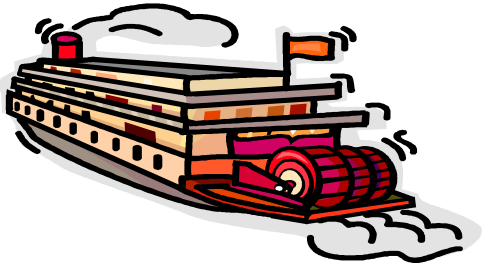


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**Mike Tully - President's Piece**

Well, what a difference 12 months can make. The facts are that the river in our area reached a low of around close to a metre below sea level and now stands at a little over 3 metres above sea level - an incredible rise of nearly 4 metres. Put a mark on the nearest wall at that height, it is amazing. The government "water for good" link on our website provides this information in relation to the river levels. Currently it is a little concerning to see water about 10cms deep flowing over our causeway entrance (30th March) so please exercise caution when driving through the area.

Many of our lease holders including myself have not seen this before, the previous similar event being 1992. Shacks 82-100 have been out of commission from the beginning of February with a handful, myself included, being unable to use our shacks since early December. I have spoken to a few long standing owners and have come to the conclusion that for the water to stay up this long is unusual. Also concerning is that there is a good chance of the river staying high for some months yet. The consequences of a follow up similar 12 months could mean substantial damage to some shacks, as such it would be advisable for all *leaseholders to check their insurance for flood cover*. I can vouch for the fact that RAA does offer flood cover but it is for each

of us to make their own decisions for their own compulsory property insurance policy.

**Easter Function**

Easter Sunday this year falls on the 24<sup>th</sup> April. Due to the flood conditions the usual get together will not take place. The committee is considering using a different date, maybe the June long weekend, but it is highly likely that unfortunately we may just miss out this year. Never the less the Easter function will be back next year bigger and better. Any suggestions for the get together are very welcome along with any ideas for improvements that would benefit our 100 acre community.

**Common Land**

All members are reminded that normal road rules apply, i.e. you can and will get pinched for unregistered vehicles, exceeding the 25kph speed limit or drink driving. Also no passengers in the boat on the way to the ramp, this applies



especially to visitors to our 100 acres. We have yet to install the last speed hump which will go somewhere between sites 1- 50 wherever the biggest gap is.

The rising river level has saved us the expense of slashing the common ground this year but shows how important it is to keep the area free of rubbish which could now end up anywhere. At the last AGM a member asked if some of the long dead small saplings could be removed from the common land. Clearly any that present a danger of breaking and floating off into the mainstream should be cleared. Also at the AGM it was proposed and passed to erect signs reminding everyone of the rule prohibiting motorcycle riding on the common land. These will be installed when the water goes down, in the meantime happy canoeing.

The committee has contacted the MMC regarding the damage caused to the causeway surface by

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the rubbish truck damaging. As a result the bins have been relocated to a new temporary location outside the causeway gates. At this point in time the sewer servicing sites 82-100 is shut down with ETSA having to reroute power before it can be recommissioned when the water goes down. This will mean a further delays before these shacks can be used. Sites 82 – 86 have it worse as a massive 300 year old tree has come down pulling down the stobie pole and blocking the access track which in some spots is around 6 feet deep, so good luck to those who can still use their shacks.

### **Punyelroo Paraphernalia**

The recycle cage is certainly a success, for the first 9 months this year it has returned \$910.00, thanks again to those on the committee and Jeff Offler who have been taking it into Swan Reach for emptying.

The issue of Community Title was raised at the AGM and will be investigated by the committee so as to bring us up to date as to current requirements for all members to consider in the future.

Land Tax: The SPPA no longer has to pay land tax on site 81 and some members may see that they no longer have a land tax bill on their shacks due to adjustment in land tax thresholds. It's always news when you can save on a tax bill.

The Public Boat Ramp has been closed for safety reasons so don't be tempted to use it for a ski boat. The ramp at the caravan park is available for a fee. We have also heard a number of stories relating to ski boats and props and skiers hitting any number of semi submerged timber etc with resultant damage and injuries. A curious comparison in the Easter newsletter last year is that we were warning of hitting sandbars due to low water.

### **Committee News**

Please check the notice board from time to time as the committee will be posting all relevant information on it. Members are free to place

temporary ads on the notice board but do be careful to close the doors properly.

The *voluntary* committee for '10-'11 consists of:

President:	Mike Tully	[Site 83]
Secretary:	David Reeve	[Site 98]
Treasurer:	Rosie Budenberg	[Site 89]
Committee:	Andrew Knight	[Site 74]
	Jan Adams	[Site 30]
	Ross Musolino	[Site 29]
	Jock McDougall	[Site 27]

The committee has South Punyelroo T/shirts available for order, they come in ladies and men's sizes and are available in Red and White or Navy and White.

There are 4 different logos:

Pelican, Wake boarder, Slalom Skier and Wakeboard Boat

They are a good quality lightweight shirt priced at \$30.00

### **Treasurers Report**

The treasurer's report for the first 9 months to 27th March 2011 is as follows:

Cheque Account	\$14,250.13
Operating Surplus	\$2,708.51
Term Deposit Account	\$15,533.31
Total Funds	\$29,783.44

### **Anything Else**

If you are reading this news letter on the notice board and did not receive it in the mail or via email please contact the association to make sure that we have your correct mailing address, we would also appreciate if everyone could supply their e-mail address for time and cost saving of postage.

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