

SSMA Inc.

UPDATE

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www.shiremarine.com.au

Up and Running

Please join us at the SSMA PLANNING SESSION

An afternoon workshop
commencing at 4.30 and
concluding at 7.30pm
June 24th 2009

Light refreshments will be
provided.

The St George & Sutherland
Business Enterprise Centre
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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BRAD CORNISH
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SSC Representative
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Planning Session Results

The First planning session held on the 3rd of June was a success. Attendance was good and lots of sound ideas were put forward.

As a result of this meeting it has been decided that the SSMA is definitely a valid and valuable asset to the marine business community and steps should be taken to preserve and grow the association.

In order to decide exactly what those steps should be a further meeting has been proposed on the 24th of June. So even if you were unable to attend the first meeting the SSMA committee would love to have your input for the second.

Following the next meeting The SSMA AGM will be held on the 8th of July. This will be a short meeting followed by a guest speaker. There will be networking opportunities afterwards with drinks and finger food. If you would like to nominate for a place on the executive committee NOW is the time to get involved. Full Details of this meeting will be sent out shortly.

SSMA Survey

You should have by now received a link to the online survey. If you haven't already completed it, please take a few minutes to give us your input.

If you currently don't have internet access please call Trevor or Lindsay on 9523 6919 and we can fax or mail you a hard copy. If for some other reason you have not received the survey link please email trevor@cronullahouseboats.com.au to request your copy.



Gunnamatta Bay at low tide

2009/10 Membership

Members of the SSMA gain the following benefits

- Representation to local and state government
- Representation on the Port Hacking management panel, council planning committees and
- Free business listing on the SSMA website with a link to your business website
- Social and Networking opportunities
- The opportunity to have your view on marine issues in the shire heard
- Free Employment Listings on the SSMA website
- Regular updates on Marine projects and initiatives in the shire
- The use of The SSMA logos marketing and promotional purposes

All of this for the small annual fee of \$100.

Membership for 2009/10 is now due. Please find the attached membership form and payment options.

Only financial members can vote and/or be elected to the executive committee so payments must be made prior to the AGM.

Message from the Secretary

Here is the second news letter in two weeks, and the second in several years too. The SSMA has not been dormant in that time, however we have been unable to communicate with the membership through lack of resources, principally time. As business operators I have no doubt that you understand this fully. That does not mean that the association has ceased to exist or become less active, quite the contrary. We have been actively pursuing issues relevant to our local industry continuously. You will remember that the SSMA was started as an initiative of the Sutherland Shire Council. Council has always been a valuable supporter of the SSMA and continues to make substantial contribution to it. However the intention was always to found an organisation that would eventually be self sustaining, and that Council would eventually withdraw from the front line running of the Association. The Economic Development Unit, by dint of sheer workload, has had to reduce support for the SSMA before both organisations were actually ready to do so. As a result to some extent we have had to reinvent ourselves and find new ways to do things with a little more independence from Council. This is not a bad thing, but obviously some new support, principally in the form of working hours, had to be found. With the coopted assistance of Lindsay Smith of Cronulla Houseboats and Ashley Jones at M & W Marine some of this gap has been filled, but there is a real need for more volunteer aid from the industry. One of the things that could make this newsletter more interesting, for example, is input from the members, perhaps news items or business profiles for example. As with all volunteer publications there is always a dearth of interesting material to publish.

Please remember that our AGM is organised for the 8th of July. The venue and details are yet to be announced, and will follow the usual format of the formal meeting, an interesting speaker and some refreshments and time to socialise. It should be a good opportunity for the local industry to get together, as it always has been. We would be grateful if the membership form, which is attached to this newsletter, could be filled in and returned with

the appropriate funds before the event. We will also be getting in touch by other means, and I look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Bob Oomen, SSMA Secretary

The latest from the Port Hacking Management Panel

The Port Hacking Management Panel (PHMP) provides advice to Sutherland Shire Council (SSC) for the Management of the Port Hacking Waterway and catchment areas. The SSMA has one committee member currently on the panel as a waterways user representative. Through this panel we are able to provide input from the marine industry to the planning processes used by SSC. The panel meets every three months.

Current items on the PHPM agenda are:

- a. North West Arm Management Plan
- b. Head of Gunnamatta Bay Management Plan
- c. Access to Fisherman's Bay
- d. Projects for NSW Maritime Infrastructure Funding
- e. Other items that may affect the waterway

As an association we are regularly approached to provide input management items such as the new wharves at Gunnamatta Bay and Bundeena.

If any member has any comments or ideas that may contribute to the above items or any other matter that may affect the waterway, please contact: Trevor Walding on 02-9523-6919 or trevor@cronullahouseboats.com.au

Member Profile

Trevor Walding - SSMA President



Trevor is the Owner and Director of Cronulla Houseboats and Boat Hire. Prior to buying the Houseboats nearly seven years ago, he was a

planning and information systems consultant working on projects for many large corporations as well as serving more than 20 years in the army. This experience places him in good stead to lead the SSMA. Trevor believes in making the waterways accessible to all whilst maintaining these natural assets for future generations.

Congratulations

The SSMA would like to congratulate it's marine tourism operators who took home awards at the 2009 Sutherland Shire Tourism Awards on the 10th of June. The winners are:

Cronulla & National Park Ferries – Winner (Shire Attractions)
Cronulla Houseboats & Boat hire - Winner (Retail & Misc Services)
Cronulla Cruises – highly Commended (Shire Attractions)
Brad Cornish (Cronulla Cruises) – Highly Commended (Individual Contribution to Tourism)

News Content



The Mystery artwork at Lilli Pilli Point

If you have any news items or photos that you want to share with other SSMA members please let us know so we can include them in our next newsletter or on the website. Use the SSMA to increase your business profile... let us know if you would like to make an offer to fellow members. Cross promotion, reciprocal website links, percent off for members, anything else... we want to support your business

Upcoming Events:

24th June – Second discussion meeting, details on the front page

8th July – SSMA AGM, Details to be confirmed. Make a note in your diary, keep the evening available