



e-Newsletter - May 2021 Autumn edition



ACS HARBOURSIDE LUNCH

BOOK NOW FOR A GREAT DAY OUT

MOSMAN ROWERS CLUB

FRIDAY 4th JUNE 2021 at 12.00 noon

Great location. Under new management. Our ACS spies were impressed

Meet: Circular Quay wharf Ferry to Mosman Bay at 11.26 am.

Arr: Mosman Bay 11.50 am.

Walk: 5 mins pleasant level waterside stroll to 'Mosman Rowers'.

Restaurant on entrance level.

Alternative Travel: Check buses to Mosman Bay, and nearby car parking.

*Booking Essential: Please contact Peter Lucas by Monday 31st May
0411 265430 or pandelucas@bigpond.com*

COMING EVENTS - *Note Now*

**Day Out: Cockatoo Island
Wednesday 1st September 2021**



**Spring Meeting
Wednesday 20th October 2021
Drummoyne Sailing Club
and on Zoom**

BILL BAILEY'S CALL TO ATTACK PLASTIC POLLUTION ON UK CANALS

British comedian and Canal and RiverTrust supporter has been calling for people across England and Wales to boost their health and happiness and make a difference in their local communities by joining the fight against plastic pollution. Canals and rivers have been havens for mental and physical health during the pandemic with more weekly visits to local towpaths. However this has been accompanied by a big rise in littering, putting the nation's precious waterway wildlife habitats at risk and causing an unsightly problem.

*For his work in environmental conservation he received an honorary doctorate in conservation and sustainability from the Australian University of the Sunshine Coast in October 2014.
(Canal & River Trust January 2021)*



Recent rains in urban Sydney have accentuated a similar plight along our river and canal systems

Jan's Comments

What does the ACS do when its primary focus is the inland waterways of other countries? We stayed calm and carried on - differently!

Australia is almost Covid free, saved by months of lockdowns, severe restrictions on travel and social gatherings, good testing and tracing procedures, successful quarantine measures, and a reasonably compliant community. Long awaited vaccines are being rolled out slowly.

Unfortunately our citizens are confined to this country. It is almost possible to leave it and return. We can't fly or cruise to our intended or favourite travel destinations. New Zealand now excepted. We couldn't even get stuck in the Suez Canal !

Some of us can recall when our hired narrowboats found themselves in a similar position on a British canal. Not quite the same size, or of international importance, but somewhat harrowing at the time.



WE HAVE SURVIVED

and are truly grateful that we live in this wonderful country.

Since March 2020 we endured lockdown, cancelled meetings and social activities, but discovered the telephone, TV, DVD, YouTube and Zoom. 'Canal Spotting', always a favourite pastime, revived our spirits on occasions.

As restrictions gradually eased, we Aussies have been embracing our own inland waterways, not only to taste freedom, but to support rural communities who have suffered badly from prolonged drought, horrendous bushfires, then widespread flooding in many areas, creating great disruption to employment and the loss of tourist income.

The ACS is looking for new ways of communicating with a wider audience locally and with other countries. Already a few people are making contact via Zoom, one English couple having taken part in our recent meetings. We are endeavouring to overcome unhelpful time differences between our countries. But the possibilities are exciting. Any ideas? Help us maintain and develop our enthusiasm for the fascinating inland waterways world.

Best wishes,
Jan R

SYDNEYSIDERS, DID YOU KNOW THAT A NEW PARRAMATTA RIVER ESCARPMENT BOARDWALK IS OPEN?

You can now walk, or ride along the north side of Parramatta River from Parramatta Park to Melrose Park. The 350 metre boardwalk starts from the Charles Street Weir, opposite Parramatta wharf at the bottom of the Queens Avenue stairs, and follows the river to Gasworks Bridge on Macarthur Street. Then the Parramatta River Walk continues for another 5 kms, behind Western Sydney University, along the Subiaco Link, past Rydalmere Wharf and through George Kendall Riverside Park. It then connects up with the Ryde section of the River Walk to Kissing Point Park. (See City of Parramatta website)

Explore.



Enjoy !

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