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Welcome to Jet Torque!

This magazine celebrates all that is jet boating in Australia. Telling tales of jet boating with family and friends has been the Jet Torque staple for over 40 years.

Hope you enjoy this issue of Jet torque. Matthew Fallow

Articles

Welcome to Jet Torque! As always we need any stories, photos or jet boat related history you may have. We can scan old photos for you or turn your 35mm slides into the digital world before they deteriorate any further.



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We have members all over Australia, always keen for a fellow Jet Boater to get out on the water with, compare notes with, help out, and all the things jet boaters generously do with and for each other.

We have jet boaters in Greater Sydney; Central Coast/Newcastle NSW; Upper Riverina NSW; Fremantle WA; Hobart TAS; Brisbane/Gold Coast QLD; Darwin NT; Greater Adelaide Area SA; Mid North Coast NSW; Traralgon/Sale VIC, and many other areas.

If you would like your details listed here each month, let me know.

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Presidents Report

Dear Members,

Recently your association completed a membership mailer to current and past associates. I hope you received yours?

\$35 for a single membership or \$55 for a family means you get **'heaps of bang for your buck'**.

- **Jet Torque**, Australia's most widely read newsletter devoted to jet boating
- **The 2012/2013 Rally Calendar** jam packed with exciting events
- **Make new** and lasting friendships
- **Need help?** You'll be inundated with expertise
- **Rally's** to suit all experience level

Congratulations to the office bearers for 2012 / 2013

Mof (Michael Ficker)	Vice President and Rally Chairman
Wilfred (Matthew Fallow)	Editor
Chris Burger	Secretary
Greg Chesher	Treasurer
Joe Ferlazzo	Safety Officer / Vice Secretary
Zippers (Russell Findlay)	Past President and Committee member
Boofy (Mark Giles)	Committee member
Jack Sing	Committee member
Mark Lovett	Committee member

'Goose Bumps'

Was a term concocted by Wilfred (Matthew Fallow) after the Manning River took its fury on my Jet Seeker Ranger 440.

To put it bluntly, a Goose Bump is me putting another substantial dent in my boat.

Well, it happened again on the Brass Monkey Run; two large dents to the starboard gunnels. I won't go into all the details here, suffice to say that my navigator Craig knows what it's like to boat and fly at the same time.



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Bloody Good Effort!

What makes Hacky (Alan Hackfath) tow his boat for nine hours from Northern NSW to be part of the Brass Monkey Rally?

What makes Zippers (Russell Findlay) fly to Sydney from Melbourne to be part of our Annual General Meeting?

What makes Glen and Lyn Byron leave a calm Hawkesbury River for the extremes of adventure jet boating in the Snowy Mountains?

What makes Ray Murray of Wagga Wagga cook a BBQ for thirty people on the banks of a fast flowing river?

What makes 'Steelo' (Stephen Steel) fly from Adelaide and then drive six hours to the Snowy Mountains?

What makes TuiMan (Shaun Harris) leave NZ to go jet boating in the wilds of NSW and Vic?

It's the JAA ethos that's been developed over 40 years that makes members want to participate.

If you haven't experienced the JAA yet, I suggest you phone, and we'll take you jet boating so you to can experience the excitement.

Don't forget the next Rally?

Saturday November 24th from 10.00

Port Hacking – 'Cruise around the Shire'

The boat ramp is at Swallow Rock Drive, Grays Point NSW 2232
We will explore the South West Arm and a short walk to a waterfall.

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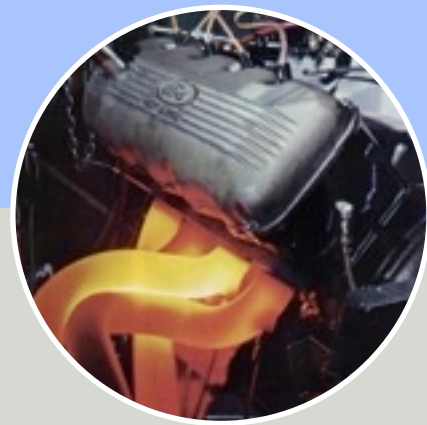


LS2 Gen IV V8

Generation 4 Chevrolet LS2 6.0 All Alloy V8. 460HP. These were fitted to the Monaro GTO All Wheel Drive and HSV and Senator cars. In the USA they featured in the Corvette. In the engine pictured below a Holley Carb has been fitted with computer controlled ignition. To see what this engine drives read on in the for sale section.



HEADS IN FORDS



Ford F150

Approximately 15 months ago my business partner Clint, and I, decided the Ute market in Australia was too limited, so we commenced a search for a better Ute! Clint spoke to numerous people here in Australia and in the ol' US of A regarding import and conversion of F150 trucks. The experience has been quite character building, and at times wondering if we've been victims of a long term scam, such were the lengths of time of no updated info on the progress.

There were a series of debacles on both sides of the Pacific, and the last debacle continues, but the two utes finally arrived in Australia in April this year.

These were the first 5 litre Coyote powered 2012 model F150's in Australia, and in Ford's wisdom in Dearborn Michigan, electric / electronic power steering was fitted in lieu of hydraulic power steering. This was a setback to Vehicle Development Corporation's programme, and serious re-tooling and design was required to ensure everything worked correctly once converted. The on-board electronics in a 2012 F150 includes steer angle display on the dash, and a logger that records numerous inputs including steer angle, stability control and ABS activation and throttle angle etc in the event of a serious crash. This is a feature I have no interest in exploring!

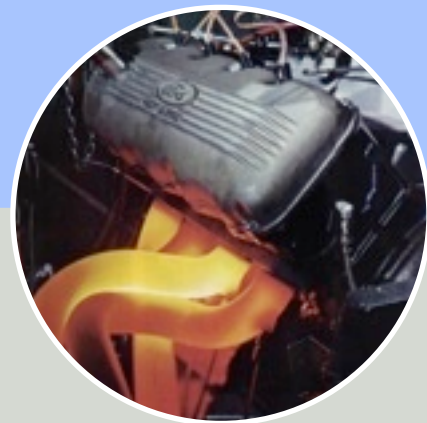
One of the debacles in USA was the trucks were originally going to be 2011 models, but the dealer in TX decided their business structure would work better with an ordering dept separate from the sales dept. Consequently the wrong trucks were delivered to the dealer in TX, and the canopies fitted, before the salesman realised the trucks were wrong. He agreed



Proud owner Michael 'mof'



HEADS IN FORDS



Ford F One Fiddy

to supply the correct 2012 model for the same cost, so we chose to wait. In the meantime, the Ford export department decided to undertake shipping direct from Michigan, so the canopies (removed from the wrong trucks) were orphaned in Texas, and never fitted to the trucks, so had to be shipped separately, but the cost of shipping would have been included in the RORO cost for the trucks, so another dilemma. since the canopies are looking for a spare space in a container, only one made the trip from USA to Melbourne, so my truck still waits for its canopy to arrive. Apparently the ship is nearing Australia...

The F150 range of vehicles is extraordinarily good value in the USA. They are so attractively priced that Ford have chosen not to market the Ranger in the USA as it would be imported, it is too expensive compared to the F150. The F150 is approximately 10% bigger in each dimension than the new Ranger / BT-50 Mazda (or Navara / DakDak Anorak etc), which doesn't sound a lot, but equates to somewhat greater volume. The biggest attraction to me was back seat room for my three (growing) children. The F150 has 200mm extra width than the Navara (my previous ute), and more leg room than Sue's Statesman, plus the floor is flat right across, so the middle passenger doesn't have to deal with a trans tunnel under their feet. Space doesn't guarantee peace, but elbow room is elbow room, so there's one less excuse!!!

The most striking difference between my old Navara and the F150 is wheelbase. The F truck is about 500mm longer in wheelbase! It's also a good bit heavier, higher, wider, longer, more powerful, and sounds a helluva lot better. Cruising at freeway speeds seems quite economical, at around 10-11 litres per 100km, and the Auto Navara diesel with particulate filter rarely did any better than that. City tripping seems to sip a bit more fuel...

So, has the experience been worthwhile? I now have a fairly unique work truck that is quite luxuriously equipped, and now that it's fully converted and complianced, cost us around 10% more than a similarly equipped ute available in Australia. When I look at the space in the back seat, and cruise with the cool air-conditioned air drifting up through the seat base and back, yes, it's probably worthwhile. It will be interesting to see how the 2nd hand market treats us in about four years!



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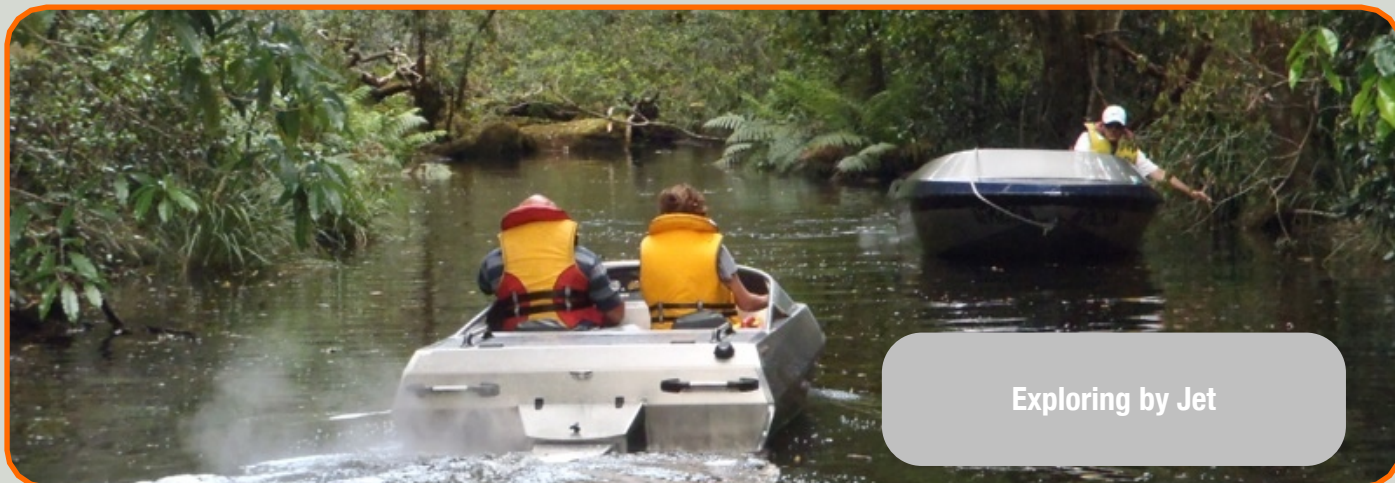
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NEW MEMBER CRAIG TAKES DELIVERY OF POPULAR BOAT

The Attack Marine design 11foot long adventure boat has taken off in Australia. Additionally members Matthew F, Paul M, Tony D & Aaron have also taken delivery of one of these new boats. They are constructed from high tensile marine grade 6083 aluminum and all fitted with the 4 stroke Kawasaki marine motor from 160 to 260hp.

Craig fired it up last weekend and we had a blast exploring the many creeks on the Hawkesbury river. Craig's boat is powered by a 1500cc double overhead cam 4 stroke marine engine with super charger and has effortless power.



Exploring by Jet

GEMINI BARN FIND "JETE"

Hello Ashton and Editor, JAA.

Couldn't resist sending you a 1983 photo of a certain Gemini which I then owned, and which showed up again in the latest JAA magazine! The setting is Port Stephens NSW.

I bought it in 1980, derelict, and spent a couple of years doing it up, making the windscreen, fitting a 200 engine, building a new trailer, engine box etc. It was a fun boat to own but a bit small for my purposes.

Now I have a 25' cruiser - the one that's For Sale at the end of the JAA magazine. It's a fantastic boat but sadly I'm too old to use it these days.

I do hope Ashton has fun with "Jete". The name is from ballet dancing, which my girls were being taught back then.

Glad you liked the blast from the past! I probably should have explained that Jete is pronounced jetay and it's French for a big leap in ballet.

I've often thought it would be interesting to keep a perpetual record of all the jetboats around the country. With the advent of email and computer filing etc this could become a reality over time. I had a 19' Savage Mako jet called Hi Ho for a while, and a 20' aluminium cruiser, Bowden design no name though. Didn't keep a record of who these bought these boats off me either.

Have also dabbled in outboards and sterndrives, all disasters, especially the smashed props. Yuck! Cheers

Warwick Burgess

Jete in its hey day



GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Phil Hazel Explores Sydney Harbour

As it happens, Jan and I live very close to the Boat Ramp at Drummoyne.

This is good for Jan because it gets me out of the house so she can do her art work in piece. It's also pretty good for me because I'm continuously jet boating.

I know, the pressure I'm under...

So after boating on Saturday I thought it would be rude if I didn't go out on Sunday.

I launched at 9.0 am to be greeted by a Police boat at the ramp. All boats were being checked for safety equipment and skippers for their divers licence.

Now, I not sure what goes on in some peoples heads but almost no boats passed the basic safety scrutineering.

I saw Mum and Dad and three small children in a small alloy run about with NO life jackets. As expected I passed with out problems.

Off to the Sydney Seafood Markets for a late breakfast/early lunch.

I left Five Dock bay by turning right around Howley Park (under the Gladesville Bridge) into the Parramatta River.

This is now an open speed limit but water conditions dictate the speed.

After five minutes of cruising at 2,500 RPM I hade Spectacle Island on my Port side followed shortly by Snapper Island.

Snapper has an interesting history....



GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Phil Hazel Explores Sydney Harbour

Snapper Island is a 1.65 hectare. It lies in the main channel of the western section of the harbour, upstream of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, adjacent to Drummoyne.

The island was originally a rocky outcrop, but in 1931-2 it was increased in size over seven times by land reclamation, and reshaped into the general plan form of a ship. Since then it has used as a training depot by the Sea Cadets, and as a museum. Today it is in the hands of the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust, who are charged with planning a new future for it. Snapper Island is the smallest island in the harbour.

I kept the bays on my starboard side until I was in between the Dawn Fraser Swimming Pool at Elkington Park and Cockatoo Island. From here I headed direct for water between Simmons Point Reserve and Goat Island on my Port side. It's 4 Knots from here on in to Johnston's Bay (just before the Anzac bridge). After going under the stunning Anzac Bridge I was in Blackwattle Bay where the Sydney Fish Markers are.

The harbour has so much to offer....get out there!!!

**Regards
Goose**

How to incorporate 'jet boating' in your working week

1. Be more profitable.
2. Ignore what your accountant says

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Goose after receiving his lobster bill



BLADES

ALL THESE BLADES FIT THE SAME UNIT BUT SUBTLY DIFFERENT



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TuiMan



Craig



Steelo





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NEXT WEEKEND!!

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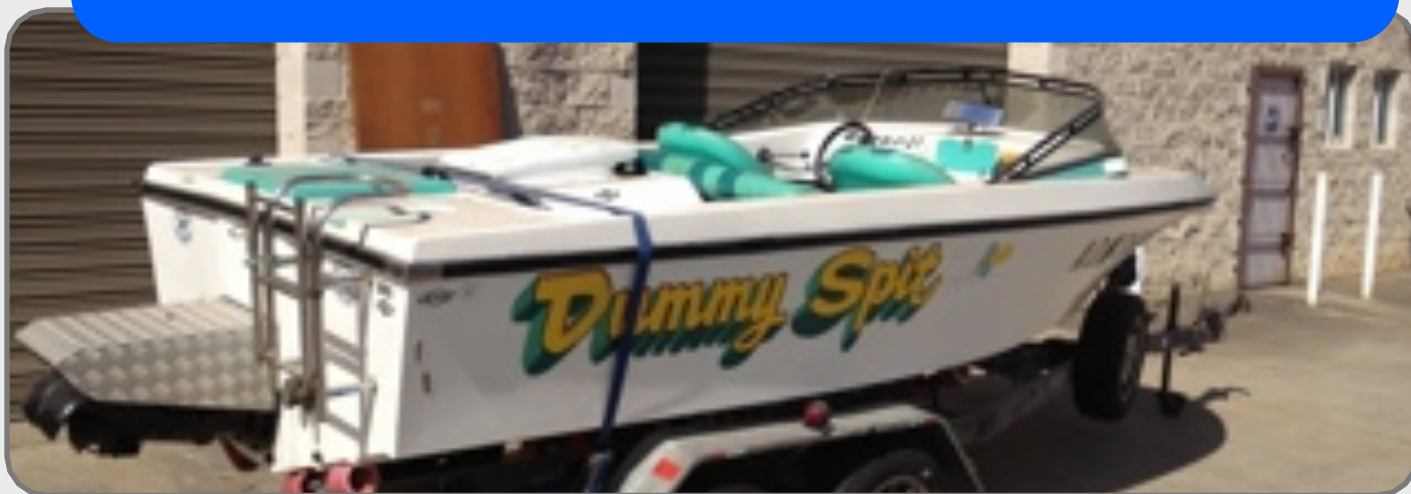
Contact: Phil Hazel "Goose" A/H9816 4136 0426 226 477

Launch @ Swallow Rock Drive, Grays Point 10am

Boat ramp jet boat discussion and workshop

Safety & Maintenance Workshop

Marcel now owns Dummy Spit - this boat has a long history with our club going back decades



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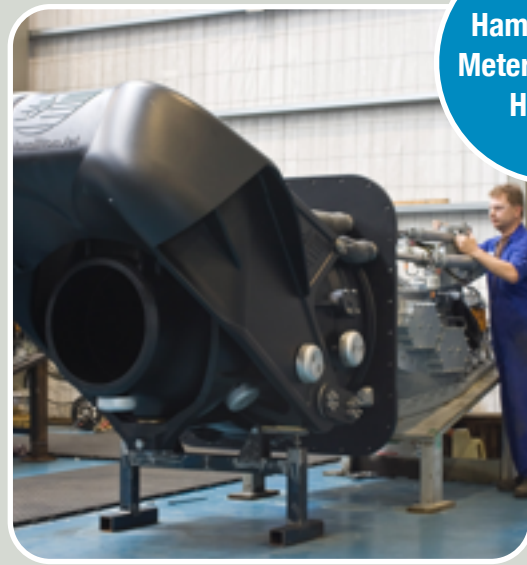
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ON THE WATER

Members Photos this Month



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2013 Rally Calendar

Please contact the Rally Organiser to confirm details prior to the Event

**NEW Rally
Calendar**

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
1st December 2012 Saturday 6pm	Christmas Party at Goose's	Goose's Place at Huntley's Cove	Phil Goose Hazell 0426 226 477 9816 4136
8th December 2012 Saturday 3pm	Twilight Run to Lobster Beach	Launch at Woy Woy, Lions Park Nth Burge Rd Brooklyn, Parsley Bay	Matthew Fallow 0415 786 306
12th January 2013 Saturday 9am (Tides)	Mooney Mooney Explorer	Launch at Deerubbun Res Next to F3 freeway at Mooney Point	Mark Boofy Gyles 0416 05 06 07 9875 1352
2nd & 3rd February 2013 Weekend	Riverina Summer Run	Gundagai / Tumut / Blowering	Shane Boyd 0412 310 381
16th February 2013 Saturday (TBA)	Vision Australia Jetboat Rides Day	Woy Woy, Lions Park Nth Burge Rd	Phil Goose Hazell 0426 226 477 9816 4136
23rd February 2013 Saturday (see you on the river!)	Hawkesbury River Ski Day Shakedown before the Dam	Launch at South Creek Windsor Boat Ramp, BYO lunch at Lower Portland	Michael Mof Ficker 0409 998 752
1st, 2nd & 3rd March 2013 Weekend	Wyangala Dam Houseboat Weekend	Wyangala Dam, near Cowra NSW	Michael Mof Ficker 0409 998 752
22nd March 2013 Friday Night 7pm incl Sausage Sizzle	DVD's at Hills Motorsports Jetboating on the Big Screen	Hills Motorsports Workshop 1/65 Jersey Street Hornsby	Mark Lovett 9476 1777 0417 00 77 00
6th & 7th April 2013 Ski Day 6th, 9.30am Fun Day 7th, 10am	Shoalhaven River Nowra Broughton Creek Berry	Saturday launch at Nowra, Fairway Drive ramp near bridge Sunday launch at Wharf Rd / Coolangatta Rd Ramp at Berry	Greg Wrongway Chesher 0439 308 408 Michael Mof Ficker 0409 998 752
4th May 2013 Saturday 10am Call First Skinny - Skinny (unless flooding of course...)	Upper Hunter River Morpeth / Vacy / Lochinvar / Singleton / Merriwa?	Launching Site(s) TBA	Michael Mof Ficker 0409 998 752 Matthew Fallow 0415 786 306
1st June 2013 Saturday 10am	Manning River Explore (flow permitting)	Wingham Ramp End of Farquhar St Or Taree - Stevenson St Ramp	Dan Clinch 0423 689 178 Matthew Fallow 0415 786 306
19th, 20th, 21st July 2013	Victorian Run Ovens and Kiewa Rivers	Wangaratta Area TBA	Russel Findlay 0413 703 447
17th August 2013 Saturday 10am	Winter on Middle Harbour Sydney	Roseville Bridge Ramp Healey Way, Killarney Hts (bottom of Marcel's Mtn)	Michael Mof Ficker 0409 998 752
6th, 7th & 8th September 2013	Annual General Meeting On the River Snowy Mtns, Murray River	Stay at Khancoban Caravan Park Sat Night AGM Dinner	Phil Goose Hazell Michael Mof Ficker Matthew Fallow
14th 15th September	Snowy River Spring Release	Dalgety, pending Environmental Flood Discharge Dates	Greg Wrongway Chesher 0439 308 408
12th October 2013 Saturday 10am	Top Gear Challenges Woy Woy Bay	Launch at Woy Woy, Lions Park Nth Burge Rd	Matthew Fallow 0415 786 306
1st 2nd 3rd November 2013	Northern NSW Clarence River / Orara River / Mann River	Launching Site(s) TBA	Alan Hacky Hackfath 0427 454 745
7th December 2013 Saturday 10am	Hawkesbury Christmas Cruise	Launch at South Creek Windsor Boat Ramp, BYO lunch at Lower Portland	Glen Bryon 0400 357 850



Depending on flows, impromptu adventure runs are organised. If you would like to be contacted on these occasions, please call Matthew Fallow on 0415 786 306, or Michael Ficker on 0409 998 752. Please call when your local river is pumping too!

Adventure boating is always safer with more than one boat!

