



# KMYC – *Your Club*

June/ July 2019 Newsletter

*From Commodore Jim Lendrum*

**Welcome to the June / July newsletter.**

## **20<sup>th</sup> June: 74<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting:**

**The recent AGM was well attended by 27 members; 18 apologies were received and the following Flag Officers were elected unopposed:**

Commodore: Jim Lendrum

Vice Commodore: Cathy Astridge

Rear Commodore: Chris Jensen

The Committee Directors are:

Paul Purnell, Bruce Quick, Garry Sexton and Glenn Sommer.

We look forward to another exciting and busy year, with many planned social events to enjoy. Our social committee remains strong, so we are in great shape to enjoy the 2019/2020 boating season.

***Anyone who wishes to join the social committee  
please let Georgia know.***

## **Social Events:**

**‘Off the Water Weekend’: 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> June:**

### **- Wiseman’s Ferry and The Forgotten Valley -**

**~ Report from Briar Jensen - MV ‘Cocktail 111’ ~**

‘More than half the group arrived on Friday afternoon to see the club’s name up in lights on the welcome sign at The Retreat at Wisemans. Everyone congregated at the Bowling Club for drinks followed by dinner from Grub on the Green.

The rest of the group arrived Saturday morning (the Sextons having taken the long way around) and we started the day with a visit to the Men’s Shed, which actually has several female members, one of which is a superior carpenter, according to Adrian and Alan who kindly showed us around their well-equipped new shed, the envy of several of our wooden boat owners.

Following a visit to Ferry Artists Gallery and Cobham Hall museum, a section of Solomon Wiseman’s home within the Wisemans Inn Hotel, we picnicked in winter sunshine on a sandstone terraced bank of the Hawkesbury River.

Crossing the river by ferry we walked the Devine’s Hill section of the World Heritage-listed Great North Road Convict Trail, led by two volunteers from the Convict Trail Project. They described the road’s engineering feats and the deprivations of the chain-ganged convicts, the leg irons of which Bruce was ‘quick’ to try on for size. Hangman’s Rock didn’t garner the same enthusiasm.

Despite ‘surprising’ Jamie at Busby’s Café we had the restaurant to ourselves and enjoyed a delicious meal and robust conversation. Post dinner some members retired to the Bowling Club while others enjoyed the ambiance of the cobblestoned courtyard of the Wisemans Inn Hotel, dancing to the live band ‘Copperline’.

Sunday morning we met seventh-generation farmer Mark Watkins at Watkins Family Farm in Loughtondale, where he described the trials and tribulations of farming citrus in unsuitable sandy soil and selling on a pick-your-own basis to the public (many who shockingly abuse the privilege by stealing fruit and leaving their rubbish). Wandering between the rows of fruit trees as the sun rose over the hills we filled our buckets with imperial mandarins and our lungs with the sweet citrus aroma. We stocked up on lemonades, finger limes and fresh eggs, departing as the weekend crowds arrived.

Taking Wisemans Ferry we crossed the Hawkesbury and followed Settlers Road beside the Macdonald River to St Albans and the convict-built Settlers Arms Inn. Lunch was under the trees in the garden at an enormous table set with white linen cloths as peacocks, chooks and children roamed the lawn. Licensee Ian Burns-Woods gave us an entertaining history lesson before we returned via St Albans Road and the Webb’s Creek Ferry, completing a loop back to Wisemans Ferry.

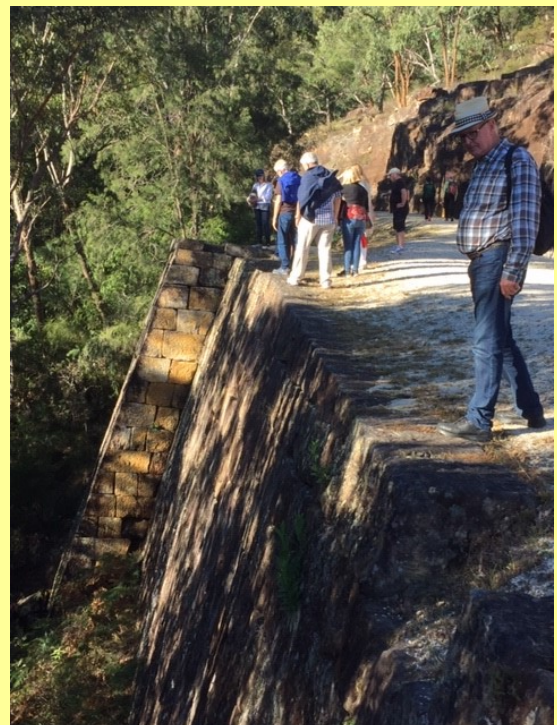
While it proved impossible to get all 24 members together for a photo, we managed not to lose anybody in the Forgotten Valley!



**Congratulations to Briar and Chris Jensen who planned and executed a fabulous weekend for so many members. Everyone sends their thanks! ~ Jim**



**Trying on leg irons – for size!**



**Admiring construction of The Great North Road**





**Walking Devine's Hill**



**Lunch on the bank of the Hawkesbury River**



**Watkins Orchard**



**Barrow-full of laughs at the  
Men's Shed**

## **Radio Course: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

### **7.30a.m. – approx. 16.30p.m.**

Tony Gordon, Unit Commander of Marine Rescue Cottage Point, has kindly offered to hold a Radio course for KMYC members and staff, delivered by Patrick O'Brien. This popular course was well-attended by many members.



### **Please take note of the following details:**

- The course will take place in the Founders' Lounge.
- 7:30am for 8am start
- Essential for each participant to revise the practice exam questions beforehand – Google “OMC LROCP Test Questions” and pre-read the manual
- Bring own lunch
- Credit card required for payment of \$89 for exam that is provided by ACMA. Cash not accepted. No other cost to participants.
- Contact Patrick O'Brien on [pvsob1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:pvsob1@optusnet.com.au) to RSVP
- Open to KMYC members, guests or staff who are at least 16 years old wishing to do a refresher or gain full LROCP certification.

### **Vale: Deb Purnell – MV 'Stingray Bay'**

On behalf of KMYC members and families, I extend our deepest condolences to Paul Purnell and his daughter, Katie. Please see Paul's words below:

'It is with the deepest anguish and sadness that I announce that Deborah Purnell, my wife of 30 years, passed away last Saturday 29 June 2019. She was taken off life support and passed peacefully. My daughter, Katie, and I were at her side supporting her to the other side – she would have wanted this.

She is in a better place – finally out of pain and probably raising a storm in heaven.

There will be a funeral service at St John's Anglican Church, Mona Vale on July 11<sup>th</sup> 2pm and a Celebration of her life at Mona Vale Golf Club 3pm. Let me know if you would like to come (to get the catering right).

We thank everyone that have offered condolences and words of support'

Kindest regards  
Paul and Katie Purnell  
Stingray Bay



## Mobile phone reception at Cottage Point

Due to limited and outdated telephone infrastructure and minimal mobile phone reception, a local Cottage Point man tragically lost his life recently.

Please could you help with the fight for mobile phone reception at Cottage Point by signing the below petition?

[www.jasonfalinski.com.au/cottage\\_point\\_phone\\_reception](http://www.jasonfalinski.com.au/cottage_point_phone_reception)

## Coal and Candle Cottage

Why not consider a weekend (or longer) on land at beautiful Cottage Point!

Many KMYC members have already spent time in this beautifully appointed cottage and are already making return visits with family and friends or recommending it to others.



Details can be found on the KMYC website OR to view and book the cottage:

[www.beach-stays.com.au/accommodation/coal-and-candle/](http://www.beach-stays.com.au/accommodation/coal-and-candle/)





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## 2019 – Save the Date

- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September: KMYC Opening Day

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