

Welcome to the October edition

Club News:

The Ports North Master Plan: Insurance & Incorporation:

Has received \$150m in the latest budget.
Current, financials being readied for audit.

Boatbuilding Projects:

Brendon's Hartley: Has now received her new engine, and the associated systems have been connected.



Roger's Kiribati Tri:

Is now enjoying the installation of her new frames, and her two outriggers have almost completed their sanding prior to painting.

Very soon she'll have the lower hull sheeting commenced.



Very nice joins prior to adding gussets, and of course everything needs to be discussed....

The 16'Skiff:

Dormant.

JW's Scruffy:

Dormant, but could awaken in the new year!.

The Dragon Boat:

Here's a newie for you! We're in a bit of a build/repair/restoration hiatus at the moment, so one of our members had a 'Bright Sparks' moment and suggested we give the members of the Cairns Dragon Boat Club a hand by repairing one of their damaged boats.

Things moved along as they inevitably do, and recently the boat came into workbay 1 for a GRP repair to the bow and both gunwhale cappings to be replaced.



It was 'all hands on boat' to manoeuvre, they really are a long watercraft when up close.

The other reason WBAC is happy to be involved is for the cake provided by the Dragon Boat ladies. Makes our morning teas extra enjoyable, (and also longer!). So thanks to all the cake makers from those of us who are culinary challenged. (This thanks includes Dermot and Marcia, our resident cake makers!)



Fibreglass hole prepped ready for glassing.



Rotten gunwhale is slowly removed.

Ongoing Maintenance and Improvements:

There has been movement on our two grants application. The Automatic Defibrillator was approved virtually immediately, and once purchased will be permanently mounted inside the clubhouse. It has a waterproof case so can be taken up to Tinaroo for the Raid. The second grant being for a 20' shipping container is still yet to be advised.

Another dump run has been held to get rid of leftover & surplus stuff.

Tom and Keven have been removing, derusting, painting and replacing the steel supports on the southern side of the clubhouse. One of those jobs that need doing before it falls down but tend to be ignored.

Recent events at Lake Tinaroo:

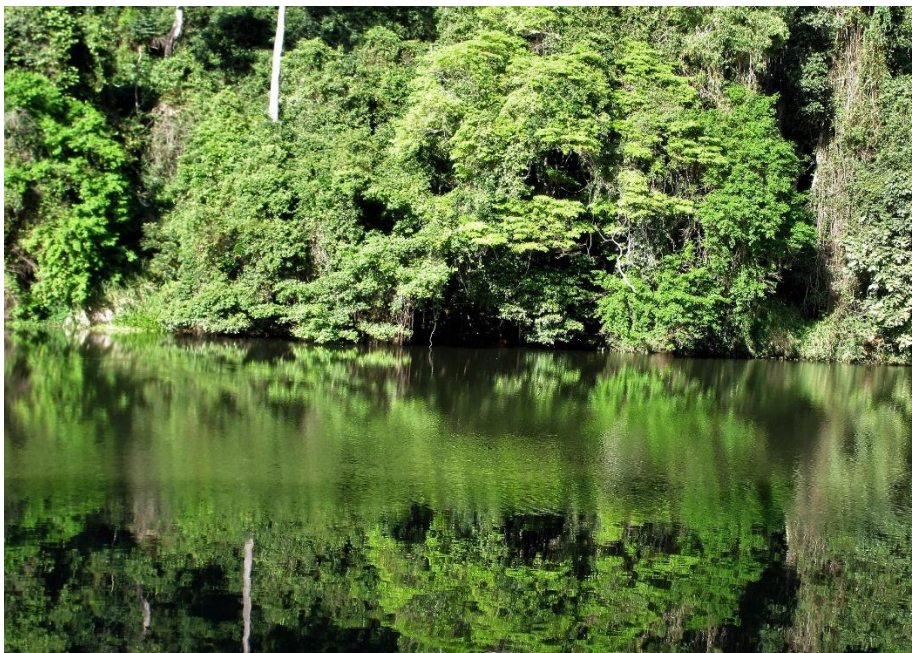
A smaller than usual contingent arrived at Lake Tinaroo early on Friday morning. The numbers were reduced due to Roger advising he could look into the future and predicted rain and storms. Sheila, Tom, Glen, Luis and Sandra totally ignored Rogers prediction and decided life is too short to miss out on a sail. Sensible people!

Iona was rigged and Glen put his boat into the Lake within a short time and we were ready to set off, after coffee and cake of course! There was no sign of Luis and Sandra who had decided to camp at the Lake the previous night.

After a good sail in light winds including practicing an emergency procedure of "heaving too" I think that's the name, we returned to dry land. At that stage we had avoided the storms which were rolling around the lake side.



Glen meantime, had given the Flatty motor a run and done his usual great job of taking pictures around the lake.



After lunch Luis and Sandra appeared. It seems like their campsite was nearly washed away from the previous night's storm and they had spent the morning drying out their gear - you can imagine how much fun that was! Was Roger correct, but with his timing out!!

Enthusiastic about having a good sail we headed off on Iona, watching once more the storm clouds looming over the hills. Unfortunately, there was no wind, and we had to resort to using the iron sail to get back to the shore. Tom hates to be stationary on the water!!

Sheila Sparks.



Ladies and Gents, this concludes Ratlines for October, 2022.

And, as always, if there's more you want to see or know about please let us know by return email – WBACairns@gmail.com

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