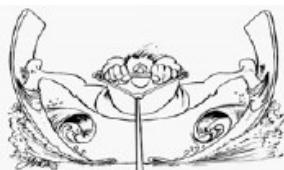




UP THE CREEK



We've been busy over the past few months with the pub night, ski camp, Easter weekend and work on the block and shack which is almost completed to lock up stage. The next few months will be filled with shack work, skiing and boarding – the wake development weekend will certainly be a highlight. As the weather gets cooler, the water gets glassier and the pyromaniacs come out to play... then the stories around the bonfire commence...

Liz Cooter
President & Newsletter Editor

Upcoming Events

Date	Place	Taker
24-27 April	Morgan	Wojtek
	<u>ANZAC Day Long Weekend</u>	
9-11 May	Morgan	Sean
	<u>Wake Development Weekend</u>	
17 May	Mypo	Darryl
7-9 June	Morgan	Litchy
	<u>Queen's Birthday Long Weekend</u>	

For more details, please visit
<http://www.auwsc.com/index.php?page=news>

Shack Update

The shack is almost ready to handover! Here is one of the most recent photos of it.



It is getting built to lock up stage by Sarah Homes then it's up to us to finish it off. So there is still a lot of work to do! Electrical work, plumbing, painting, gyprocking, installing kitchen, bathroom, laundry...and the list goes on!

We need all hands on deck to finish it off and fit it out. If those ski club members who have skills in the various parts of building could lend us a hand, we would really appreciate it. If you have something in almost new condition that you'd be happy to donate and could be used in the shack then please let us know. We would certainly be willing to provide signage/sponsorship to any businesses able to make a major contribution. Anyone know the owner of a hardware store? Or an electrician?

Please contact Sean if you think you can help (with donations, sponsorship, providing labour etc) – sean@auwsc.com

Fundraising Update





CHOCOLATE DELIVERY SERVICE

You'd all know by now that we really need to sell heaps and heaps of fundraising chocolates in order to pay for the beautiful new holiday shack to get finished. That's why we'll make it easy for you this month: If you decide you'll give fundraising a shot and get a box of 48 chocolates, **I'LL DELIVER THEM TO YOUR DOOR!**

And as a special treat, my three favourite chocolate quotes:

- 1) I have this theory that chocolate slows down the aging process.... It may not be true, but do I dare take the chance?
Unknown
- 2) The 12-step chocoholics program:
NEVER BE MORE THAN 12 STEPS AWAY FROM CHOCOLATE!
Terry Moore
- 3) All I really need is love, but a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt!
Lucy Van Pelt in Peanuts

Call today for your chocolate delivery!

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Pub Night 2008

Our post o-week pub night was held on March 4th, this time at the Crown and Sceptre. We had a great turn out of new faces as well as the usual suspects, all of whom enjoyed the fine fare, \$10 jugs of Coopers and free pool. After dinner most of us gathered around the bar and pool table to watch Mike, Sean, Gareth and others show off their poolshark moves or sat outside at the footpath tables enjoying the balmy weather along with a few bevies. Thanks to everyone for coming along and making it a great night and to the staff at the Sceptre who were very accommodating and went to great effort to make sure we enjoyed the evening.

Justine

Water Ski Camp 08

From all reports, Ski Camp 2008 was a great success... Awesome! We had the best time. There

was great water, great weather, great food, and a couple of great nights, up at Skiers Paradise, Club Morg. Thank you to all the crew that turned up and had a ski, wake, ride in a tube or on a kneeboard. You guys made it one of the best weekends on record! Everyone was so helpful in giving a hand to the hard working committee folk who had organised the show. Dirty dishes didn't stay dirty for long and there was always someone around who was willing to lend a hand. Everyone rocked up with a great attitude and was ready for some fun!

It seemed like everyone had an awesome time wakeboarding and the occasional ski or tube. Even the pommie girls got out there on the wakeboard and gave it a good show. Canadian Dave was tearing it up on the slalom. For the first time in a while we had a US of A contingent, all having a good time on the wakeboard. Nick from Sweden got up first go and looked like he'd done it before – trying (and succeeding) to get some sweet air on the board after only one or two starts!

From the local crew, it was super exciting to see another Aussie throwing a tantrum! Big Pete showed off some top moves on the wakeboard and Georgette showed us her style.

I'd really like to say a huge thank you to all the drivers. They did the hard yards behind the wheel - it's a job which requires a lot of concentration and the drivers did a terrific job. Our coaches, Sean, Leigh and Litchy, did a great job all weekend, although one must suspect their motives with so many beautiful girls about the place!

Many committee members including Justine, Sean and Leigh, worked hard to make the weekend a big success. But I don't think anyone worked harder than Santa Cruz, who took on the responsibility of fixing the Moomba trailer. It would have been a very tough job without him, and it was a tough job for Ed. Big thank you for doing that hard work in that searing heat to get the trailer serviceable again. It is people who contribute behind the scenes that keep a club going, and Ed really put in the hard yards. Justine, who organised the food and cooks for the whole weekend, really deserves our thanks. How good was the food! Many told me how impressed they were with the quality and amount of food over the weekend...☺



Easter Long Weekend

Well, Easter at Morgan wasn't the usual mad blitz of AUWSCers but a good time was had anyway. Wojtek, Lori and Litchy started the weekend off and it seemed that up until Saturday arvo things were pretty quiet, and those that were there got plenty of riding in and maybe even a bit of snoozing. Apparently a few unorthodox objects were ridden for a bit of fun, including the disc and even an esky lid! During that time the long overdue concept of moving the fireplace was considered and then implemented. Now we can relax by the fire in sight of the river, but there goes my fave tent spot...

Saturday night the troops rolled in, some of us even got a ride in before it got dark, and then we settled in for some serious socialising thanks to Mr Beerbottle and Mrs Goonbag, aided by Leigh "Mr PR" Killmier. Top marks to William for his usual array of mysterious cookery skills on Sat and Sun nights.

Sunday and Monday saw a whole load of river action. Amber did a whole load of advanced learning behind the wheel getting up a fistful of beginner wakeboarders on the boom-bar. Darryl (Habib) kept the skier flag flying with his trusty team mate Katherine and whoever else he could pry out of a wakeboard.

Highlight of the weekend had to be Leigh and Litchy's double wakeboard effort, all caught on camera, including a huge tantrum of Litchy's over Leigh's head. Awesome stuff. Top effort of the weekend went to New Guy Marcos- 17 or so rides over two days, only just in front of Bronnie with 15 or so. Welcome back Bronnie!

Those that weren't up there wouldn't have seen the fine-looking shack that's halfway there- wasn't bad to camp under either and I heard a rumour that it had a visitor or two up there at night. Must have been the possums. Talking of fine construction, Greg came in second with his Taj Mahal of a tent- an hour to put up and worth all the effort!

*Sean Alexander
Sexytary*

AUWSC on film!

Leigh has used his mad video making skillz to put together some cracker footage from the Easter Long Weekend. Check it out!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fJLMAmX532k>

Wake Development Weekend

Due to popular demand, we'll be running a Wake Development weekend on the 9-11th May. The water shouldn't be too cold at all that early in the year, and wetsuits and hot showers will ease any pain I'm sure!

The weekend will be for anyone that wants to improve their wakeboarding skills, from beginners up. If you have a specific skill that you want to work on, we can help, and if you just want to come out and improve your riding in general, you'll get plenty of opportunity. We'll be making the most of copious amounts of video analysis, thanks to Litchy's camera. I'm sure we'll put Leigh's AV skills to use as well- maybe we can twist his arm to put together a bit of a "highlights" production from the weekend?

The weekend will be run slightly differently than the average event with respect to charging. Instead of having 6-minute rides, the club will be charging a flat rate of 90c per minute. Each ride will last as long as you like, within reason. So, if you take a killer face-plant after two minutes, or get tired after nine or ten, you stop when you like and you only get charged for the time you use. Awesome!

The boat drivers will be keeping a tally of these times in the boat, and at the end of the weekend we all pay up. Please note that for non-members there will be a \$20 surcharge for this weekend, so that they can be included in this pricing scheme. Normal site fees will apply. At this stage it'll be BYO food unless someone volunteers to cook something for everyone- any volunteers? "Cooks eat for free" is a nice bribe.

Sean