

Newsletter

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Enlightenment is when a
wave realizes it is the
ocean — Thich Nhat Hanh

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articles to this edition ☺

President's Report

It was an amazing summer with a lot of sunny, warm days which were perfect for numerous rides. We have enjoyed following the Sydney to Hobart yachts, coastal rides, several spectacular caves, a few islands, magnificent mirror like lakes and scenic rivers.

The highlight this season was our huge weekend on the west coast (refer article in this edition). It was absolutely sensational with plenty of participation from members and two guys from our newest sponsor Club Marine joining us too. The raffle was drawn and winners were announced and are noted in this edition. We are delighted to have Club Marine on board as our exclusive marine insurance sponsor!

Ride for Pippa (fund raiser for Leukaemia Foundation and 2nd attempt for first time circumnavigation of Tas on skis) is about to get underway. John Beswick is joining me plus Reg Turner is riding with us from Strahan to Hobart. This event is proudly sponsored by Maynes Marine & BRP who are kindly providing us with two brand new Seadoos that are being fitted out this week. We hope others can join us on some of the legs. Read further for details.

Training with our affiliated partner ASJA (Australian Jet Ski Assn) has commenced and we have more lined up after Easter. There will be more announcements coming...

Hope you get to enjoy a few more rides before the end of the season as there are still some great ones not to miss if you're up for an adventure (Flinders Island and around Tasman Peninsula).

Stay safe!

Cheers,

Dave Gray
Jetskitas President



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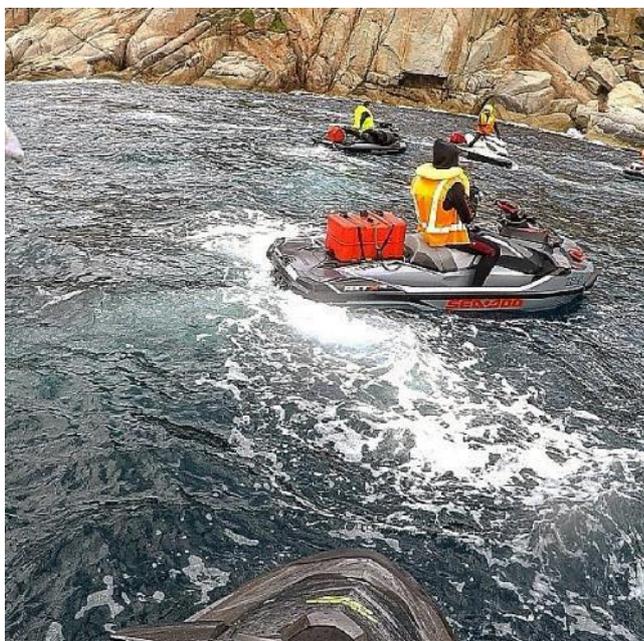
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Ride Reviews

There are plenty of great pictures and video clips so scroll down on our Facebook page but recent rides included:

Beauty Point to Bridport - 7 skis started, fuel came loose on one ski so his container was transferred to my rack but later two skis dropped out due to damage by sucking up rocks attempting to get into the river at Weymouth. We were grateful for the towing and assistance on the beach as we tried to fix the problem. Christine kindly drove Ken & me back to our cars while the rest of the group continued to Bridport. A new impeller was fitted to my ski a few days later and it was near new again. DG

Maria Island – Maria island started of with an early morning drive from Hobart to Triabunna, once at Triabunna it was time to launch from there we headed of towards Darlington while some dolphins played in our wake. Once at Darlington we stopped and regrouped for a few minutes before checking out the coral explorer cruise ship and cleaning some plastic out of Carolyn’s brand new Seadoo impellor then headed towards the southern end of Maria in and out of all the bays seeing some great coastline. The outside of Maria was slightly different with the cliffs getting bigger along with the swell and chop pulling into a bay for a quick refuel and bite to eat before the race back to the boat ramp before the storm hit that left Triabunna with no power and Orford under a blanket of hail. All in all was a great ride with some specky coastline to see – Zac Rosinski



Maria Island- Zac Rosinski

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Lake Meadowbank – a family day was enjoyed by all those who attended and the BBQ hosted by Dirk & Tanya at their idyllic location was a bonus.

Lakes King William & St Clair – several of us enjoyed the warm conditions as we explored these two lakes. Both were most interesting with the latter being silky smooth water on a balmy 28 degree day which was amazing. Then the Hobart group peeled off and rode a decent circuit of Great Lake.



Echo Point with Mt Ida as backdrop

Lakes Pieman & Rosebery – we ventured up all the rivers and bays we could find and clocked up 160kms on Lake Pieman. Magnificent was the word for the day. Then we drove back to Tulla and launched for a short ride around the notable cliffs near the highway before it bucketed down and we sheltered under the bridge.



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Lake Pieman & Lake Rosebery

Lake Burbury, Macquarie Harbour & King River – our big weekend for the year did not disappoint. We were privileged to have Justin Quinton (Vic & Tas State Manager Club Marine) & Chris Beattie (Managing Editor to Club Marine with 90,000 mags published) join us from our new sponsor. Maynes Marine kindly lent them two skis and they were blown away by the scenery and fun we have in our own back yard.



Lake Burbury – Mark Thompson (see more stunning pics & clips on our Facebook page)

We had 16 skis on Saturday in mirror conditions for over 100kms on Lake Burbury then 19 skis on Sunday to Hells Gates, Sarah Island, Birches Inlet, then the beautiful, swift flowing King River. Part of the Club Marine sponsorship included the provision of new hi viz zip up vests with pockets plus their logo and our logo prominently positioned. We also had Jordon Kightly (Sales Manager from



BRP) for the weekend on another ski

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from Maynes and he also loved the west coast scenery. I'm sure the guys will all be back for more club rides.

Hells Gates – Ian Macleod

At the mouth of the Gordon there was a new sign banning jet skis. We momentarily joked about the fact that as there were no Kawasakis, the rest of us were PWCs (as Jet ski is a registered Kawasaki name – but we now understand that late in 2017 they decided to forgo the jet ski name so all PWCs can now be correctly referred to as Jet Skis). We tried to contact MAST from that location without success however we decided to abide by the intent of the rule, not enter the river and follow it up later. We have since met with MAST who confirmed the Gordon River is outside a MAST jurisdiction as it is now a World Heritage Area. However MAST being true to form and very supportive of our club, have offered to set up a meeting with them, us and with the Parks director to support our application to apply for exemption for future club rides in this iconic location. Gordon River is world class, St John Falls are stunning and we have ridden up into the Franklin River previously so hope to be able to do that again. (I rafted down the Franklin on a 12 day trip back in the day however getting into the Franklin on skis is definitely more enjoyable!)

This reinforces the importance of having and abiding by our Code of Conduct as if we had entered the Gordon that day, our credibility would have been shot and no-one would listen to us. As it stands, we have a strong voice for community issues, dealing with jet ski complaints in the media and engaging with a range of parties as we seek to improve and promote our much loved chosen sport as well as overturn decisions in banned areas and strive to improve public perception. Cheers, DG

Raffle

Thank you to all who kindly donated prizes for our raffle. 26 were present for our enjoyable dinner on Saturday night held at Bushmans Bar & Café where we drew the winning tickets as advertised and as follows:

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- \$500 voucher for insurance donated and drawn by Club Marine won by Ian Macleod and Anne Flint;
- \$200 Red Herring voucher towards a wetsuit donated by Next Car Tas (in lieu of originally advertised prize no longer available) won by Adam Brooks;
- \$396 service voucher donated by Maynes Marine won by Craig Hensley;
- \$200 service voucher donated by Auto Specialist Group won by Carolyn Pillans;
- \$200 Dummies Sunglasses (male) donated by Eye Style Optical won by Adam Brooks;
- \$200 Dummies Sunglasses (female) donated by Eye Style Optical won by Tania Bean;
- \$199 Waterproof Seadoo Pack donated by Carolyn Pillans won by Mark Thompson;
- \$100 fuel card donated by Huon Delivery Service won by Mark Templar;
- \$100 voucher donated by Sportsrider won by Rod Bean;
- \$100 Partylite warmer & melts donated by Amanda Armstrong won by Dave Williams;
- \$70 Delorenzo hair products donated by Robyn's Hair Studio won by Shayne Andrews;
- \$79 Crompton LED weatherproof floodlight donated by Blueprint Lighting won by David Fowler;
- And lucky door prize of a Seadoo detailing kit donated by Maynes Marine was won by Robyn Bramich.

A huge thank you to all who purchased tickets. We raised \$720 from ticket sales in the mail and a further \$144 from tickets sold on the night making a total of \$864.

As you may be aware, all proceeds from this raffle are being donated to Lifeline Tas so the committee has agreed to round up the amount to be donated to \$1,000. Lifeline Tas support people like you and me who are vulnerable as they provide professional advice and support to help prevent suicide. Ask; Stay & Listen; Get Help.

Well done to everyone who participated!

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Ride for Pippa

Second attempt of Circumnavigation of Tasmania
on Jet Skis April 2018

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You may recall that Dale Quinn & I attempted a Lap of Tas in March 2016 on our skis and as much as it was an adventure, it was also a fund raiser for Leukaemia Foundation to support young Pippa Harmey from Launceston who at 3 was diagnosed with this insidious disease. It was a gut-wrenching time for her family.

Despite plenty of planning and even a practice ride to Flinders Island with a full load of everything we needed, on Day 2 of our attempt, Dale's ski fractured and filled up with water so it was game over. It was pretty disappointing of course but no-one was injured, nothing was lost and the ski was towed back to Cockle Creek and we had to remember that Pippa was a lot worse off than us.

Winding forward to current day, Dale was unable to commit to a future attempt so I asked John Beswick to join me. In the meantime, Pippa recently finished her 790 days of chemo and other treatment and we understand the gutsy 5 year old has a good prognosis ahead which is fantastic news! However plenty of people suffer with this disease and we also know some who have died from it; plus as an adventure, we wanted to finish what was started. This is to honour the sponsors who were fantastic for Dale & me; also to raise more awareness & funds for Leukaemia Foundation (who provide support to people like Pippa's family and also undertake research trying to solve the mystery of this disease for an eventual cure) plus undertake the adventure to hopefully be the first skis around Tasmania. We have provided an updated Risk Assessment to MAST who is very supportive of our attempt.

This challenge is proudly sponsored by Maynes Marine and BRP who are providing us with 2 new Seadoos for the circumnavigation. We will fit them out this week with plumbed in tanks, VHF radios, GPS and other gear and be ready for a departure scheduled for 7am Good Friday from Domain ramp.

Dealer Principal Reg Turner will join us from Strahan to Hobart and we hope others can join us for some of the legs along the east & north coasts.

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We will update the [Ride for Pippa](#) Facebook page before we leave and hope to provide updates most evenings. We encourage you to like and share the page as together we raise more funds in a small way to help Leukaemia Foundation one day be able to eliminate this disease. That will really be a great day! On our first attempt we raised almost \$10,000 and would like to achieve this amount again this time. Corporate sponsors and individuals are all invited to get on board knowing that a tax deductible receipt will be issued by Leukaemia Foundation for all donations.

Our itinerary looks a bit like this:

1. Hobart to Triabunna
2. Triabunna to St Helens
3. St Helens to Weymouth
4. Weymouth to Beauty Point then onto Hawley Beach
5. Hawley Beach to Smithton
6. Smithton to Strahan
7. Strahan to Bathurst Harbour
8. Bathurst Harbour to Hobart

Total distance approx 1,500 kms

As a result of several delays in planning for this trip (due to things like lining up when we can get the same time off work; coordinating a fuel rendezvous near Port Davey and also ensuring a good weather forecast) we may have to push back the club ride to Flinders Island by a week or two. Keep an eye on Facebook for updates. Cheers, Dave Gray

AJSA

As mentioned in our last Newsletter, we are now formally and financially affiliated with Australian Jet Ski Assn. Our committee is fully dedicated to keep improving our safety and systems; we have commenced some training with them via Skype and have more lined up over Easter.

They are still planning on getting down here subject to some approvals and we have asked them for some practical rescue training in the surf. Watch this space.

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AGFEST

MAST invited us to join them with a display at this year's Agfest (early May) so we are working on a new flyer and a loop movie showing some of our rides on a large TV.

We need you!!!! We are looking for any members who would like to volunteer to help on the stand during this event so if you can spare an hour or more over the 3 day event, please email info@jetskitas.com or text Dave on 045678 2341.

CALENDAR 2018/2019

We are about to turn the page to Ms April with two great rides listed. We are starting to plan next year's calendar and we have noticed some beautiful photos already so if you have some stunning pics in high resolution, please email them to info@jetskitas.com and they will be considered in the mix. And feel free to comment with a favourite ride you'd like included next season.

AGM

It's a long way off but please save the date for this important event followed by a recovery ride the next day. The AGM date is Saturday 18 August in the Launceston / West Tamar area and the Sunday ride could be Gravelly Beach to Bass Strait then back to Beauty Point pub for lunch.



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JET TREK

Members Matt Dowling and Ken Collier made the drive to Sydney for the 2017 Jet Trek from there to Yamba. A colourful array of skis and tons of riding and fun with the end total of \$380,000 raised for Aussie Kids in need. Well done to all involved.



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Devonport Motor Show / Kawasakis

As most of you would know, the Devonport Motor Show was washed out and so Tasmanian Marine Centre were not able to do their demo rides and promote their brand and the club. We really appreciate their willingness to take part in an event and promote the club and we'll try to arrange their input again next season. We'll also aim to have Time Trials again next season.



Remaining Rides 2017/18 Season

April 7th Musselroe Bay to Flinders Island (date is changing as per article in this newsletter)

April 28th Dover to Cockle Creek & Recherche Bay

May 19th Circumnavigate Tasman Peninsula

June 17th Impromptu Ride South & North

July 15th Impromptu Ride South & North

Contact us with your suggested rides for next season!

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Jetskitas 2017/18 Committee Members

Feel free to contact us if you have any suggestions or ideas that can assist us in constantly improving our great club.

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