

SSMA Inc.

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www.shiremarine.com.au



A New Year for the Association

From the President

Thank you to all the members who attended the planning workshops and completed the survey. As a result of your participation it is apparent that there is a core of marine businesses that wish the SSMA to continue. The key outcomes of this research were:

- The continued need for representation to council on matters affecting the marine industry
- The need for marine focussed training
- Creation of opportunities for networking amongst marine businesses.

To meet these outcomes the committee proposes to:

- Continue to build our relationship with Sutherland Shire Council, especially through various committees and direct consultation. Potentially we will be looking encouraging council to use local marine businesses where appropriate and to build on the opportunities our wonderful waterways offer not only our industry but our community as a whole.
- Create networking opportunities by scheduling 2 or 3 activities with interesting key note speakers.
- Leveraging relationships with the BIA and BEC for training courses relevant to our industry in our area.

- Continue to build our relationship with TAFE for continued provision of marine specific courses at Loftus and Gymea
- Build our relationship with the Shire IT cluster
- Look for opportunities to use the leverage as an association to addresses issues that affect all marine businesses, these may range from disposal of solvents to organising short training courses that are often put in the too hard basket. If you have any issues that you think you need assistance with please let us know.
- Publication of our newsletter on a more frequent basis
- Further development of the Shire Marine website with a view of providing greater exposure.

Trevor Walding – SSMA President



Como Marina nestled at the foot of the Como railway bridge on the Georges River.



NEWLY ELECTED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Como Marina

MARK FAWCETT

TAFE NSW - Gymea

SSC Representative

GLENN HOLDSTOCK

Please feel free to contact any of your committee members to discuss any issues you would like raised through the SSMA

2009/10 Membership

Don't miss out on the benefits of membership. It is not too late to get your membership application in for the 09/10 financial year.

Remember the small annual fee of \$100 entitles you to the full representation by the SSMA to help better your business. It also entitles you to attend all meetings and networking functions.

Application forms can be downloaded from the shire marine website or you can contact the treasurer Chris Tregoning on 02 9525 0188 to have a copy mailed to you.

AGM – 8th July 2009

The AGM was held on 8th of July at the Caringbah Businessmen's Club. The turnout was good and represented a variety of our members.

The formalities were covered quickly, these included the presidents report (an abridged version of which is included on the previous page), an overview of the activities of the past year and the election of the committee members for the upcoming year.

Attendees then welcomed guest Speaker Des Hewitt - Director of Engineering for Sutherland Shire Council who gave an informative presentation on the budget, systems and strategies involved in developing and re-developing boating infrastructure in the Sutherland Shire Council Area. Included were discussions of funding methods, design and approval processes, and the difficulties encountered.

The recent, current and future Infrastructure projects were discussed. These included Hawkesbury Esplanade boat ramp, Cronulla and Bundeena Wharves, Wonga Road boat ramp, Gray's Point boat ramp and facilities, Lugarno Road Wharf and other relevant boating infrastructure. This interesting talk raised a number of questions and was well received.

Des also encouraged all

members to use the SSMA as a way of communicating their requirements for infrastructure to the council. This communication is important to help council achieve the best outcomes for water way users when planning future projects.

Sydney Boat Show

The Sydney International Boat Show is on again this year 30 July – 3rd August. The SSMA would like to wish the best to all members who are exhibiting.

In particular Andrew Short Marine – the International Sea Ray Dealer of the Year (2004, 05, 06, 08) – will be representing the shire marine industry by displaying an amazing 13 Sea Ray models, from the 175 Sport, an energetic, entry-level speedster, through to the 18-metre, teak-floored 55 Sundancer.

For those members who aren't exhibiting we hope you can get along to see all the latest from the boating industry.



Sea Rays at play- The 2009 Rendezvous.

Photo courtesy Andrew Short Marine

Member Profile

Jocelyn Buskens, Como Marina – Committee Member



Jocelyn is the director of the Como marina and has been a committee member for the past three years.

Running a business that

includes 26 marina berths and a small fleet of hire vessels since 1990, Jocelyn has an excellent understanding of the waterfront environment in the shire.

She believes that all marine businesses form a chain of experiences for the boating public be it from the first time they step aboard on a hired tinny, to buying their own boat and using the facilities and services to launch, berth, service and maintain their vessel.

Jocelyn is passionate about the maintenance and improvement of the public infrastructure that supports the boating community both in the shire and greater Sydney, as without the wharves, jetties, moorings and boat ramps and the associated access that these facilities provide the boating community would literally have nowhere to go.

News Content

If you have any news items or photos that you want to share with other SSMA members please email them to lindsay@cronullahouseboats.com.au 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:

Committee meeting

26 August 5:30pm

Caringbah Businessmens Club
22-24 Mackay St Caringbah

All welcome