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Marina News

MARINA REFURBISHMENT

Fenwicks have awarded a tender to The Marine Doctor to refurbish the floating marina. This project will involve replacing all timber whalings, through bolts, cleats, and rubber sponsons along the marina and fuel wharf.

The project is expected to take two months and will commence in April, 2009.

During the refurbishment it will be necessary to move boats to allow the contractors adequate access to carry out their work. Fenwicks will notify clients if and when their vessel has to be moved or re-located.

We do apologise for any inconvenience. This work is being carried out as part of our Management Plan to keep the marina in first class condition., thus providing a quality facility for our clients.

BILL GLOVER BENEFIT NIGHT

Bill and Gail Glover operate Luxury Afloat Houseboats. Bill has also spent many years assisting the recreational boating public through his involvement with the Hawkesbury River Rescue Vessel (VRA). Unfortunately Bill was involved in an accident that left him badly burnt. The good news he is making a steady recovery.

The local Brooklyn community is holding a Benefit Night for Bill on Sunday, 19th April at Riverside Restaurant in Brooklyn.

It promises to be a fun night with many items such as houseboat holidays, dinner party for 6 by leading *Flying Fish* chef Kim Lockyer, signed & framed Grant Hackett shirt, exquisite scale model of *Gretel* donated by the BIA, slipping of a 40' vessel to be auctioned. The

cost is \$25 per head and tickets are available from the office. Details of the event will be posted on the notice board at Fenwicks.

Please join us for a night of fun. All proceeds will go towards Bill's recovery.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE HAWKESBURY RIVER

Hornsby Council approached Fenwicks to use the Marina as the location for its first "A day in the life of the Hawkesbury River" Community Information Day.

The event is the initiative of the Estuary Management Team at Hornsby Council. They plan to showcase the local marine industries such as Broken Bay Oyster farmers, local prawn fisherman, Houseboat Association and, of course, the Marina Industries Association of Australia will also be represented.. Representatives from government agencies includes NSW Fisheries, Oceanwatch, Water Police, NSW Maritime, and Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Authority.

FIRE DRILL

As part of our annual safety procedures we will be organising a basic fire and evacuation training session at the marina. All Marina staff will be attending. The training session will involve a practical hands on session using all types of portable fire extinguishers plus the fire hose reels.

We will be conducting this training session during the winter months and on a week day. If you would like to join us please give Jill a call—she will be able to advise price and time.

Andrew Fenwick

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PLEASE NOTE

- *Waterfront & Local Restaurants & Cafes on the Lower Hawkesbury & Cowan Guide (free) 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.*



**A day in the life of the Hawkesbury River
Community information day**

When? Saturday 2 May, 10am-2pm
Where? Fenwicks Marina, 31 Brooklyn Road, Brooklyn

Wireless Instruments

The **wireless revolution** has started! Tacktick wireless displays take marine instruments to a new level of usability and precision.

Besides giving you reliability and performance, Tacktick displays are unique. They are wireless and use “micro-power” solar technology, which means:

Reliability—80% of electronic faults are caused by wiring failures. Remove the wires & you instantly reduce the potential for leakage & breaks in data & power supply.

Easy Installation—a typical installation can be done in just a few hours. There’s no need for holes or wires!

Self-powering—Tacktick displays are solar powered with integrated lithium batteries that power the unit for life.



Power Boat Wind System

Portability—you position your displays where you want them. Using clip in cradles, your displays can be positioned anywhere on your boat so you can view the information where and when you need it.

Waterproof—all products are sealed for life and are totally waterproof (submersible to 10m). This also means no condensation.

Remote Displays are also available. That means you can keep an eye on things while you are out of the cockpit or below deck. Its dot matrix screen displays all the data on your Tacktick system.



Remote Display

Contact : **Dave Apperley**, Ocean Marine Electronics, on 0412 508 811 for further information

Waterproofing Canvas

BrellaProof is used for reproofing canvas. It is a water based treatment that will restore a water repellent finish and inhibit mildew growth on all used canvas goods. This product should not be applied to new canvas as it is unnecessary and may lead to impairment of appearance.

You can purchase BrellaProof from **Alan Munce** \$40 for 2 litres. Coverage is approximately 6 square metres per litre.



...and Zips

Alan also recommends Joyna Silicone Spray for all zippers. Joyna is an instant drying, non staining, non oily, no odour, colourless spray that contains no chlorofluorocarbons. A handy 300g can is \$25.

Ideally zippers should be sprayed every two months to keep them in excellent condition and prolong the life of the zipper..

CMS helps out in Puerto Williams

Steve and Leanne (CMS) are currently holidaying in South America. They will have 4 weeks of adventure which includes Steve being able to have a beer at the Yacht Club in Puerto Williams—the southern most yacht club in the world! But whilst there he has been seconded by Tony Mowbray to assist with engine problems he is having on his expedition sailing yacht “Commitment”, a Schooner rigged (two masted) “Ocean 60”. “Commitment” is a charter vessel offering wonderful adventures to the Antarctic Peninsula, Tierra del Fuego, The Falkland Island & Buenos Aires. Steve and his mate “Seagull” will be taking spare parts from Australia to Puerto Williams to assist with the repairs.



Introducing....



Roman is our new General Hand at Fenwicks. He finished his HSC last year and has joined Fenwicks as an introduction to the marine industry.

Cassie has been warmly welcomed by all the staff at Callaghan Marine Services. She’s in the office and ready to learn the business!



Jeremy is Callaghan Marine Services new apprentice. He started his apprenticeship this year under the supervision of Steve and he was a welcomed member of Fenwicks Fenders!

Ethanol

A Florida USA class Action suite on behalf of owners of boats damaged by ethanol fuel has triggered NSW Maritime to issue a warning to boat owners about using ethanol.

The warning explains some of the well publicised problems—such as the 10% ethanol mix (E10) sold through Australian pumps can damage fibreglass tanks, dissolve hoses, lines and gaskets and doesn't store well.

Fuel industry executives has advised the storage life can be as short as two weeks.

Marine applications are especially vulnerable to the problem of phase separation. When E10 absorbs moisture the ethanol separates and collects at the bottom of the fuel tank. This builds up to a point where the fuel system and engine suffers a dose of 100% ethanol. Something they were never designed for.

It's ethanol's ability to dissolve fibreglass fuel tanks that has driven the legal action in the USA, according to the

Naples Daily News. Experts claim ethanol fuel dissolves some fibreglass compounds, which pass through the finest filters before coating engine components—with potentially disastrous results.

Australia States have passed a law making ethanol compulsory by the year 2010. Queensland announced a 5% mandate by 2010, NSW 6% 2010 increasing to 10% in 2011.

Greg Haines of Haines Suzuki Marine said: "The NSW Government decision is disappointing and seems to have been made with little industry consultation."

All modern outboards sold in Australia can cope with E10, but when the fuel goes off in just two weeks, some importers won't cover that with warranty," said Haines.

The Marine Industry is currently seeking further discussion with Government agencies.

Fuel supplied at Fenwicks comes directly from the refinery and is free of all additives.

Contractors Insurance

Any contractors or workers operating on vessels within Fenwicks Marina must be covered by public liability insurance to \$10 million.

The contractor must also complete the Contractors Package which can be downloaded from our website. After an induction, contractors must sign the registration book in the office each day they are at the Marina.

Please note, clients who use contractors without insurance will be liable in the event of an accident.

Container ship for sale Enquiries—Mainsales



the SYDNEY international
BOATSHOW

The 42nd Sydney International Boat Show

will be held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre & Cockle Bay Marina, Darling Harbour, Sydney, Australia

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. Tickets will be mailed early July.

Trivia Quiz—test your Australian General Knowledge

1. Who became Prime Minister of Australia on January 1, 1901?
2. Which famous event took place on November 11, 1975?
3. Which famous event took place on March 19, 1932?
4. Which famous event took place on November 22, 1956?
5. Which famous event took place on 27th September 1983?

Abandon: The wild state you are in when buying a boat

Leak: A situation calling for Leadership

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FENWICKS FENDERS

Well the spectator crowds were a little disappointing this year but that didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the eight teams! It was obvious some teams had been training all year and had been bitten by the "We are the Champions" bug!!! while others, were there just for the fun!

After a very close play-off Fenwicks Fenders were the proud winners of the "Wooden Spoon" and, as there was no formal presentation, Andrew Botting has promised to make us a "Wooden Spoon" to be proud of!!! Thanks, AB and as a show of sportsmanship we will donate it to the organisers for next year's game!

The Fenders would also like to thanks all those supporters who came to cheer us on....and a special thanks to Jodie Armour and Laura who came from Port .Stephens to help us on the day.



Trivia Quiz Answers

1. Sir Edmund Barton
2. Governor General Sir John Kerr dismissed Prime Minister Gough Whitlam.
3. The Sydney Harbour Bridge was opened.
4. The Opening Ceremony of the Melbourne Olympic Games
5. Australia won the America's Cup.

