



Whittley Club NSW

Nautical Newsletter

Your Monthly Update on All Things Whittley!

Welcome to our February 2025 Newsletter –

From the President

We are firmly into the 2025 boating year, with some exciting destinations scheduled. Our first official event for the year on the Myall Lakes for the Australia Day long weekend was a resounding success if the turnout is any guide. I am told by a long term member that our 15 boat raft was the largest Whittley raft in Club history! Have a look at the landing page of our Club website (www.whittleyclubnsw.com.au) where Michael has posted a photo of the raft at Neranie Sands where we held a beach BBQ for our Australia Day lunch.



Thank you Angela and Alex for organising a fantastic event.

While you are on the web site, have a look around. It is work in progress, with Michael having invested a lot of his personal time on the site so far.

Our March National Rally in Qld is an event that Pepe and I are very much looking forward to. Our Commodore Mark has done great work organising the road trip up to Sanctuary Cove. Travelling in convoy is a great opportunity to better get to know other club members, and means each participant has some back-up if a fellow traveller has a issue. Michael has put together the road trip brief on the website. <https://whittleyclubnsw.com.au/qld-national-rally-2025/> With a trip of this length, you owe it to yourself and your fellow travellers to make sure your trailer and tow vehicle are in tip top condition. If you have any doubts about your trailer or tow vehicle, get them checked before you leave.

How good is this newsletter?! A big shout out to Sandra for an informative and entertaining newsletter. Thank you from me and I am sure, everyone in the club

Kevin Shaw

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Facebook



Messenger

Communication Update

An updated Event Calendar is currently being worked on and when ready will be sent directly to your inbox.

A reminder: Our Whittley Club NSW facebook page is a great place to post a general question to the club plus send out any information to club members. Our facebook page is a closed page, meaning no one has access outside of our club membership.

For club trips and events: a messenger page will be available for all participants to that particular event to post photos, funny comments and information.

Both of these platforms are secure for members and run by our committee.

From the Commodore

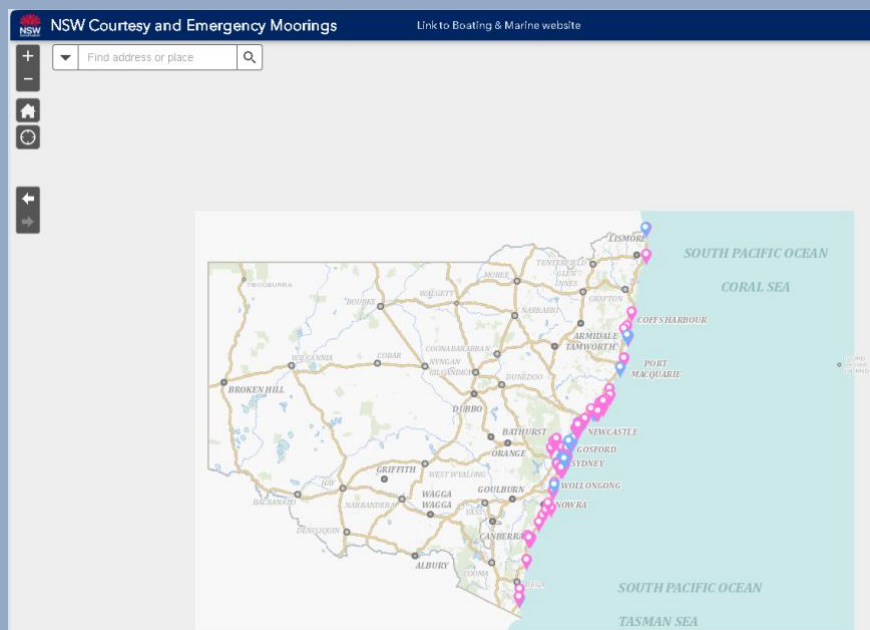
Courtesy Mooring Locator Map

Happy February fellow Whittley Members

Our Clubs Last Journey was to Myall Lakes which was organised by Angela & Alex was a great weekend, we had a great member turnout of 15 vessels.

Please find below for your convenience a link for the NSW Courtesy mooring locator for NSW.

<https://transportnsw.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=eb384ffc42e64becaceea237a137a057>



Warmest Regards

Mark PENNEY
(Club COMMODORE)



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We have a few openings for Trip leaders should anyone like to take one on. Trip leading is about showing a waterway that you may know (or not)

Recent Trips



Myall Lakes – January 2025

Ange and Alex ran this recent club trip. Might I say did a fine job with a lot of boats! Starting Friday 24th January and ending Tuesday 28th January for most. This time the Myall Lakes was in flood. Mostly it looked around 1m high with inundation to the launch ramp at Nerong and the wharf. The campgrounds also had less foreshore than usual along with the ferry connecting the road between Leggs camp and

Mungo Brush inoperable. However, undeterred the Whittley Club enjoyed a Long weekend on a mostly quiet Myall Lake system. This Lake system never disappoints and always feels like wilderness due to lack of development. The weather was warm, the wind light and friendship abounds with a merry crew of Whittley owners. The members departed and headed to some separate locations with a plan to come together for lunch on the Saturday at Kataway Bay. Perfect for swimming, sleeping or catching up we lazed away the afternoon. That evening headed for Neranie Sands campground and swimming area for overnight. The next perfect day was

Australia Day and we all floated, tended and swam



any which way to take our lunch, nibbles, camp chairs and drinks to spend the day on shore together with a BBQ lunch. A great day was had and headed back to our boats early evening for the night. Monday saw half of the crew head back to Nerong to retrieve and head home, others stayed an extra night at Leggs Camp.

Yes we had some boating mishaps, again how good it is to be with a bunch of knowledgeable quick thinkers, quick runners, well meaning members whether its





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running for a bung or scanning/snorkelling for a wayward anchor or reading glasses. This is what boating's all about. Ship happens!

Upcoming Trips

Club Trip - March 2025 Queensland Rally 17th – 21st March 2025

We are all looking forward to an amazing rally coming up. Mark Penney has outlined the road trip and stops along the way. Please refer to the email that was sent out 18th February and click on the link to reveal the days, times etc

“Whittley 2025 National Club Rally – Sanctuary Cove Queensland” Facebook page maybe handy for info also.

Club Trip – March 2025 – Alternative to Rally Trip 22nd – 23rd March.

Lake Macquarie – Mark will put out an expression of interest for this trip to see if there are any members wishing to get together who are not attending the Qld Rally. This trip will also be requiring a Trip Leader. Mark can be contacted sharleneandmark@hotmail.com

Club Trip – April 2025 – 25th – 27th Anzac Long weekend Hawkesbury River

This trip is being organised by Mark Penney and entails launching at Wisemans Ferry and navigating downstream to Pittwater, with maybe a night at Spencer if time allows. Mark will put out a Trip info email together after the Rally with more information in due course to call for participants.

Club Trip – May 2025 – 24th-25th Shoalhaven River

Mark is currently seeking a trip leader for this one. Shoalhaven River winds its way through the Nowra area. Launching will be at Greenwell Point. More info will be available soon on this trip.

Ideas beyond the “buoy”

A new segment currently being developed for the newsletter is “clever ideas” around the boat. I am constantly amazed by the ingenuity of some people with their boats and accessories. All with the aim of making the crew more comfortable and trip more enjoyable. This segment I will bring to you some fancy and not so fancy gadgets and ideas for you to use or not to use.

Beyond the Buoy 1. What do you do with for a garbage bin on our boats? Phil and Lea decided as they have no room on the floor of their galley for a bin, they simply hang a back pack idea utilising the straps of the bag on the rear rail of their boat for their garbage, insert plastic garbage bag inside for easy removal. No more smells, no bin falling over during boating. Have a look next time Phil and Lea are on a trip with “Fantale”. Good Idea!



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Reminder: Please send any funny photos, jokes, Ideas to info@whittleyclubnsw.com.au that you would like to share with fellow club members through the Newsletter. More info, segments are always welcome

Member Spotlight

[Dennis Plink & Connie Adams] –

Dennis as a teenager with his brothers drove a ski boat for a little while. The in 1985 drove his father's 35'diesel Cabin Cruiser for a while. Fast forward to 2022. Dennis and Connie were at a pub across the road from Sydney Harbour watching the boats on the water and Dennis announces "we can do that". That's all it took for this couple to decide to purchase the biggest trailerable boat that they could stay on. Enter "Wahine" CR2800.

How has that worked out for you guys? –

"We love the boat" said Dennis. The club was an extra bonus turned a good experience into a great experience. Not only formed new friendships but gained new skills too.

Fun Fact: Like a Pub with No beer, sadly Dennis (Secretary of the boat club) and Connie have No boat.

"Wahine" will be back for the next boating season.

