

Storm Point Overnight: March 11th 12th 2017

The 35 Club Members who attended our annual Labour Weekend overnight get-together enjoyed two days of great food, lots of chin wagging and some incidental in-house entertainment. Our "Traditional" destination for this weekend has been Plover Point however recent floods had removed most of the sandy beach that made that location attractive. After a few reconnaissance trips by some Committee Members, Storm Point was selected as a good alternative. An advantage of Storm Point is that it has road access which meant we didn't have to load all the catering paraphernalia onto boats, it could be brought in by car. It was that "advantage" that inadvertently provided the first round of in house entertainment. Storm Point is a beautiful, generally sheltered sandy beach area. Problem is the sand extends quite a long way inland. Committee Member Paul Purich was the first to discover the disadvantage when he arrived at the site with the club's courtesy bus and promptly bogged it. A performance he repeated the next day! Later in the evening Club Secretary Peter Blainey who owns Bulls Cruisers in Paynesville got a call to attend one of his boats. Peter didn't see the log in the sand as he drove off and he too got bogged, over the log! Fortunately Rear Commodore Gary Smith had a chainsaw and it with a bit of cutting and a lot of pushing, Peter's ute was eventually freed.

Most of the members had arrived at the site on Saturday morning and all decided to cruise across the lake to Loch Sport to the pub for lunch. The Loch Sport Pub is beautifully situated with a panoramic view of the lake. Our members were all feeling pretty special, sitting there enjoying the atmosphere overlooking their boats all lined up along the beach. Feeling good until someone noticed one of "our" boats was drifting away from the beach and out into the lake! More entertainment to come! The boat owner Rhys and a couple of others raced down to the waters edge and hailed a passing jet ski. The jet ski operator told Rhys to climb on the back and he'd take him out to his boat. In the process of climbing on board Rhys managed to capsize the jet ski and both he and the good Samaritan ended up in the water. Pub patrons reckoned the whole episode was the best entertainment they've had for years. Whilst amusing such events do point to a need for more club education sessions on mooring your boat!

All returned to Storm Point and began setting up the spit roast and barbeque for the evenings meal. A fire pit was prepared and the fire started. Commodore Craig Solly and Wife Jo ran a spit roast business a few years ago and Craig usually does the roasts at our functions, he has never let us down and this trip was no exception. Those present thoroughly enjoyed a beautifully cooked roast meal. After the meal members settled into a wonderful social few hours with numbers slowly reducing as individuals called it a night and retired to their boats or caravan's. A hardy few remained long enough to see the yachts in the Marley Point Yacht Race glide past about 2:00 am.

Overall the weekend was a roaring success and special thanks must go to Rear Commodore Gary Smith and the Committee for the pre-planning and preparation that went into making it such a success. Gary would also like to express his appreciation to the "Munro Crew" for supplying the firewood.