

The Tale of LINTERN St Wharf

After much extended consultation with Council, the wharf extensions are going ahead with some important modifications:

1. The boat ramp is now 2m shorter and will not be (hopefully) impeding the passage of ferries and like sized vessels navigating the channel & accessing the wharf – especially at low tide
2. Poles proposed for the end of the wharf will now not be in a position to impede access to the wharf

BUT – **IMPORTANTLY** for commuters & locals – be aware that the Council advised us only late (25/6/2008) that the wharf **WILL BE CLOSED** for **2 weeks from 3rd July 2008**. Apparently this is to restrict the wash of the ferry and other vessels who access the wharf – not sure what is going to happen with wash from vessels using the channel itself - we alone pass this wharf 20 times a day weekdays!

Our skippers are aware and will always abide by the speed restriction in Lintern Channel- hopefully the Council & Waterways will advise other boat users??

Lintern St Wharf has caused grief in other directions as well- see pics- this is GALVANISED reinforced, marine grade steel – and somehow it ended up in the channel and wrapped around SARATOGA's propeller- it took 5 hours of hard yakka from our diver who had to use a hacksaw to cut it all off! Where did it come from ???



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TIMETABLE UPDATE

DUE TO COUNCIL CLOSING LINTERN ST THE TIMETABLE TO LINTERN ST WHARF DOES NOT APPLY FROM 3/7/2008- 17/7/2008 (tbc)

FARES

Woy Woy to Empire Bay

Adult: \$6.20 One Way / \$12.40 Return

Child, Student, Concession, Pensioners & Seniors: \$3.10 One Way / \$6.20 Return

Empire Bay to Davistown

Adult: \$3 One Way / \$6 Return

Child, Student, Concession, Pensioners & Seniors: \$2 One Way / \$4 Return

FERRY 10's are STILL only \$40 for commuters!!

COMMUTERS – REMEMBER that it is CHEAPER to catch the ferry than to run a car to Gosford Station!!

...and there's no parking problems on the ferry!

What's in AFLOAT? July 2008 – WORTH a LOOK....visit <http://afloat.com.au/afloat-magazine/home>

Is this the end for the Lady?

by Graeme Andrews

At about 1730 on February 18, 2008 one of the great survivors of the Australian marine scene quietly sank alongside her berth in Melbourne's Yarra River. After almost 98 years afloat the one-time Sydney ferry Lady Chelmsford lay on the bottom of the Yarra with her future very much in doubt....

As per Graeme “ *Lady Chelmsford* was built by legendary shipwright Rock Davis at Blackwall on Brisbane Water, south of Gosford. She was launched on April 14, 1910, the first of a new class of steam-powered wooden ferries built to the order of the Balmain New Ferry Co. Safely afloat and taken up, the new ferry was towed to Sydney where Morrison and Sinclair of White Bay, Balmain, fitted boiler and a compound engine, and built her superstructure, fitting her out with accommodation and all that such a ferry needed. ”

This article is well worth a look- wouldn't it be great if a benefactor came along and supported the return /restoration of this proud old lady back to her heritage home??



PHOTO : <http://www.ferriesofsydney.com/ladychelmsford.html>

INTRODUCING.....FERRY TO THE FOOTBALL....

27th July 2008- the MARINERS  (not these ones) –

these ones!!



VS SYDNEY FC (boo) at



The Ferry



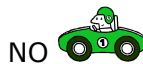
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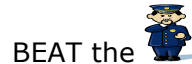
1:25 PM EMPIRE BAY (on request),

1:30 PM CENTRAL WHARF, 1:45 VETERANS HALL - arrive app 2:30 @ GOSFORD Wharf.

Then return @ 5pm.



NO PARKING WORRIES!



BEAT the Parking Fines!

COST



Adult \$12, Child \$9, Family \$40 (2 A & 2 school age kids)- BOOK NOW- we can

only carry



a limited number! BYO refreshments



and footy songs!!

BOOKINGS : email info@centralcoastferries.com.au or call 43631311 & leave your details

THINGS TO DO...

Whale watching cruises now departing from Ettalong Beach!



Fantasea Adventure Cruising, who also operate the Ettalong to Palm Beach Ferry Services is introducing whale watching cruises that will operate during June and July. Now locals and visitors alike can get up close to the whales in their natural environment and join the whales on their annual migration.

"We expect a large number of people will take advantage of this great opportunity," said Horst Endrulat CEO of Central Coast Tourism. "In the past we have promoted land based whale watching from Crackneck Lookout and Norah Head Lighthouse which attracted some 5,000 nature lovers. Now with actual whale watching cruises available on the Central Coast I expect even greater numbers".

The whale watching cruises will depart from Ettalong Beach Public Wharf at 11:30am on the 15th, 22nd and 29th of June and the 2nd, 6th, 9th, 12th, 13th, 16th and 20th of July 2008. Cruises last for four hours and the cost for adults is \$60, children \$30 and family tickets \$165.

The cruise on Wednesday 2nd July (almost SOLD OUT) and Wednesday 9th July is a special seniors cruise offering a concession rate of \$45 per person for seniors and their carers where applicable. Concessions/seniors rates are not offered on the other cruises.

To book any of these cruises or for more information contact Central Coast Tourism on 1300 132 975

JULY 2008

ACDC SHOW



Saturday 5th
July 2008
8:30 PM

DAVO MARKETS

Sunday 20th July 2008

10:00 AM

SUNDAY MARKETS ON THE GREEN breakfast ON THE TERRACE FROM 9AM

MONDAY CABERET

Monday 21st July 2008

11:00 AM

HUGE CHRISTMAS IN JULY WITH
MELODICA

AUGUST 2008

INXSIVE

Saturday 9th August 2008

8:30 PM



INXSIVE The INXS tribute show Status: Active State: Victoria Members: BI
: LEAD VOCALS DEAN MCGOWAN : SAX / GUITAR / PROGRAMMING / VOC
VOCALS MARK WALSH : LEAD GUITAR / HARMONICA / VOCALS Description
EMAILING LIST AND BE UPDATED REGULARLY WITH THEIR UPCOMING GI
WITH YOUR REQUEST.** INXSIVE ARE A BAN



These dodgy characters look familiar...

Editors Notes:

Love Winter- open fires, good books, warm slippers, glass of port.....aaah dream on! When you have a ferry business this rarely happens!

Thank heavens that the East Coast Low's this year were kind to us all, and our condolences to all who lost loved ones and suffered from that dreadful time last year.

We were praying that the weather would be kind- but we didn't count on the REO WRAPPER (story page one)! This certainly was a first- in fact NONE of our colleagues/surveyors/insurers have seen this before! It certainly tested us at a time that were stretched - but hats off to our Tim, our new skipper Tim J, our diver Shanan (now minus skin off his hands!) and our Mark for their hard work & diligence at getting the SARATOGA back on the run. It certainly proves that she is a sturdy vessel, not many would have survived this!

Fuel prices- what fun!! Think about leaving the car behind and- you guessed it - catch the ferry! From as little as \$3.10.....

We have lots of interest in the FERRY TO THE FOOTBALL- join us- save fuel, parking hassles....and enjoy the ferry ride.

Bets

