woken by the sound of Race Boats out training for the Southern 80, a couple of which were from our camp, Nailed and Against The Grain were out doing some fine tuning for the big race and we wish them good luck and safe racing for the "80".



The rest of the day was spent enjoying what Will's Bend has to offer, some great skiing, some relaxing on the banks of the Mighty Murray and of course a couple of quiet drinks to pass the time. Wills is a great place to bring Family and Friends along who know what we do at Regatta's, but here they can have a go themselves. Zahli brought a friend with her this weekend (Kiara) who hadn't skied before, with some excellent tuition from Noel Palmer and plenty of determination from Kiara, she was skiing on a Slalom Ski by the end of the weekend and you couldn't wipe the smile off her face. That grin was matched by the one on Zahli's face when she got to have a ski behind the Grech's Race Boat, Against The Grain, she even put the helmet on to look the part.



Good to see some new boats come along to see what we are about and hopefully they liked what they saw and become members in the future. Also great to have some of our friends from the "Classic Ski Boat Group" come along again and enjoy the weekend, everyone is welcome.

For those lucky enough to stay for Monday, the condition's were excellent, water like glass and not another boat in sight. Thanks to all those that came along, I hope you had a blast and I look forward to seeing everyone again next year.



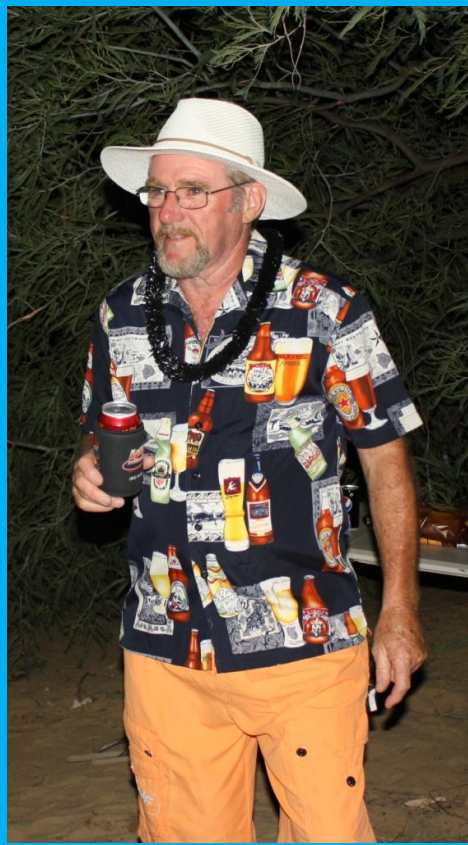
Hylah demonstrating what to do if your Dad buys a Wakeboat and puts you on it.....
You JUMP OFF and go to Grandad!!!

BOATS ATTENDING WILLS BEND

Another Ratbag, On Fire, Woodstock, Woodworx, Syndicate, Conquistador, Gotta Woody, Holeshot, Daddy O, Awkwood, Justwood, Decision, KC 911, Obsession, Mystic, Wild Woody, Nailed.

And some ring in's, Against The Grain, Boxy's Ship and a couple of Jet Ski's.





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COMING EVENTS

- 5th & 6th March 2016: Carrum Regatta (2) **CONFIRMED**
- 5th March 2016: Pizza Night Catch Up. **CONFIRMED**
- 2nd & 3rd April 2016: Echuca Merool Social Weekend. **CONFIRMED**



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Neil Williams, 0412 853 798

or email files to na.williams22@bigpond.comMEROOL SOCIAL WEEKEND
2ND & 3RD APRIL 2016

As you all know, we can no longer run Time Trial Event's on the Murray but we can still get together and have a fun weekend. We are planning to have a Boat Rally / Poker Run to a mystery destination for a BBQ Lunch on Saturday, with Prizes to be won. Saturday Night might be a Trivia Night where you also could win Prizes. All the details will be finalized in the next Newsletter. Hope to see you all there for a fun and relaxing weekend.

AUSTRALIAN SPEED & MARATHON TITLES 2016

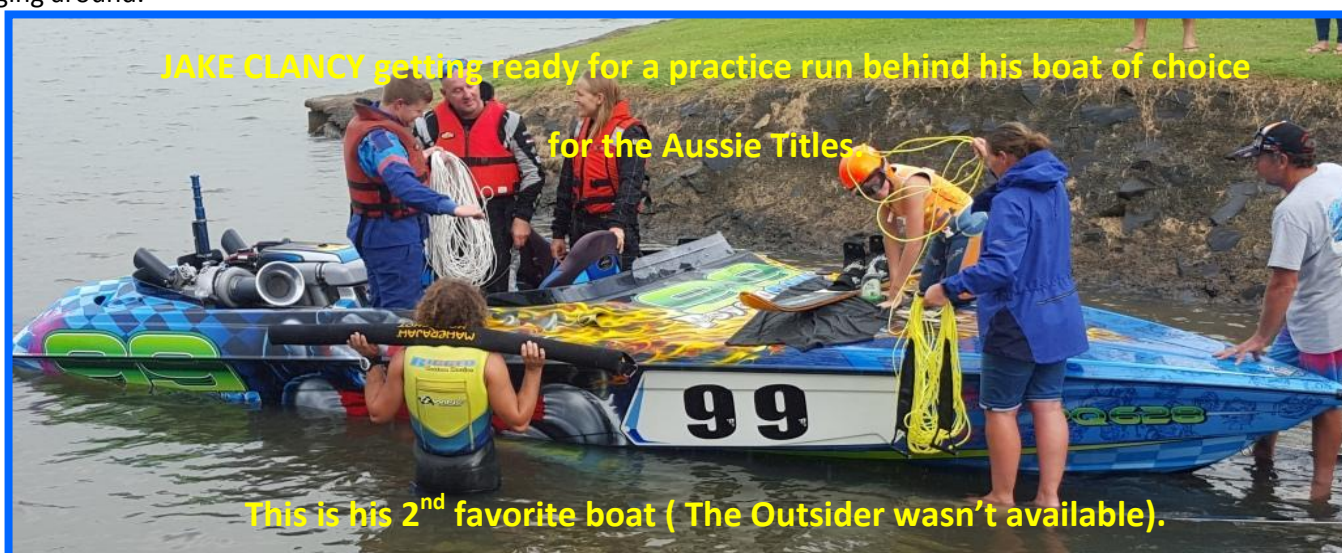
SANDY HOOK SKI CLUB BUNDABERG, QLD. JANUARY 6, 7 & 8th 2016

DAY ONE .The Australian Speed and Marathon Titles were on in Bundaberg Queensland in January this year and I thought I would treat myself to a holiday and go along and support our Members competing and the rest of the Victorian competitors as well. The weather leading up to the Title's was terrible with Monsoonal rains falling every day prior to the event. I flew in on Tuesday and there was a bit of rain still around but when we got up on Wednesday for the First day of racing, there was Blue Sky and Sunshine, it was a bit humid but it is Queensland after all.

Our first member to compete was Kev Grech, who decided to have a crack at the 50 Plus Men's Marathon. Kev was doing really well until the last Leg on the "Plank", apparently Kev's regular plank with his special marking's on it wasn't in the boat and when it came time to get going he had a bit of trouble with where to put his feet to get started. It was a bit amusing from the bank to hear Kev in his delicate voice exclaiming to his crew "I don't know where to put My F*#@king Feet". He soon worked it out and steamed home for a very well deserved 2nd Place.

Next up for Kev was the 60 MPH Social Event, an event Kev is familiar with having won the Title 2 years ago at Lake Charm. Thanks to Jenny's great driving and a top effort from Kev, he reclaimed his title as 60 MPH Social Aussie Champ.

Next up was the 10 -U13 BOYS Title where we were represented by JAKE CLANCY, Jake decided his choice of boat would be 99 Phsyco Clowns with Jessica Pearce driving, well if you're going to have a crack you might as well do it in style. We all know Jake is very fussy about what boats he ski's behind, he always picks the best boats no matter what event he is skiing in. Jake skied really well in a top field of skier's, most of them up to 3 years older than him. Jake should be very proud of his 4th Place and there will be better things to come for this young champ. It is amazing to see the lineup of boats for a race for 10 to 13 year olds, Merc Force, Superbad, Strike Force, Phsyco Clowns, Top Shot, & Mad Hatter were all in this event and they weren't hanging around.



JAKE CLANCY getting ready for a practice run behind his boat of choice
for the Aussie Titles.

This is his 2nd favorite boat (The Outsider wasn't available).

10 – U13 GIRLS was the next event for the day and we were all cheering on JAYMI CLANCY who was skiing behind THE CONTRACTOR, with Neil McDonald driving and Mum LISA CLANCY Observing. Again it was a really competitive race with these kids skiing really well in conditions that weren't that great at times. Jaymi held on and chased really hard throughout the race and finished with a well deserved 3rd Place. Congratulations Jaymi, a really great effort.



Next up, in a less than ideal scheduling arrangement, we had to put the Jumper Leads on Kev and fire

up the Old Bastard for his third event for the day. 60 MPH Expert is another event Kev has won before and he was really keen to win it back, if his "Chicken Legs" could hold him up for another 40 or 50 km. In a race where there wasn't more than a rope length between

First and Second for the whole race. Jenny managed to pull away slightly on the last lap without breaking out and Kev saluted for his Second Title for the Day, great job Kev and a really top effort from Jenny to drive side by side with another boat for the whole race and hold your nerve and not break out while driving that close to 60MPH all the way, special mention to Blakey in the Observer's seat who must have asked a hundred times "how's our speed, watch your speed" Well done team.

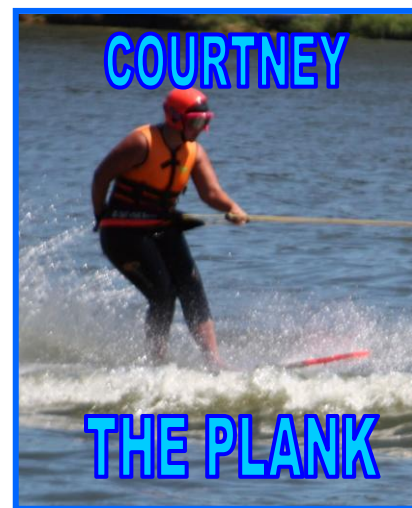
DAY TWO. We are again woken by beautiful bright sunshine, unfortunately, being Queensland it is only 5 o'clock in the morning! So we get organized slowly and head down to the Sandy Hook Ski Club for the second day of competition and hopefully add to our tally of Titles.



First up for the day were Melanie and Courtney Grech competing in the Marathon at the same time but in different Classes' Melanie in 25 – U30 and Courtney in 19 – U25. Who skied behind Against The Grain and who had to find another boat was sorted out by a very intense game of Paper, Rock Scissors, which Mel won so Courtney got to ski behind Sidewinder with Noel Bishop behind the wheel. Both Girls skied really well in the conditions with some interesting moments at the Change Over area where there are boats and skier's and ski's everywhere and it is a really skilled effort by all teams to drop the right equipment for the next leg exactly at the

right time for a smooth transition between lap's. Congratulations and well skied to both Girl's, they each claimed the Title of Australian Champion in their respective classes.

Next up it was time to wheel out the "Old Girl's" in the 40 – U50 WOMEN'S and we were cheering on everyone's favorite LISA CLANCY. Years of experience show's when you see Lisa prepare for her race, with a minimal amount of fuss she just goes about her preparation and to the onlooker you would think she is just going out for a social ski. Lisa skied behind Sidewinder with Noel Bishop at the wheel and Doug Perry Observing. Once again a smooth professional performance by the team and Lisa saluted for the Title. Well Done Lisa, I think that makes title number Six for Lisa, a true Champion.





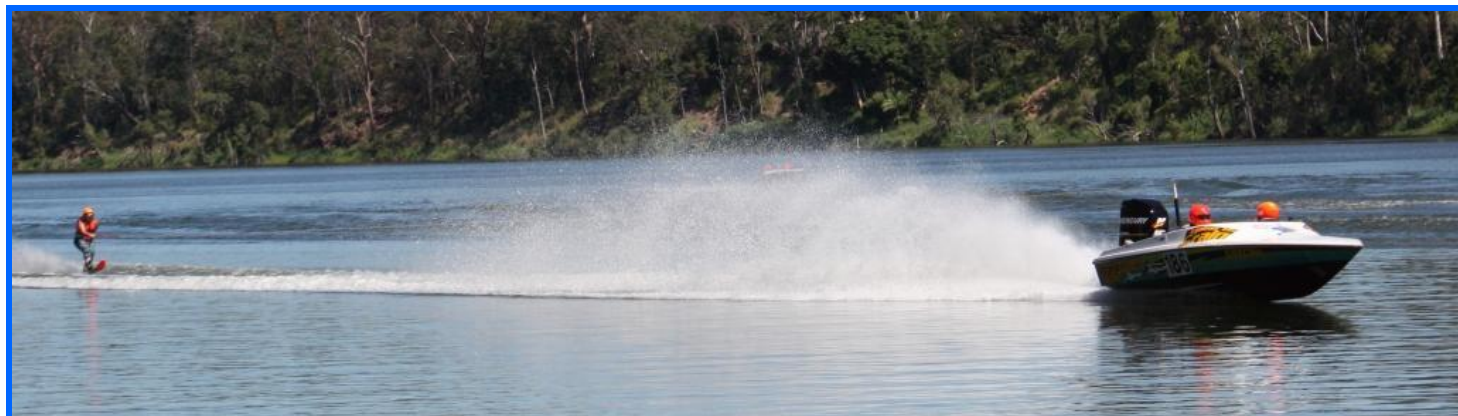
After the events were done for the day the Ski Club put on a BBQ for dinner while we waited for the Day's presentation. All the locals were very welcoming and it was good to catch up with a few of them over a cold beer after the racing was done for the day. But there was still one day of racing to go so all the people competing were keen to get home for an early night. Not all of us were competing so I was pleased to have a "partner in crime" to stay and have a couple of drinks with after the other's had called it a night. HELEN BLAKE, you are a bad influence, we had to wait for our lift back to the camp and managed to polish off a number of cruiser's while waiting. I don't think our Chauffer was impressed with having to come and get us out of the bar to go home, sorry Mel.

DAY THREE. Again we are greeted by fine weather, a little bit overcast but expecting the sun to come out later for another 30+ Degree day.

Day 3 is for all Engine Class Events and the day didn't get off to a great start for our team. After towing his boat 2000 klm and waiting till the Third day to get on the water and compete, Neville Blake had a day he will forget ever happened. Unfortunately after launching of the line sounding magnificent an electrical issue shut her down and there was spark at all, a very disappointing outcome but I guess that's racing. I still believe it was the best looking boat at the title's and I'm sure Nev will have it sorted for the Southern 80.

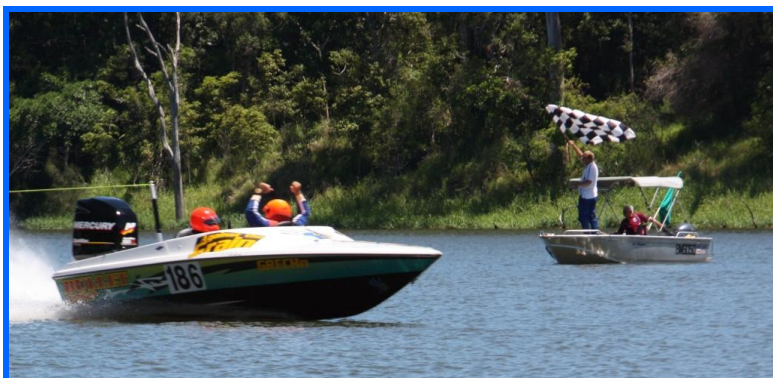


Jenny Grech had another busy day lined up with 3 more events to push her new boat to the limit. First of was MOC which was full of some pretty quick Outboards. With Courtney Skiing out the back and Blakey back in the Observer's seat they competed really well finishing 4th. Melanie skied in F2 which was a fairly tough race which didn't go as well as hoped but Mel finished the race coming home in 6th place. Kristy Nichols filled in for them in Unlimited Outboard and Jenny was pushing really hard against some really fast Outboards. A little mishap on the bottom turn cost a little bit of time but they still managed to come home in 5th Place.



Friday Night was the night for everyone to let their hair down and Party at the Spotted Dog Tavern. Presentation's were made and speech's were done and it was a great fun night to unwind and meet new friends from interstate. Some had early nights and others partied to the wee small hours but a good time was had by all.

Congratulations to everyone who made the trip North by road or by air (the soft option), your dedication to the sport is to be commended. The SSBOC was well represented across many events and we now have 4 Australian Champion's amongst us, one of them a Dual Title Holder. That is a great result, everyone who competed should be proud of everything you achieved, win lose or draw you're all Champion's in my book.



SKIER	DRIVER	OBSERVER	EVENT	BOAT	PLACE
KEVIN GRECH	JENNY GRECH	MELANIE GRECH	50+ MENS MARATHON	A.T.GRAIN	2 ND
KEVIN GRECH	JENNY GRECH	NEVILLE BLAKE	60 MPH SOCIAL	A.T.GRAIN	1 ST
JAKE CLANCY	JESSICA PEARCE	DANIEL McMAHON	10 –U13 BOYS	99 PHSYCO CLOWNS	4 TH
JAYMI CLANCY	NEIL McDONALD	LISA CLANCY	10 –U13 GIRLS	CONTRACTOR	3 RD
KEVIN GRECH	JENNY GRECH	NEVILLE BLAKE	60 MPH EXPERT	A.T.GRAIN	1 ST
COURTNEY GRECH	NOEL BISHOP	BRAYDEN HARRIS	19 – U25 WOMENS MARATHON	SIDEWINDER	1 ST
MELANIE GRECH	JENNY GRECH	NEVILLE BLAKE	25 – U30 WOMENS MARATHON	A.T.GRAIN	1 ST
LISA CLANCY	NOEL BISHOP	DOUG PERRY	40 – U50 WOMEN	SIDEWINDER	1 ST
AARON HARRIS	ROSS HARRIS	BRAYDEN HARRIS	SMOC	HARRASMENT	1 ST
COURTNEY GRECH	JENNY GRECH	NEVILLE BLAKE	MOC	A.T.GRAIN	4 TH
MELANIE GRECH	JENNY GRECH	AARON HARRIS	F 2	A.T.GRAIN	6 TH
KRISTY NICHOLS	JENNY GRECH	NEVILLE BLAKE	UNLIMITED OUTBOARD	A.T.GRAIN	5 TH

DRAG BOAT RACING

SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

NATIONAL WATER SPORTS CENTER

The VICTORIAN DRAG BOAT CLUB is holding their next meeting on the 28 Feb. down at Carrum. They are keen for any of our Members to take part if you are interested.

You will need to become a Member of the VDBC \$50 Single, \$100 Family (annual fee) if it your first year competing you can fill out a self Medical Form.

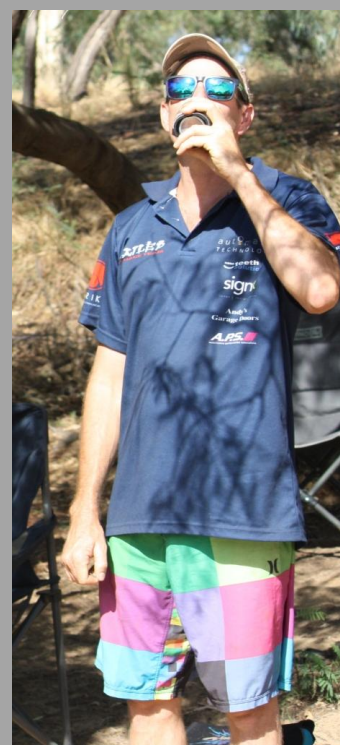
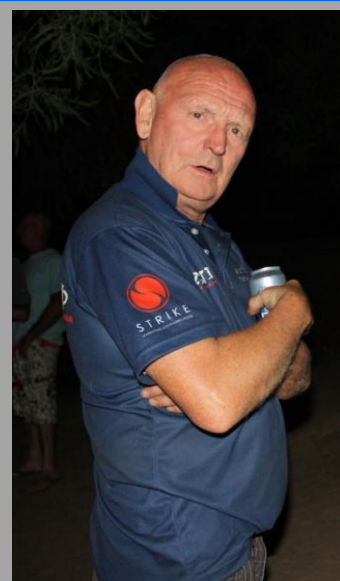
Your boat will need to pass a basic safety check, you need to fit something to deflect the holding rope when you let it go. First year competitors can wear non flammable long sleeves and pants (race suits required after first year) and shoes. You will need a race Buoyancy Jacket and a Helmet.

They need entries before February 19th. It will cost \$175 to race on the day this is for Entry/ Insurance. If you are interested give me a call and I will contact them with potential numbers.

Neil, 0412 853 798

MEMBERSHIP REGISTER

FAMILY NAME	NAME	NAME	BOAT	FAMILY / SINGLE	INS & EXP
				ASSOCIATE / LIFE	
Adcock	Peter			LIFE	
Bates	Russell	Sallie	WOODKNOT	Family \$95.00	RACV
Bates	Rob		WOODKNOT	Single \$70.00	RACV
Bates / Hicks	James	Andrew	JESTER	Family \$95.00	Nautilus 10/12/16
Bertram	Rob	Angela	GUN SEACRAFT	Family \$95.00	RACV
Bertram	Rod		GUN SEACRAFT	single \$70.00	RACV
Blake	Neville	Helen		LIFE	
Bowra	Murray	Jakinta	MUDDY WATERS	N/A	Nautilus 01/4/16
Bowra	Murray	Jakinta	HOLESHOT	Family \$95.00	Nautilus 1/4/16
Box	Warren		CLOUD NINE	Single \$70.00	Nautilus
Box	Warren		TOUCHWOOD	N/A	Nautilus
Boyle	Chris	Melony	WOODSTOCK	Family \$95.00	Nautilus 20/1/16
Bradley	Jeff	Joanne	SUMTOY	Family \$95.00	Nautilus 9/4/16
Carne	Adam	Bernie	TRUE COLOR	Family \$95.00	Nautilus 01/12/16
Clancy	Trevor	Dylan	RUFFCUT	Family \$95.00	N/A
Clancy	Peter	Lisa	RUFFCUT	Family \$95.00	Nautilus 1/12/16
Clarke	Craig	Sian	RELIC	Family \$95.00	
Cox	Darren	Staci	OLDE WOOD	Family \$95.00	Nautilus
Dalton	Bob	Jane	FLEETWOOD	Family \$95.00	
Datson	Doug			Single Ass\$70.00	N/A
Glass	Tony	Michelle	BLOWN AWAY	LIFE	Nautilus 26/11/16
Glass	Laurie	Wendy		LIFE	Nautilus
Grech	Kevin	Jennifer	AGAINST THE GRAIN	Family \$95.00	RACV
Grech	Grant	Marianne	JUNK B4	Family \$95.00	Nautilus 17/12/15
Grech	Courtney		BUTTERBOX	Single \$70.00	
Grech / Couch	Melanie	Dom	BUTTERBOX	VIP	
Handley	Justin	Louise	JUSTWOOD	Family \$95.00	
Handley	Sam	Alex		Ass Family \$95.00	
Haritou	Stan	Michelle	DIDGERIDOO	Family \$95.00	Nautilus
Helmore	Jon	Judith	JINX	Family \$95.00	Nautilus 28/11/16
Hourigan	Russell		KNOTSURE	Single \$70.00	Nautilus 18/12/15
Jansen	Troy	Louisa	SHIFTY	Family \$95.00	
Jenkin	Brett	Belinda	LUMBERJACK	Family \$95.00	Nautilus 18/3/16
Jenkin	Brett	Belinda	MR CHIPS	N/A	Nautilus 18/3/16
Jenkin	Brett	Belinda	LUCIFER	N/A	Nautilus 18/3/16
Johnston	Beryl	Gordon		LIFE	
Jones	Allen	Anne		LIFE	
McDonald	Leigh	Renee	BACKFIRE	Family \$95.00	RACV
McDonald	Leigh	Renee	MATTI	N/A	
McLean	Andrew	Debra	DADDY O	Family \$95.00	Nautilus 14/12/16



McPhan	Mark	Kerryn		Ass Family \$95.00	
Miler	George		SYNDICATE	Family \$95.00	
Moody	Barkley	Sally	TERMITE	Family \$95.00	Nautilus 7/4/16
Needham	Dean	Trefina	IRONBARK	Family \$95.00	Nautilus 14/3/16
Palmer	Noel	Kerrie	CONQUISTADOR	LIFE	Nautilus
Palmer	Mark	Mel	STICK IT	Family \$95.00	
Paroz	Jason		MEAN MACHINE	Single \$70.00	Club Marine
Peel	Adrian	Kerrie	LIL TYKE	Family \$95.00	Nautilus 18/8/16
Perry / Newton	Greg	Annie	JUST RUMOURS	Family \$95.00	
Pintaudi	Frank	Vanessa		Ass Family \$95.00	
Retallick	Len	Marie		LIFE	
Richardson	Graham		BURNOUT	single \$70.00	Nautilus 1/12/16
Robson	Jason	Deborah	NAVADA SMOKE	Family \$95.00	Nautilus 4/3/16
Robson	Jason	Deborah	MYGRAIN	N/A	Nautilus 4/3/16
Rowley	Graeme	Susan	DRAG ON	Family \$95.00	Nautilus
Rowley	David		WOODPECKER	Single \$70.00	Nautilus 20/4/16
Rowley	Geoff	Debbie	MAGIC	Family \$95.00	Nautilus
Rowley / Storey	Matt	Emma	WOODPECKER	Family \$95.00	Nautilus 20/4/16
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Williams	Erryn		ANOTHER RATBAG	Family \$95.00	Nautilus 2/4/16
Williams / Healey	Steph	Daniel	ANOTHER RATBAG	Family \$95.00	Nautilus 2/4/16



CARRUM REGATTA

Venue: - National Waters Sports Centre, Carrum

**** 5th & 6th MARCH 2016 ****

This Regatta will replace the Echuca Regatta for this year and we will be looking to lock in a suitable venue for our major regatta for next year.

Medals will not be presented after the events, there will be a separate Presentation Dinner as in previous years.

SATURDAY: SET UP / REGISTRATION / BRIEFING FROM 11.00AM,

EVENTS 12.00 NOON – 5.00PM

SUNDAY: SET UP / REGISTRATION / BRIEFING FROM 8.30AM

EVENTS 9.00AM – 5.00PM

THERE WILL NOT BE A BBQ ON SATURDAY BUT DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

THERE WILL BE BBQ AND DRINKS AVAILABLE ON SUNDAY AS PER USUAL.

SATURDAY EVENTS: Six Cylinder Single and Multi Carb, V6/V8 Midmount and V – Drive Boat Time Trials and Boat a Kana. Family Marathon.

SUNDAY EVENTS: All ski events.

U6, U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 Boys & Girls.

All Engine Class Mens & Womens Ski,

Open Ski, Mens & Womens,

Veterans Mens & Womens,
Parent Sibling,

Under & Over 12 (both to be under 16)

THE ABOVE EVENTS MAY CHANGE, FINAL LIST AND RUNNING ORDER TO FOLLOW IN THE FLYER.

BEST PRESENTED JUDGING WILL BE DONE AT CARRUM AND ALSO AT ECHUCA WEEKEND.

SATURDAY NIGHT

We will be having Pizza's and a bit of get together at Neil & April's house from around 6.30pm.
26 Walter Way, Cranbourne South. (approx 20 mins. From Carrum)

\$5.00 per head for Pizza and Soft Drink, ticket's sold at Carrum Saturday arvo. BYO Alcohol.

There is plenty of room if you want to camp or just leave your Boat overnight if you have other accommodation arranged.