Welcome to 2013. It is shaping up to be another great year and already we have a lot planned, starting with a family trip away to Shellharbour. Also it is a big warm welcome to our new members. Don't forget if you have any material that you want included in the newsletter, please pass it on.

FISHO FUNNY

A couple of young boys were fishing at their special pond off the beaten track. All of a sudden, the Fishing Inspector jumped out of the bushes.

Immediately, one of the boys threw his rod down and started running through the woods. The Inspector was hot on his heels.

After about a half mile, the young man stopped and stooped over with his hands on his thighs to catch his breath, so the Inspector finally caught up to him.

"Let's see yer fishin' license, Boy!" the Inspector gasped.

With that, the boy pulled out his wallet and gave the Inspector a valid fishing license.

"Well, son," said the Inspector. "You must be about as dumb as a box of rocks! You don't have to run from me if you have a valid license!"

"Yes, sir," replied the young guy. "But my friend back there, well, he don't have one."
**Please note your Diary**

*March Meeting – Tuesday 12th March – Guest Speaker*

*Comp weekend – 23 -24 March. Charter Boat is operating*

*Family weekend away: 15 - 17 March 2013. Shellharbour*

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**Charter Boat 2013**

Want to join the Charter Boat in 2013?

23 March, 26 October & 23 November

Contact Captain Mick to book your spot.

Don’t forget that a Charter Boat Gift Certificate is a great present for the fisho who has everything!

*See Captain Mick to book your place.*

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**For Sale**

**Carribbean Offshore Boat 4.88m**

$28500

Contact Peter on 0401 212 632

2005 model Cuddy Cabin with 2003 75hp Honda 4 stroke. Motor only done 85 hours. Many extras included. Trailer and boat registered till December 2013. See Peter for full details.
February Competition - Results.

Not the best conditions for the first comp of 2013 with weather warnings release by the authorities. The Charter Boat boys had their trip cancelled as the swell was larger than the boat! However it was good to see that a few hardy and keen fishos were able to land a few. Maybe March will be better! Fingers crossed.

Results for our first competition of the year were as follows:
Best Fish: John B – Bream 0.649kg
Biggest Fish: Justin B– Drummer 0.913kg
Most Fish: Steve B
The mystery fish (Morwong) was not won this month and the cash will jackpot to March.

The Wahoo was won by Col E and the Guzzlers Mug was won by Steve B

The raffle was won by Billy B 4 members hit the scales this month

February Competition happy snaps:

Well done lads
Happy birthday to the February & March babies: Mike Braz, Mark D, Terry F and Kel D.

Heard any gossip? Drop a line to the Secretary.

Georges River and Botany Bay boating safety

Minister for Roads and Ports Duncan Gay has released a plan to improve boating safety on the Georges River and Botany Bay.

“The Botany Bay Georges River Boating Safety Plan will see the development and implementation of a range of initiatives to address safety on the waterway,” Mr Gay said.

“During the five years to the end of June 2011, there were 123 incidents reported on the waterway and almost all of these involved recreational vessels.

(Of the vessels involved in these incidents, 38 per cent were open runabouts, 26 per cent were motor cruisers or cabin runabouts, 23 per cent were personal watercraft and six per cent were sailing vessels.

“We know the factors we need to address include lack of judgement, failure to keep a proper lookout, weather conditions, excess speed and equipment failures.”

Water safety initiatives include:

• removing of the disused piles at East Hills which are considered a navigation hazard
• installing CCTV at designated boating facilities, including ramps to monitor how they are used and behaviour
• regularly reviewing speed limits and upgrading safety and advisory signs
• establish an aquatic park on a trial basis at Floyd Bay, Lansvale, for personal watercraft riding and waterskiing activities
• allocating more resources to support education and compliance operations

“The trial of Floyd Bay as a trial aquatic park is appropriate as it’s located away from dense population and is largely isolated from the rest of the river by rocks,” Mr Flowers said.

“The Maritime Division of RMS will work with council and stakeholders to establish this trial aquatic park which will be reviewed at the end of June 2013.

“This said the strategy was the result of a robust process of consultation with community members and other stakeholders.”

A timeline is included in the plan which will see its recommendations actioned within five years.
The President writes;

Firstly welcome to our new members. 13 New members have joined so far.

A great roll up to our first meeting and weigh in. Well I am to sorry say the committee is responsible for selecting the competition dates, but we are not responsible for the weather, what a shocking weekend.

Only 4 guys weighed, but it was good to see that 2 of those guys were new members.

We have a big year planned, with our first social event being the Family Weekend at Shellharbour from 15th March, hope to see you there, even if it is just for the Saturday. Shellharbour Beachside Tourist Park -

Check out our Website for all the information you need
http://www.moorebankfishingclub.org.au. Speaking of the web we will shortly have a FOR SALE section available to our members.

Hope to see you at the pub on Thursday nights for our raffles at 5:30am.

Keith

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