



LAKE EILDON

HOUSEBOAT INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

LAKE EILDON HOUSEBOAT INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION **NEWSLETTER *October/November EDITION***

LEHIA wishes to welcome all Members and Associates to the second edition of our LEHIA Newsletter. This is a great way to keep everyone up-to-date with important happenings in our industry and committee. LEHIA looks forward to working with Members, Suppliers and Stakeholders as we move towards another exciting season at Lake Eildon

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Looking around the region and industry now, the houseboat industry is thriving. Going back to a decade ago or more the Industry has never been busier. This has mainly come about by the Industry showing strength and unity.

Currently there are around 25 houseboats waiting for a hardstand space to come out of the water for Compliance, Maintenance & Renovation work. Our Houseboat Industry is thriving, our employment levels are well up, all aspects of industry that leads back to our beautiful environment and water are achieving goals.

Keep up these achievements, keep the positive messages known and best wishes for a successful 2016/2017 summer

Mike Dalmau – LEHIA Chairperson

A REMINDER TO ALL LEHIA MEMBERS

Once a month the LEHIA Executive Committee meets in Eildon to discuss, plan and coordinate ideas, issues and opportunities to advance the houseboating industry at Lake Eildon. LEHIA welcomes and encourages you as a LEHIA Member to attend these meetings and share your ideas and your valuable input.

*Next Meeting: Monday November 21st 2016
4.00pm with thanks to Eildon Boat Club for venue*

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REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT VICTORIA **‘RDV’ GRANT APPLICATION**

LEHIA has been working together, for some time, with Goulburn Murray Water ‘GMW’ to develop a grant application to submit on behalf of the two bodies to the State Government via RDV. The title for the Grant Application is “Lake Eildon Developing the Floating City”. The grant application is moving through the different stages of the process with positive feedback so far.

The “Lake Eildon Developing the Floating City Project” has four main components:-

- (i) Upgrade to the Road Infrastructure from the Eildon Boat Harbour to enable the safe launching, retrieval and transport of houseboats for maintenance & upgrade works
- (ii) Alterations to Power Lines within the Eildon Precinct to enable the safe transport of houseboats within this area
- (iii) The installation of a new state of the art Houseboat Sewerage Pumping facility at Jerusalem Creek
- (iv) The installation of a pipeline to connect Jerusalem Creek with the GVW Sewerage Treatment Facility in Eildon

These Infrastructure Upgrades are essential for continued viability and growth of the Houseboat Industry to enable it to continue to provide invaluable jobs in the local area.



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LEHIA MEMBERSHIP OFFER

Do you know of other local businesses, trades people or suppliers to our industry who may be interested in becoming a LEHIA Member? Please network with your contacts and help us in welcoming as many people within the Industry to help us continue to develop this Industry in our local community

NEW LAKE EILDON MARINA 'LEM' HOUSEBOAT TRANSPORT TRAILER

LEHIA congratulates Phil and Jeff at Lake Eildon Marina on the significant investment of time, knowledge and finances into the planning and construction of this new state of the art Houseboat Transport Trailer.

This is a significant positive vote of confidence in the future of house-boating at Lake Eildon. The technology and ideas involved with this trailer are leading edge and set up the Industry in this area for the future.

Without this significant investment the Industry would have struggled.

This new Houseboat Trailer can now safely and efficiently move all houseboats on Lake Eildon including the new larger houseboats.

It is an integral part of the Jigsaw to ensure a strong and viable future for the local Houseboat Industry.

Free Enterprise has made this significant investment; we now need the support of the State Government to approve funds for the supporting Infrastructure in the "Lake Eildon Developing the Floating City Project" grant application.

The end result of this means JOBS, many jobs in our local area.

SPONSORSHIP / ADVERTISING IN THIS NEWSLETTER

If you have any ideas or input for this Newsletter, we'd love to hear it. LEHIA would also welcome advertising, especially from our suppliers, to help cover costs of producing the newsletter. If you would like to get involved please contact one of the Executive

WATER LEVELS PRESENT VS WATER LEVELS FOR THE FUTURE

Water levels are looking very positive for this year's summer months. This wet winter and spring we have had has paid off for Lake users. Not only are we excited to share the near full Lake this year, but with the capacity the Lake is currently holding, we are sure to be guaranteed similar levels for successful summer seasons for Recreation over the next two to three summers.



Lake Eildon currently at 77.5% capacity



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OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKERS, NATHAN GOODALL AND MARK CROCKFORD

LEHIA members were fortunate to have Nathan Goodall from Griffiths Goodall Insurance and Mark Crockford from Nautilus Marine Insurance attend our October meeting.

Both Nathan and Mark gave an overview of how they fit into the Houseboat Industry.

The committee were given the opportunity to ask both businessmen any questions they had and to cover some misunderstood areas within the houseboat insurance industry.

Both Nathan and Mark have opened the offer to all members to contact them directly should they have any further questions.

COMMERCIAL HIRE HOUSEBOAT FLEET MEETING

In October the LEHIA Executive meet with houseboat industry business owners and those associated with the Commercial Hire Houseboat Fleet to have an open discussion about rules, regulations, permits and leases pertaining to the CHHF.

The meeting was a success with good outcomes.

An outcome of the meeting is LEHIA has written the GMW seeking information on their strategic plan for the Commercial Hire Houseboat Fleet on Lake Eildon.

If you would like any correspondence regarding this and any future meetings of such, please contact an LEHIA Executive.

Thank you to EBC for the use of your venue to hold this meeting

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

This month we take the time to recognise three of our Industry's leading Houseboat Building businesses and in turn congratulate them on the amount of work recently put into these large projects to once again represent our region and industries with the highest level of quality craftsmanship

Status Luxury Houseboats and the launching of "Saffire"

Darren Withoos and his team at Status Luxury Houseboats were sourced by a client with very particular requirements in the planning, material sourcing and final outcome of having their dream Holiday Houseboat completed.

The Houseboat was to be three levels high and was to be the leading edge of style, décor, fittings and technology; nothing was to be overlooked in the planning of "Saffire".

Soon preparation was underway for "Saffire" to be built from scratch in the Eildon Boat Club sheds where room soon became an issue for this mammoth project. Construction continued on a hardstand adjacent to the Lakes edge.

Finally the day came for "Saffire's" maiden voyage. Phil, Jeff and their team from Lake Eildon Marina Service (LEMS) were there ready to guide all 67 tonnes of "Saffire" to water.

The relief and pride of watching "Saffire" be guided onto the water shone on all faces to witness. The Houseboat clearly exceeded all requirements and is a great credit to Darren and his team to have managed and executed their clients dream as brilliantly as they did.

Congratulations Status Luxury Houseboats!



Lake Eildon Marina' Houseboat Transport Trailer



Houseboat "Saffire" built by Status Luxury Houseboats – Darren Withoos



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The Houseboat Factory and the launching of “007”

The confidence of people to invest in their houseboat holiday homes on the water continues. Another stunning Houseboat was recently launched on Lake Eildon with great success.

“007” built by Peter and Julie Raymakers from the Houseboat Factory.

This boat screams entertainment with open plan living, strategically set stunning kitchen, al fresco for those warm summer evenings, five bedrooms, the latest solar electric technology plus so much more packed onto this exceptionally designed houseboat.

Upon designing “007” Peter used his extensive experience and implemented many new ideas; using aluminium for the large pontoons and much of the structural work which made this large houseboat lightweight.

The success and knowledge learnt in the planning and building of the low maintenance “007” has now lead to a new project for the Raymakers; a new entry level Category 6 Spec Houseboat. We look forward to seeing the finished product soon.

Congratulations on all your hard work and determination Peter and Julie.



Peter and Julie Raymakers (Houseboat Factory) stunning “007” Houseboat afloat

Anchorage Houseboats and the launching of “St. Tropez”



“St Tropez” built by Anchorage Houseboats and Timberon Cabinets

Congratulations to Phil and Mel Gourlay and their team at Anchorage Houseboats along with Timberon Cabinets in achieving this outstanding Category 6 Houseboat “St Tropez”; yet another display of exceptional craftsmanship, time, planning and patience.

“St Tropez” was built at the Anchorage sheds in Eildon, fitted onto the LEM transport trailer, travelled down Sugarloaf Road and onto the launching ramp where it then glided over the water to the EBC where the owners look forward to many holidays with family and friends.

Creating these masterpieces from scratch, going through the planning stages to the first bit of material laid requires so many personal qualities within these businesses including the rare skills to actually foresee the final project floating on the Lake.

It’s important to support all of our businesses within the industry to continue to see success therefore continue to promote Lake Eildon as the holiday place of choice, or to even invest in one of these holidays homes themselves.

Congratulations also to all those suppliers and contractors involved in the construction of these three magnificent boats.



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If you have any questions regarding any of these topics or would like further information, please contact one of our Executive Members

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