

G'day Guys

I have a few things to inform you of so please bear with me. I'll try not to waffle on but you know me by now!

Firstly a quickie.... **New Year.**

The club is putting on a Ball for New Year. It was advertised in the Tide last month. The theme is Silver and gold and it is \$85 each, see the tide for further details. If anyone is interested in making up a table for the power boat section, **please let me know and I will see what I can organise.** It is first come first served and payment will need to be made very quickly. Max Table size is 10. For those also interested it has been stated that those wishing to camp out for the night to save transport issues could do so if they wish, as it has been done previously.

For those of you that don't fancy a Ball on New Year, it has also been proposed that boats could launch on the river and moor up near Heirisson Island spending the night under the stars and watching the Fireworks at Gloucester Park. Those that are equipped to do so can stay the entire night and those that wish can go back up the river and go home. This has been a trip in previous years and by all accounts a very pleasurable one.

Secondly ; **Boating for Kidz.**

It is fast approaching the Clubs Kids Christmas party (Christmas tree) and for those of you that are unaware we have invited 20 Children from an organisation called MIFWA (Mental Illness Fellowship of WA) Our intention is to Raise \$300 to help towards the cost of a Christmas present for these Children as many of the families will not have the funds etc for them. As all children at the party will have presents it seems only right that these guests will have presents too. This will become the first Boating for Kidz event and in the New Year we will follow up with a boating event. So I have 2 requests,

1, For those of you that wish to donate a small sum of money towards the Christmas Party, and it is only for the Xmas party at this stage (doesn't matter how much it all helps!) please could you contact the section treasurer Trevor McCann at the following email address with your pledge. He will then forward you details of how to transfer the money and once received provide you with a receipt if required.

[trev\\_tinamccann@iprimus.com.au](mailto:trev_tinamccann@iprimus.com.au)

2, For the future events I would like expressions of interest (for want of a better phrase!) in helping out and taking part in the Boating for Kidz project. We only envisage running 1 or 2 trips in the first year, and require people willing to take the Kids / families / Carers out on your boat on the river for a short trip, followed by a BBQ / Picnic on shore. The days I Imagine would be fairly easy going and the Carers would be looking after / Responsible for the Kids on board. The club will have insurance in place for this. **If you are interested in this hugely worthwhile project i would like to hear from you very soon.**

**Other stuff**

Whale watching. - This has tried to happen over the past 2 weekends and the weather has been playing fairly unkindly. We did get out on Sunday and contrary to forecast it was actually quite

pleasant. Unfortunately due to the unpredictable weather there were only 2 boats. As myself and Rachael make the whale watching a bit of a hobby over October / November time we will be going out when we have a free weekend and even before work (early start!) if the weather is good enough. **If anyone fancies accompanying us out (about 7-10k's out from Scarborough) feel free to email me or call me and we'll see what we can arrange.**

**8th November - Fish and Chip run** - A Popular trip (when it happens!) Hopefully the weather will help us on this one. If the weather is calm and forecast is good we can take the route down the coast, otherwise we can saunter down the Swan and cut around into the marina and grab our fish chips and drinks! **Please let me know if you are interested in taking part in this trip.** Full details will be sent out closer to the day.

**21st November 09 - Ron Lindsay's House - Keiwa open day - Xmas party.** For those of you that are unaware Ron Lindsay is restoring a very old wooden boat called Keiwa (in between harassing councillors about the Marina!). He had an open day a while ago to give us a history of the boat and to show his progress, It's a fascinating and huge project and worth a look. Ron has offered to have another open day for the section and combine this with the sections Christmas party in the form of a BBQ. It will be a good night and those wishing to stay over night can bring tents or your boats to sleep in! **Please contact me if you wish to come along to what will be a very entertaining night!**

**5-6 Dec. 09 - Mandurah Lights - Stopover.** - This event will be an overnighter with a stop over at MOFSC. On the Saturday night a cruise around the Christmas lights (if they are on!) followed by a bit of socialising! We will probably book into the club for a meal also. If you don't fancy doing the lights (although it should be quieter than last year as its earlier) then you can just get the socialising going and get the beers ready for the light spectators return! The Sunday will be followed up by a day trip around the Peel inlet area. so anybody just wanting to do a day trip can come down for that. **If you could let me know if you are interested ASAP then i will get some pens booked.**

**1st Jan 2010 - Little Island - New years day.** - This is going to be the same as last year. Not planned in any form but a suggested meeting, subject to weather, around 11:00 - 12:00 for a bit or rest and recovery after New years eve. If it was like last year it was very pleasant with lots of people snorkelling.

For **Australia day** (26.01.10). It has been suggested that a 1, 2, 3, or 4 day trip at Cockburn would be good. (people can stay for up to 4 days but we can also have day trips included) I am yet to contact Cockburn regarding this but **anyone interested in stopping down there in their boats (or maybe tents) could you please let me know, with the length of time you are interested in and i will contact Cockburn to see what i can arrange.**

I think that's about it for now, sorry for the size of the email i'm not quite as concise as the former RC!

Thanks

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