

Welcome Aboard!



With such a large number of new boaties and their families having joined the TMHI boating community during the summer; there are quite a few new faces around the place. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone, and take this opportunity to encourage you to introduce yourselves to our friendly staff and your boating neighbours. We would also like to remind you that as members of TMHI's community you are eligible to receive our fantastic VIP card, which offers you a number of discounts through local businesses including the Marina Chandlery and Rankine's Landing Tavern.

History Corner



An old fence line located on Hindmarsh Island.

The low water levels provide us with the opportunity to see some of the historical artefacts that usually lie below the surface of our 'Mighty River'. Most of these features date back to before the establishment of the Goolwa and Coorong Barrages and are a reminder of the region's farming history. The abundance of old jetties and more commonly old fences, which were pivotal in the control of stock at low tide, can be seen along the shore line in the Finnis River, around Currency Creek as well as along the eastern side of Hindmarsh Island. More of the region's farming history can be appreciated on Mundoo Island, where Sally and Colin Grundy still muster cattle from island to island on horse back. Mundoo Island tours are available by arrangement. For more information contact The Marina Office on 8555 7300 or visit www.tmhi.com.au/holidays/tours.html

Responsible Dog Owners

A NOTE FROM THE ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL

In recent years, laws have changed regarding the ownership of dogs. It was once acceptable to let a dog wander freely, leave faeces in parks and on footpaths, bark incessantly and be walked without a lead, but as communities grow and develop things have to change.

In 1995 the Dog and Cat Management Act was amended to encourage responsible dog ownership. Examples of these changes are that it is now law that a dog being walked must, at all times, be on a suitable lead no more than 2 metres long. Expiations can be issued to owners for dogs caught

wandering at large, for failure to pick up dog faeces and for dogs that persistently bark. Council Officers not only police the "Act" but are available to advise and assist members of the community in regard to responsible dog ownership.

With the highest growth rate in South Australia, the Alexandrina Council area has an ever increasing number of dog owners and encourages responsible dog ownership. If you have any problems or questions about the "Act" please contact the Alexandrina Council on 8555 7000.

What Does Your Doggy Doo?

As residents of TMHI, we all enjoy the benefits of unobstructed water frontage. The Marina Basin provides common lawns and boardwalks for serene walks and family fun and on the residential side, although each block is privately owned down to the waters edge and does not provide common access, the encumbrance ensures an open feel and unobstructed views. With the privilege of enjoying this fantastic lifestyle comes the responsibility for each of us to respect our neighbours, their privacy and their property. With this

Rowing Regatta



Andrew Chapman congratulates the Pembroke Masters 8.

As part of the 2007 Wooden Boat Festival, the Goolwa Rowing Club hosted a regatta, with clubs travelling from across South Australia to participate. Unfortunately the first day of races was cancelled due to poor weather, however on the morning of the 12th, rowers braved the choppy conditions and

prepared to race. Starting at Laffin Point, the boats passed the Goolwa Wharf on their way to the barrage, before returning to the Goolwa Rowing Club's home base at The Marina Hindmarsh Island. Only 10 of the 18 boats that raced managed to complete the course with the rest falling victim to the extreme weather by either sinking or being forced to withdraw. Despite the initial disappointment, good humor prevailed with stories of the rower's battles sounding more like sea shanties by the time breakfast was served. The overall winners of the event, the Pembroke Masters 8, were presented with their trophy by TMHI's CEO Andrew Chapman. The Rowing Club's next event is a fundraising row from Mildura to Renmark which will be tackled over a 6 day period. For more information on joining the Goolwa Rowing Club contact Stef Wildren 8552 9055.

Tanks Now Compulsory

NEW BUILDING REGULATIONS TO INCLUDE RAIN WATER TANKS.

By law, all new residential dwellings must now include a plumbed alternative water supply, which (for most) means the inclusion of a rainwater tank. This legislation may also be applicable to some home improvements or extensions and has been introduced to meet South Australia's key objectives for sustainability.

For those who have already established their dwelling, this initiative should not be overlooked, as the installation of rainwater tanks has never been more important and what's more, the South Australian Government is offering rebates of up to \$400.00 to cover the plumbing of tanks in established homes too.

To learn more about applying for these rebates visit www.sawater.com.au

Poly Tanks SAVE, SAVE, SAVE

Save water, save the environment and save money. Purchase a rainwater tank for your home and you will not only be saving our precious resource you will also be saving money on your water bills as well. As an authorised sales outlet for Poly Tanks, TMHI can assist you with the selection and purchase of a tank for your home. With both traditional and slim line tanks available, there is sure to be a tank to suit your building design. For more information please contact The Marina Office.

Easter Picnics, Perfect Surrounds...



Easter picnickers enjoy the fine weather.

Hundreds of people took advantage of the fantastic weather over the Easter break, enjoying both on and off water activities. The Lower Murray was alive with families making the most of the warm temperatures with the younger ones tubing and jet skiing and the young at heart plying the calm waters until well into the evening. But the long weekend was not only about boating; the newly refurbished lower deck at Rankine's Landing Tavern was brimming with patrons while others opted to enjoy a traditional picnic on the lawns. Fine weather is expected to last, providing everyone with a final opportunity to visit, play and stay at TMHI before winter sets in. For information about booking your 'last chance' holiday contact The Marina Office on 8555 7300.

Nursery Overflowing

The TMHI native nursery has been kept busy this summer with a growing stock pile of trees that are eagerly awaiting the rains. All of the landscaping which was scheduled for November and December was postponed due to the drought, resulting in a full house at the nursery. The grounds team are looking forward to catching up on their landscaping plans in the next few months with tree planting activities planned for International Day for Biodiversity and July 29th National Tree Planting Day. If you plan to plant trees at your island home too, don't forget to visit our website to download a recommended species list.

Marina Matters

The Marina Hindmarsh Island



April 2007

WE APPRECIATE OUR WATER



We at The Marina Hindmarsh Island are as focused on the current water restriction and impact of the drought as any other Australian. Whilst we do not rely on the River Murray for drinking water on Hindmarsh Island, as this is supplied via the Myponga Reservoir, all in Goolwa involved in the tourism and boating industries rely very heavily on the River Murray water levels and access to the Coorong. This is not to say that we don't also understand the needs of ensuring a satisfactory water supply for Adelaide.

What has become clear over recent weeks is that The Marina Hindmarsh Island was constructed with significant foresight ensuring that our water bodies were all excavated to allow three metres of water depth when the river is at pool level.

Looking out of my window today it is evident that the water level is around 800ml below pool and all of our vessels are securely moored in deep water. Whilst we still have sufficient water for mooring and boating the variation in pool depth does dictate some of our favourite destinations are more difficult to visit on some occasions. But the bigger impact to a wider community is in fact that the salt levels in the freshwater Goolwa pool have risen significantly. Currently our salt content is around 8000 EC

compared to our usual 1500 EC and this is having a major impact on those that rely on water extraction for agricultural purposes.

To find and achieve a more sustainable landscape around The Marina Hindmarsh Island will be our focus this winter, as we believe our commitment to minimizing water use will become even more important through next summer.

Our early recognition of water conservation by way of only planting native trees has seen benefits with The Marina Hindmarsh Island able to donate 40% of our water allocation to environmental flows over the last four years.

We applaud the commitment and focus of the State and Federal governments to resolving the Murray Darling basin water management and look forward to the focus on the Nation achieving tangible results.

Having said all of the above, there is no doubt that with some caution we can all enjoy our favourite pastime of messing about in boats in Goolwa. Even if the Government is forced into augmenting the barrage system at Wellington our water levels will be dictated eventually by the ground water table associated with the Southern ocean, still leaving sufficient depth in the Goolwa region for most boating activities.

As the true last users of the water that flows through the Murray River system we look forward to the benefits of the national approach to water management and the higher appreciation that all Australians place on something that everybody took for granted.

Andrew Chapman

Planting for the Future

SUNDAY MAY 20TH 2007

The Marina Hindmarsh Island in conjunction with QED Pty Ltd will be demonstrating their support for a more sustainable future by the undertaking of TMHI Sustainable Landscapes'. The project involves the creation of two sustainable garden areas in which resource demanding traditional lawn areas will be replaced by water wise, locally endemic native plant species. The areas have been designed to embrace the principles of sustainability, using locally sourced native species to provide habitat for local fauna and insects, with the capability to survive on local rainfall without relying on excessive watering, chemicals or intensive ongoing maintenance. By reducing the areas of traditional lawn, fossil fuel emissions and costs resulting from lawnmowers may also be significantly reduced.

A volunteer planting day will be held on Sunday 20th May, and local residents and community are called upon to show their support for sustainable landscape practices by getting their hands dirty and assisting with planting. A BBQ lunch will be provided and TMHI and QED staff will be on site to talk with participants about the project and how they can make a difference at home. Come and join us in promoting a more sustainable future for all! Please contact The Marina Office on 08 8555 7300 or e-mail enquiry@tmhi.com.au to register your interest.

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REAL ESTATE - The Sunrise Terraces LUXURY ISLAND LOCATION... RELAXED WATERFRONT LIVING. NOW WITHIN EASY REACH



Artist's impression of The Sunrise Terraces.

Currently under construction by local award-winning builder Bailey Homes, The Sunrise Terraces feature spectacular, uninterrupted views across The Marina Basin, towards the soon to be built yacht club.

With three generous bedrooms on the upper level, master with en-suite, walk-in-robe and large balcony - there is space for the whole family. Downstairs the spacious living and dining areas open onto the patio, ideal for alfresco entertaining. With the water lapping against the jetty (available as your own private mooring on a leasing option) just a few metres away this waterfront lifestyle is waiting for you.

The Sunrise Terraces located on Shannon Place offer the finest in contemporary, waterfront living. Our Sales and Information Centre is open daily from 10am until 5pm, so call in and see Richard or Annie. Alternatively, call 8555 7300 for a comprehensive information kit.

Deep Mooring Demands BRING FORWARD PLANS...

The demand for safe, deep moorings - like the ones found at TMHI has increased as the water levels have decreased. As a result the original dates set for the construction of a fourth floating jetty have been brought forward. It is anticipated that the new floating jetty will be completed in time for the 2008 boating season.



The floating jetties at TMHI.

'Boating Bites'

One-Pot-Chicken serves 4

Sliced chicken breast	Rice	Water - 1.5 x the qty of rice
Teriyaki marinade	Soy sauce	
Green vegetables	Oil or margarine	

In a pot, heat oil or melt margarine. Add the chicken and Teriyaki marinade, stir until cooked through. Add the rice and stir for a few seconds. Add water (enough for the amount of rice added). Bring to the boil; then reduce heat and cover. Cook on a low heat for 15mins. Stir and add vegetables to steam, cook for a further 5 minutes then serve. Add soy sauce at the table for extra flavour.

Keep your flame low to avoid burning your rice!

Place your chicken strips in a resealable bag with the Teriyaki marinade, freeze the prepared mixture to make it more convenient to store and use aboard your boat. For more boating recipes visit <http://www.quietjourney.com/recipes/>

2007 Boating Extravaganza 17TH & 18TH FEBRUARY 2007



Despite soaring temperatures, the 2007 Club Marine Boating Extravaganza at The Marina Hindmarsh Island delivered "Serious Boating & Lifestyle Fun for the whole family". Over 13 thousand people flooded through the gates of TMHI to be part of the festivities.

The event was officially opened to the public on Saturday morning. Channel 7 newsreader John Riddell was the Master of Ceremonies, and revelled in introducing the children from Port Elliot Primary School, who not only sang wonderfully but portrayed a significant message in their song "Let the Murray Flow". The formalities concluded with the Federal Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources, the Hon. Bob Baldwin declaring the event open and commending the community for their support of this event. He went on to say that he believed boating, and the lifestyle associated with it provides families with an opportunity to spend more quality time together. This sentiment was supported by the boat dealers who came from near and far to showcase their diverse range of products.

Although the boats themselves were the main attraction, TMHI proudly presented an extravaganza of what boating is all about. There was a spectacular variety of activities, demonstrations and entertainment to amuse families and patrons for the entire day. The Mix 102.3 Street Crew provided live broadcasts, games and entertainment for the crowd giving away prizes to winners of the Mix "Spin the Wheel" competition.

The Marina Hindmarsh Island's CEO, Andrew Chapman said "it is very exciting to see so many South Australian's visiting Hindmarsh Island to experience an interactive on-water and lifestyle event aimed at family entertainment with a nautical theme".

The Best Little Pontoons! PRICE RANGE: FROM \$24,950

These compact pontoon boats are of the highest quality and are available in a wide range of sizes. Qwest pontoon boats offer many of the amenities and construction features that you would only expect of larger pontoon boats, the only difference is they are offered in a compact package.

Pontoons boats are an excellent choice for use on smaller lakes and rivers. They can even be powered easily by an electric motor making them an ideal choice for the environmentally conscious.

Because of their size, Qwest boats are easy to trailer and manoeuvre in the water, yet provide enough room to comfortably take the whole family cruising. TMHI's sales team would like to invite you to experience these boats first hand. Book your complimentary test on the Qwest pontoon boat today, for more information contact Eric or Doug on 8555 7300.



Qwest Boats.



Christmas Lights Winner



The Barnes' Christmas lights display.

Although the rustle of wrapping paper and the jingle of Christmas bells has long since faded, the joy brought to so many by the wonderful collection of Christmas lights at TMHI will shine on in our hearts for many months to come. A big thankyou must be given to all of the families who registered for the 2006 competition and further congratulations extended to The Barnes Family of Arcadia Ave, who won the \$500.00 Chandlery gift voucher for their display.

EPIRB Distress Beacons Change of Frequency

A decision has been made by the international council which controls the search and rescue satellite system, to cease processing 121.5 MHz analogue EPIRB signals from February 1st 2009.

As a result, the Australian Maritime Safety Authority has recommended that mariners replace their old EPIRBs with the digital 406 MHz beacons by July 1st 2008 to ensure that they avoid the high demand during the change over period. The authority has also issued a reminder to all mariners that it is essential to register your beacon, as the information you provide will assist authorities to locate you in case of an emergency.

For more information visit <http://beacons.amsa.gov.au> or phone 1800 406 406

Emergency Procedures

As part of our ISO 14001 Environmental Management Accreditation, TMHI provides a number of Emergency Procedure Manuals, located throughout TMHI. As staff are not on site 24 Hours a day it is important that all members of TMHI's community are aware of their location, therefore being able to implement the appropriate procedure should TMHI's staff not be in attendance.

MANUALS ARE LOCATED AT:

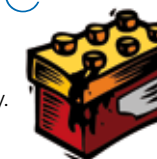
- Administration Office
- Fuel Dock
- BBQ Hut
- Hub Service Centre
- Maintenance Workshop
- Chemical shed (workshop area)
- Boat Sales Showroom

The Procedures Manual addresses a number of different types of emergencies which may occur, and acts as a guide on how to best manage the situation.

We encourage everyone to take the opportunity to review the Emergency Procedures Manual You never know when you may have to call on them.

Dock Master - Battery Care

Battery maintenance is often neglected and can lead to embarrassing breakdowns. Don't wait until it's too late; have your battery checked today.



BATTERY CARE TIPS:

- 1. KEEP BATTERIES TOPPED UP** - Use only distilled or deionised water to top up your battery. Check the fluid levels regularly - even low maintenance batteries will need to be topped up.
- 2. CHECK ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS** - Keep the contact surface clean and dry to avoid corrosion. Clean with bicarbonate soda and use a terminal spray to help seal the surface and protect against moisture.
- 3. AVOID OVERCHARGING AND SULPHATION** - An undercharged or underutilised battery will slowly discharge not only resulting in a flat battery but also by reducing its lifespan. Over charged batteries will deteriorate more rapidly and will need topping up more often. To avoid these issues do not charge batteries above the recommended rate and try to use your battery regularly during the winter.

If your battery seems a little worn out see one of TMHI's friendly staff for advice on an inspection, replacement and correct disposal of your old battery.

Local Winner



Tori Tonkin congratulates winner, Chris Russell.

Local Goolwa resident Chris Russell was overcome with shock when his name was announced as the winner of the Club Marine Boating Extravaganza \$15,000 Boat, motor, trailer package filled with boating and marine accessories, stating gleefully "this is the best day out I have ever had!"

Boccabella's MARINA VIP

Landowners and members of TMHI's Boating community will, on presentation of their VIP card enjoy discounts on meals and functions at Boccabella's café, located on the corner of Randell Road and Semaschko Road, Hindmarsh Island. Boccabella's has an exciting program of events that is sure to keep you entertained over the winter months including music and theme nights. Drop in and meet your host Garry Roberts, open Tuesday to Friday from 9.30am and weekends from 9.00am.

Community Notice Board

The Rotary Club of Hindmarsh Island holds lunch time meetings, each Monday at 12pm at Rankine's Landing Tavern. If you are interested in joining the Rotary Club **contact Club President Robert Munslow for more information.**

Goolwa Rowing Club is looking for new members. From beginners to experienced rowers there is a spot for everyone. **Contact Stef Wildren for more information on 8552 9055.**

'Marina Lovers' - If you are a resident or own land at TMHI, have positive ideas and are interested in meeting with other residents to discuss our community send us an e-mail at tmhi.marinalovers@gmail.com or visit <http://marinalovers.blogspot.com/>