



WELCOME

Welcome to the June 2009 edition. If there is any information you would like to share with your fellow members please email djbenda@internode.on.net

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FARR AGM JULY 5TH 2009

We will be holding the FARR Association AGM at the Goolwa RYC on the 5th July at 12 noon.

Further details are on the back page of this newsletter and we urge as many of you to attend as possible.

As well as being a requirement of our association it is a great opportunity to catch up with friends that you may not have seen for some time.

DATES TO REMEMBER 2009-2010

FARR Association AGM	July 5th 2009
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MANNUM FARRAVANERS MARCH 2009

A return to weather patterns of old meant much needed and welcome rain fell during the Farravanners Anzac weekend at the Mannum caravan park.

In a combination of camper trailers, caravans and those staying in onsite cabins the Farravanners began to assemble on Thursday morning with others still drifting in on the Friday evening after work commitments, with a final count of 35 (children and adults) booking in for a meal at the Mannum Community Club on Saturday night.

The parks' camp kitchen became the hub for the weekend with good use made of this space out of the rain for the usual nibbles, drinks, BBQ meals, lots of chatter and laughter.

Mannum with all its history was an ideal town for our Farravanners' get together, the caravan park was within walking distance to so many interesting and informative places to visit adding to the enjoyment of the friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

The tour of the Mannum Dock Museum full of yesteryear memorabilia was a popular place, groups of Farravanners' kept meeting on gangplanks, indoor exhibits or outside gazing at the old steam engines. The paddle steamer Marion fully restored to steaming capacity had one member saying we should all contribute to the purchase of at least a smaller version for members to hire.

Randell Street (the main street) is full of interesting shops where you can still buy "Made in Australia", just ask Angela and the Historic Walks were well patronized. One group led by David Murphy proved him to be an exceptional guide with the suggestion that he invests in a B&B and include guided tours!

Rosemary MCKs' yellow umbrella made her easy to spot when wanting to know "what's on now" knowing we could depend, on her suggestions for a stimulating hour or two.



On the water much interest was shown when John Stewart launched his revolutionary foot powered canoe and paddled off at great speed across the river with young Mark Fulton having a solo session in the family Holdy.

Brad could be seen daily on his bike with two small girls on the back riding around and around the caravan park obviously very happy in his endeavour.

A big thank you to Simon and Robin who ran the wine tasting competition, black blind folds were used to create a "sober" mood (for a few minutes) with selected female and male competitors donning their serious faces sniffing and sipping before giving their opinions. John McK correctly identified all that was placed in front of him and was deemed the winner, obviously a great wine connoisseur (much to Simon's disbelief).

The kids didn't miss out either with the blindfolds being pressed into service again for a "what colour is the jelly bean you are eating" competition ending in a tie between Jayme and Sam.

A great get together, summed up by a caravan on the opposite bank with the words "Adventure not Dementia", may there be many more.

Joan and Don Ovenden

A VOTE OF THANKS TO THE ORGANISERS

Thanks to the Mannum caravan park manager and to the McKenzie's, John and Rosemary for organising to go to Mannum for the weekend down at the Mannum caravan park it was the best time ever let's have a another Farr weekend this year.

Thank you for bringing your boats



Mark Fulton (7 years old)

GIPPSLAND LAKES – MARCH 2009

Gippsland's deep blue waters beckoned us yet again and we set off for this beautiful area – some of us for the sixth time!

The group consisted of Peter and Angela Roodhouse with *Waituna*, George and Marion Nefiodovas with *Farthing* and John and Rosemary McKenzie with *Loafarr*.

We overnighted in drive-through sites in Ballarat's Windmill Caravan Park. Unfortunately the next day brought some tyre problems for George and Marion with them deciding to wait in Warragul for help until the next morning. We pressed on and arrived at Tambo Marine, rigged the boats and slept aboard before launching the next morning. Tambo Marine is now a huge boat storage with a chandlery, wash-down areas, ice, fuel, showers, waste disposal etc.

In the morning we were greeted by calm conditions and motored to one of our favourite places – Chinaman's Creek at Metung, being joined later by George and Marion.

Over the next ten days we experienced perfect weather, mainly easterlies, becoming stronger in the afternoons before dropping out at night. We did some motoring, some pointing, we got becalmed and had one great run from Metung to Picnic Creek doing 6 knots under main only.

We revisited a number of old favourites including; Barrier Landing, meeting fishing people, Lakes Entrance, where we indulged in delicious seafood, Box's Creek, bush-walking and listening to the bell birds. A stop at Paynesville gave us a chance to shop and shower. Picnicking with scones and walking along the creek and over the hills. Steamer Landing and Ocean Grange where we did a great walk through scrub to Rotamah Island and back along the beach.

Metung, walking along the new board walk and enjoying chocolate spoons with coffee, ice-creams and dinner. Silt Jetties -no mooring now at Eagle Hawk so we pulled in near the fishing jetty.

We met Victorian Farr members when we tied up at Paynesville and John and Rosemary were delighted to be hailed by *Loafarr's* first owners, who are now the proud owners of a superb Mustang cruiser! During the trip we found that people were interested to hear more details of the River Murray in SA.

We liked the new mooring areas at Paynesville, Metung and Lakes Entrance and being out of school holiday time meant that we had tie-up places wherever we



went. The smoke haze lingered on from the bushfires, also from extra burning off. One day we could not see back to Metung due to dense haze.

Angela and Peter finished with an energetic 2 day bike ride along the Bairnsdale to Orbost Rail Trail and we all met at Bairnsdale to travel home just as the storm broke.

A great holiday – sailing in this lovely area – with good company.

Another FARR out experience.

Rosemary & John McKenzie

PS We all loved the fish fishing??, including Angela.

CONSTRUCTION OF GOOLWA REGULATORS STARTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, 17 June 2009

Construction of environmental flow regulators in the Goolwa Channel, Finniss River and Currency Creek will commence this week to manage the risk of further acidification in the Lower Lakes area.

Minister for the River Murray Karlene Maywald said the project would raise water levels in Goolwa Channel and the two tributaries, limiting the exposure of acid sulfate soils to the air and to protect the area as an ecological refuge.

“The Goolwa Channel, Currency Creek and Finniss River are part of nationally important Ramsar wetlands and support valued plants, animals and ecosystems,” Minister Maywald said.

“Failure to protect at least some of these wetlands could result in important plant and animal species becoming locally extinct, and would severely limit the potential for these fresh water communities to re-colonise the Lower Lakes region when conditions improve,” she said.

“The main regulator in the Goolwa Channel near Clayton will be about 400m long and 40m wide. It will be constructed as an earth-fill embankment.

“The Finniss River regulator will be about 900m long and 10m wide and the Currency Creek regulator 320m

long and 10m wide. They will be constructed as low-level rock fill embankments.

“The three structures will be in place by late July to capture winter inflows down the two tributaries.

“Initially, 27.5 GL will be pumped from Lake Alexandrina to bring the new pool up to a level of about 0.3m AHD. It is planned that this season’s tributary inflows will then raise the pool level to 0.7m AHD.

“Once at 0.7m AHD, additional flows from the tributaries will be siphoned over the regulator near Clayton to flow to Lake Alexandrina. When this year’s flows cease, the water level will fall from 0.7m AHD to about 0m AHD (sea level) over summer before next season’s inflows commence.

“If the drought continues, seasonal inflows from the tributaries should be enough to sustain the new pool indefinitely, no further pumping would be required.

“The regulators will be temporary, and will be removed when River Murray flows improve and the Lower Lakes recover.

“Construction of the three temporary regulators will take place from the shoreline and all necessary provisions will be put in place to minimise impacts on the environment or local communities.

Public information sessions outlining the construction schedule and details will be held this Thursday, June 18, at the Clayton Bay Community Hall, from 2-3pm, and at the Alexandrina Council Chambers in Goolwa from 4-5pm. The general community was also consulted, with public workshops held at Goolwa and Clayton in early 2009.

People living within the Currency Creek and Finniss River area are reminded that there are currently pools of acidic water in these tributaries and precautions should be taken. Water in some areas is unsuitable for human contact and livestock consumption. Landholders are advised to provide alternate water supplies for stock and to restrict livestock access to the acidic water as a precaution.

For further information contact the Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation on 08 8204 8605, or visit <http://www.dwlbc.sa.gov.au/murray/drought/gcll.html>

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members are advised that the Annual General Meeting of the Farr Trailer Yacht Association SA will be held at the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club, Barrage Road, Goolwa SA on the **July 5th, 2009 at 11.30 am.**

There have been no notices of motion of general business and an agenda will be provided on the day.

All committee positions will be declared vacant at the meeting and nominations can be made from the floor at the meeting.

Buffet lunch follows the conclusion of the meeting.

Following tradition the Association will provide meats for our main course and members are requested to top up as follows:

- Surnames beginning with letters from *A-M please bring a dessert.*
- and those whose names begin with the letters *N-Z please bring a salad.*
- *Delicious soups will be provided by special volunteers.*
- *The GRYC bar will be open.*

Please make a note in your diaries and come along and enjoy the company of fellow Farr owners (and associate trailerable boat owners) over a pleasant lunch at a comfortable and friendly location.

Simon Thiele
Secretary
17th June 2009