

NOVEMBER 2007

PUTT PUTT REGATTA SUNDAY 28th October

***DID YOU KNOW- that this year is the
10th Anniversary!!***

And they do this for the love of the "Putters" !!!!

**Don't Miss Out – due to cancellations we have
a few tickets left to follow the Regatta on the
SARATOGA- 0418631313**

Sunday - 28th October

- Registration & Judging - from 0830
- Briefing - 0930
- Putt Putt Challenge - 1030
- Regatta Sailpast - 1130
- Trophy Presentation - ~ 1500



Catch the ferries to the Regatta:

- MV CODOCK II: From Hardys Bay: 09:30– call the skipper on 0432 631211 or the office 43631311 for tickets
- From Woy Woy – 10:30
- MV SARATOGA: From Woy Woy – 09:30, 10:45
- From Empire Bay: 09:00, 11:25

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NEXT RESTAURANT RUN:

NOVEMBER 3rd – GOSFORD
(2nd last this year – and ??? next year – you tell us where & when you want to go.....)

Departure Times: from the following wharves:
Bensville 6.20, Empire Bay 6.35, Pine Ave 6.40,
Central 6.45, Lintern St 6.55 and Veterans Hall 7.00.
(Other wharves on request)

Book your own table at a restaurant that you choose.

We will arrive at approximately 7.30pm. Return to boat for a 10:30 pm departure

Cost is \$15 per person return.
Don't forget to bring along a pre dinner drink and join in the fun.

Gosford Restaurants

Iguanas
Shoreline
Traceys Upper Deck
Central Coast Leagues Club

THINGS TO DO



And watch for the next game on **NOVEMBER 4th**- at **GOSFORD!** GO THE MARINERS! Do we want a ferry to the game?????



“WIRES - putting the Life back into the Wild”

Event: WIRES Central Coast Black Tie Gala Charity Ball

Date: 3rd November 2007

Venue: Foresters Beach Resort

Time: 6.00pm

Dress: Semi Formal – Black Tie Optional

Tickets: \$65 per head - 0438 622 225

Brisbane Water Oyster Festival

Come down and enjoy the oysters, sunshine, and great entertainment at this year's Brisbane Water Oyster Festival. Sunday 11 November 2007.

BETTER STILL CATCH THE FERRY!

TIMETABLE UPDATE

Unfortunately, due to low patronage, the **COCKATOO FERRY** service will no longer operate on a regular timetable. As from Monday 5th November 2007, the **COCKATOO FERRY** will operate, instead as a **TOURIST SERVICE**. The ferry will operate **OCTOBER, XMAS** (except Xmas Day & Boxing Day) & **EASTER school holidays**, on the current timetable times. Outside these days, the Ferry will be available for **GROUP** bookings (min 15 return, 30 one way), **PRIVATE CHARTER** etc. (from \$250 /hour hire fee + GST).

Our apologies for these changes, however, we view this optimistically in that the ferry is now able to support her stable mate SARATOGA on busy days, and is available for special event days for sightseeing cruises etc.

FARES UPDATE

New fares for the **COCKATOO FERRY** are as follows:

Woy Woy to Ettalong

Adult: \$6.00 One Way / \$12.00 Return
Child, Student, Concession, Pensioners & Seniors: \$4.00 Each Way / \$8.00 Return

Ettalong to Wagstaff

Adult: \$4.00 One Way
Child, Student, Concession, Pensioners & Seniors: \$2.00 One Way

TIMETABLE UPDATE:

Woy Woy – Empire Bay service on SUNDAY 28th October: service disruption @ 12:30 from Woy Woy – NO SERVICE and the!!: 20 from EMPIRE BAY will cease @ PINE Ave due to the PUTT PUTT Regatta



THE HARRY HAMMOND STORY:

Henry (Harry) Hammond built his first timber ski boat in 1945, it was a centre mount called ZOOMA and had a successful racing career with ZOOMA, he built this at Saratoga and used it to cross the Brisbane Waters to court his future wife. During the war years Harry worked at Garden Island shipyards and at wars end returned to his passion of crafting out his classic timber ski boats. It would take six to seven weeks to complete them. In the sixties they were referred to as the Rolls Royce of ski boats.

In March of this year Mark Hammond (only child of Harry) was informed of a timber Hammond stored in a shed at Bega NSW, it had been hidden away for 27 years. He would achieve his life long dream when he became the proud owner of this classic 1961 timber Hammond his father built.

Establishing the true identity of this boat has been difficult with Harry's failing memory but Mark believes it was once called Miss Australia and when it was completed was sent to the USA to be fitted with a 396 Chrysler, bored plus 60 and rebuilt by Keith Black from KB engines, fitted with a super charger mounted off the crankshaft, had 600 hp and reported reaching 100 mph. She is 18ft 8in long with a 6ft 6in beam.

Mark was successful with contacting the marine engineer in the USA who fitted the motor, he gave additional information to Mark about this craft. When the original owner sold her he replaced the motor with a Ford Mercury and since then we believe she has had at least two other owners. Mark managed to track down the original motor built by KB in Sydney but at this point it is not for sale.

Mark is restoring his Hammond at his father's workshop in Brookvale, it is painstaking work but is a labour of love.



Harry and Mark with Miss Australia.

Contact: hammondboats@bigpond.com
Mark 02 9905 4194 or 0418 622 120

Harry Hammond - one of nature's true gentlemen!!!

We have lost a part of Australian marine history with the passing of Harry Hammond (Hammond Craft) on August 20, aged 92. It is our intention to hold a celebration of Harry's life at the **Hammond Boat reunion 18 November 2007 at Dargle Ski Park**. *Miss Australia* (1961 timber Hammond) is looking beautiful and, by the reunion, we hope she will be as she was in the beginning ... a graceful lady of the river. It was a picturesque setting on the Hawkesbury River that formed the backdrop for the inaugural meeting last November of the Hammond Craft, where just on 50 graced the riverbanks.

Proud owners and enthusiasts met to create a once in a lifetime event to share their pride and joy with others who had an appreciation for the little boats that for over forty years have given families days of pleasure and enjoyment.



Owners from Queensland and Victoria traveled to participate on the day. Three timber boats, *Miss Australia* (1961), *Super Roo* (1964) and *Presto* (1957) were there along with a timber hull from the mid-'60s due for restoration.

These beautiful Hammonds demonstrated Harry Hammond's craftsmanship that would go into the creation of the fibreglass boats. Following the support on the day it was decided to hold another reunion, "same time same place in 2007" with the intention to continue as long as the interest remains.



On the evening of that inaugural meeting Mark visited his father and told him of the day. A few days later he took *Miss Australia* up for him to see for the very first time since leaving his workshop in 1961. With a little wiry smile and a tear in his eye he looked at Mark and said, "I couldn't have done any better."

Mark knew then all his labour of love was worth it. Restoration of *Miss Australia* is still not completed but the pleasure of showing his father will ensure the end result will be a tribute to his father's life and passion.

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Locomotive 3801 - Cab Entry - Exhibitions and Shows

It's Back!

The greatest steam locomotive of the New South Railways, the LOCOMOTIVE 3801 will be returning to Goulburn on 3rd November 2007.

The Steam Locomotive 3801 will visit the Goulburn Rail Heritage Centre on 3rd November, to be turned and serviced. The locomotive will be positioned into the diesel locomotive maintenance gantries to allow visitors to safely participate in tours of the 3801 driver's cabin.

This is a rare opportunity to experience the smells and sights of a locomotive in steam from the driver's cabin. The locomotive will be on site approximately 12.30pm - 3.00pm

Admission to the Roundhouse is by donation.

Contact Details:

**Locomotive 3801 - Cab Entry
Goulburn Rail Heritage Centre Braidwood Road
Goulburn, NSW 2580
Telephone: 02 - 4822 1210
Fax: 02 - 4823 5762**

Editors Notes:

A tad early this month due to so much happening- first and foremost the **PUTT PUTT REGATTA** is celebrating 10 years of "putters" getting together and joining forces with other community groups to stage a grand event that is about , to put it simply, heritage, history, community and mateship.

I have sat and listened to these folks who are passionate about their common ambition, to putt around in boats. (George is restoring a "submarine" Putt Putt - it is a passion!!) This is ably organised by volunteers from the local community as well as Brisbane Water Marine Watch & Kincumber Rotary.

They have very little high profile sponsorship, and all give up their time voluntarily. Hats off to this dedicated group!!

This month we also pay tribute to a true Aussie Legend, **Harry Hammond**, who passed away in August. Harry's boat building days were part of our local community at Saratoga.

These are legendary ski boats- between our friends & family, there are 4 Hammonds!!! Hammondville???? If you can, join the "**Hammond Family**" at their annual get together on November 18th.

Also we bade farewell to a regular ferry service to Hardys Bay- Ettalong- unfortunately not well patronised, thus a decision was made to limit the service to a TOURIST SERVICE. We tried very hard.....

Bets



DAVISTOWN
RSL CLUB

Murna Road, Davistown. Ph; 4363 0199

WHAT'S ON....

www.davistownrsl.com.au



Date : Friday 2nd November 2007

Start Time : 7:30 PM

End Time : 11:00 PM

Cost : \$25

Location : AUDITORIUM

Bookings/Contact : 43630199

Smoke Free : Yes

Age Restrictions : Over 18's Only



Date : Tuesday 6th November 2007

Start Time : 11:00 AM

End Time : 4:00 AM

Cost : \$30.00

Location : Auditorium

Bookings/Contact : 43630199

Smoke Free : Yes

Age Restrictions : Over 18's Only



Date : Friday 30th November 2007

Start Time : 8:30 PM

End Time : 11:00 PM

Cost : \$25

Location : AUDITORIUM

Bookings/Contact : 43630199

Smoke Free : Yes

Age Restrictions : Over 18's Only