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2009 Australian Marina of the Year

(Cat II under 85 berths)

Fenwicks Marina has received the prestigious 2009 Marina of the Year Award, in the under 85 berths category. This national award is conducted by the Marina Industry Association of Australia.

Fenwicks was recognised for its "continual improvements in environmental practices", such as regular water quality testing as part of the Streamwatch Program, as well as its level of support and participation in the local community.

"It is the enthusiastic response in which Fenwicks' service their clientele and the presentation of the Marina that makes it a credit to Andrew and his team," Tom Chapman, one of the judges, said.

This year the competition was strong with the most entries ever received.

We are very proud of our achievement. This is an Australia wide competition and Fenwicks was up against many multi national companies and high profile power boat and sailing clubs, so for a business in the small community of Brooklyn to win such a prestigious award is very satisfying.



This Award is conducted by the Marina Industries Association of Australia. Written applications are assessed by experienced industry personnel, there is also a mystery customer assessment and an audit by an award judge. This year the applications were assessed by Michael Chapman, maritime consultant and lawyer and President of the NSW Boat Owners Association and Roy Privett, General Manager of the BIA.

The winners were chosen from a competitive nationwide field and underwent a demanding evaluation process for selection.

The awards assessment criteria includes analysis of a marina's goals and accomplishments, services, facilities and amenities, marketing, environmental practices, training and staff development, continuous improvement & contribution to the local community and local economy.

The finalists were then visited by awards judge Tom Chapman who audited each marina.

Of course, such an award would not be possible without the dedication and incredible effort and support of all our staff and tenants, to whom I say, "thank you".

Andrew Fenwick

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PLEASE NOTE

- *Waterfront & Local Restaurants & Cafes on the Lower Hawkesbury & Cowan Guide (free) is being up-dated and the new edition will soon be available from the office*
- *Hard copies of Galley Gossip are available from the office*
- *There is a 5c per litre discount for clients who purchase over 400 litres and pay for it at the time of purchase.*

2009 Australian Marina of the Year Award Presentation

Andrew and Phil were presented with the Award at the Gala Presentation Dinner that was held at Seaworld on Tuesday 26th May.



There were over 340 local and international delegates at the Awards Ceremony which was the culmination of MIAA International Conference.

Be Aware Be Safe at Sea

The AIS-MULTI is a combined AIS Dual Channel Receiver and Antenna Splitter all in one compact unit. Installation is quick and easy as it utilises the boats existing VHF Radio Antenna to provide AIS reception, thus reducing cost and time.

The unit is powered by the boats 12/24VDC supply. The signal from the Antenna is amplified before being shared by the VHF Radio and internal AIS Receiver, thus ensuring minimum insertion loss.

AIS information received can be displayed on a compatible Chart Plotter using the NMEA 0183 output, and at the same time the unit can be connected to a PC via the USB port to display data onto a compatible Charting program.



The AIS Multi Receiver

Information received by the AIS Multi Receiver:

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| • Name of Vessel | • Call Sign |
| • MMSI Number | • Heading |
| • Position | • Rate of Turn |
| • Speed | • Navigation Status |
| • Course | • Vessel Dimensions |
| • Type of Vessel | • Destination |

The AIS Multi provides a small vessel with:

- A low cost method of monitoring the position, speed and heading of other vessels within VHF range
- Reception from both Class A & Class B vessels, plus aids to navigations
- Compact design & simple installation

Further Information Phone: Dave Apperley 0412 508 811

Is Your Rudder Slowing You Down?



Introducing Ebony



Bill and Rebecca Brady are now the very proud parents of a beautiful little girl, Ebony. Congratulations Bill & Bec & welcome little Ebony.

A Day in the Life of the Hawkesbury

Fenwicks Marina hosted the inaugural "Day in the Life of the Hawkesbury River" Community Information Day, organised by Hornsby Council on Saturday May 2.

A steady stream of people came to the marina throughout the day to view the various exhibits that represent life on the Hawkesbury.

The Council's Estuary team displayed its Estuary Management Plan and were on hand to answer any questions regarding the river and the Management Plan's objectives.

For Fenwicks Marina it was an open day for the public to stroll around the marina, view the operation of a working marina and enjoy the atmosphere.

The Hawkesbury's fishermen were there to educate and demonstrate their trade. John Stocks and Rob Moxham from Broken Bay Oysters had an oyster punt on the hardstand and demonstrated the art of shucking oysters while Ralph Norrington, the owner of the Australian Star prawn trawler, had his trawler on display together with the nets used by the prawn trawlers designed to trap the prawns and release fish.

For the lovers of seafood free samples of Pacific Oysters that are now being harvested in the Hawkesbury and Hawkesbury River prawns were available.

The authorities that care-take the river were there to answer any questions. The NSW Water Police and NSW Maritime had their boats on display and the Hawkesbury River Rescue Inc (VRA) rescue vessel was in the travel lift. Representatives of the VRA were on hand to recruit any prospective volunteers and explain the responsibilities of the Hawkesbury River Rescue Inc.

The Houseboat Industry was represented by Ripples Houseboat, Ritters Houseboats, Luxury Afloat and Holidays Afloat and had a 10 berth houseboat on display.

As the day was such a huge success Hornsby Council plan to make this an annual event.



the SYDNEY international
BOATSHOW

The 42nd Sydney International Boat Show

DATES: 30 July - 3 August, 2009 (Thursday – Monday)

HOURS: 10AM - 8PM Halls, 10AM - 6PM Marina

LOCATION: Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre & Cockle Bay Marina, Darling Harbour, Sydney, Australia

Fenwicks will be offering all marina berth clients **two VIP** tickets to the Show.

Please email Jill at fenwicks.office@pip.com.au if you would like tickets. .

Tim Smashes Bridge to Bridge Record

The Upper Hawkesbury Power Boat Club was in full throttle mode for the Bridge to Bridge powerboat classic, the 74th staging of the popular event.

Australia's quickest boats and best drivers were ready to do battle over the winding 112 kilometre stretch of the Hawkesbury River in an event that often becomes a race of attrition as engines are 'brutally punished' at wide open throttle and maximum revolutions.

Such is the speed some of these racers can reach, that the race, despite its 112km length, has become known as a 'drag race', as some of the V8-powered racers can top 260km/hr (162mph).

Perfect weather conditions greeted the 92 combatants on the Hawkesbury at Brooklyn shortly after sunrise on Sunday, May 3rd, 2009.

The Bridge to Bridge classic attracted a wonderful turnout of finish line spectators, believed to be more than

12,000. Given the crowd at Brooklyn and along the river, more than 25,000 sun drenched spectators are estimated to have watched the event.

Ninety two competitors in 21 classes turned out for the race. Inboards, outboards, stern drives ...they were all their giving it their best shot.

The race certainly proved a memorable one for Andrew Botting's apprentice shipwright, Tim Fenwick, who was driving 'Southern Cross'. Tim won the SMOG Outboard Class, when he posted an excellent 41 minutes, 28 seconds braking the record by 1 and 1/2 minutes. Tim also won a second trophy for being the fastest Outboard overall and was placed 5th outright.

Tim only began racing 'Southern Cross' 18 months ago and completed the Bridge to Bridge in 45.55 minutes on his first attempt last year when he was placed 13th outright.

Congratulations Tim!



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FENWICKS from 1862

In 1862 brothers John (Andrew's great, great grandfather) and Thomas Fenwick commenced business as "watermen" rowing clients around Sydney Harbour. With their first tug "J& T Fenwick" the brothers commenced the first towage service in Port Jackson in 1870. As shipping increased so did their tug fleet. In 1874 the business extended to Ballina to serve the increasing cedar trade. Subsequently the business was divided with Thomas running the northern operation and John, the Port Jackson operation. In 1888 the tug Newburgh was temporarily rigged as a brigantine and sailed to Sydney from the UK. The Newburgh is depicted in a copper mural that hangs in Fenwick's office. In the early 1890s the tug was stationed at Newcastle.

John Fenwick died in 1901 aged 65.

During WW1 the "Heroine" & "Heroic" served under British command in UK & Mediterranean waters. In 1939 the "Hero" was despatched to Port Kembla. The Royal Australian Navy took over the "Heros" in WW2 to serve as a mine sweeper.

From 1956 the Company, under direction of Ron Fenwick, commenced a rebuilding programme which saw the old steam tugs replaced by diesel tugs. The "Sydney Cove" was the first of the high powered diesel tugs to operate in Australia. The company was publicly listed in 1958. In 1968 the "Manly Cove" was chartered out to Port Latta (Tasmania). Another tug was sent to Hay Point (Townsville, QLD). J Fenwick & Co was taken over by Brambles Industries in 1970 – its 100th year.

Doug Fenwick resigned as MD in 1972 to start a Houseboat Hire business at Kangaroo Point, Brooklyn.

2009 Australian Marina of the Year Our Team



From l to r: Adam, Phil, Andrew, Jeff; 2nd row Bill, Roman, Brett; 3rd row CMS -Steve, Leanne, Ashley, Andy, Kane, Gerard, Matt, Cassie, Shipwrights-Troy, Greg (Painter), Andrew, Tim, 4th row Mainsales-Ashley, OME-Dave A&B Boat Covers-Alan.