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Welcome to Newsletter No.6! There are now around 75 days to go until the 33rd National Championships on the Sunshine Coast and we need to know if you are coming, so that we can have your Name Badge and bag tags printed and your sample bag packed all ready for you to collect on Registration Day to save you a lot of time. Otherwise, you are going to have to stand around and wait while we prepare these items for you.

So get your **Intention to Attend form** (*attached to this newsletter*) to us as soon as possible. You should include your nomination fee as well, as the \$5 discount applies only to fees paid **by 1st July**.

To date, we have 140 names of people who have indicated their intention to attend. 46 of these are from NSW and only 57 from Qld. Come on Queenslanders – are you going to let NSW outnumber us in a carnival hosted by Queensland? We know there are more of you who intend participating, but we need it in writing so that we can make the necessary preparations!

We had a query from one of the South Australians regarding **boat capacity labels**. In Queensland, you are required to have a label attached near the steering of the boat, indicating the number of persons your boat is legally allowed to carry. Below is a response I received from Maritime Safety Qld to that query –

*“As outlined to you in our telephone conversation, it is my view that all ships which operate in Queensland are required to display either an Australian Builders Plate in the appropriate location (visible from all helm positions) or a **Queensland Capacity Label**. These labels are available **at no cost** from Maritime Safety Queensland offices, Queensland Transport Customer Service Centres or most chandleries, alternatively if the ship's owner would like to email msqmail@msq.qld.gov.au one will be posted to the owner.*

Please refer to <http://www.msq.qld.gov.au/Safety/Capacity-labels.aspx> for further information.

Kind regards,

Paul Hubbert

Senior Compliance Officer | Transport Safety Branch

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You are also required to have a sign on your boat, indicating where your Life Jackets are stowed. These also are available free of charge at most Bait & Tackle Shops.

If anyone is looking for the Program of Events, both Fishing and Social, it is available on the QAFCA Website at -

<http://www.qafca.org.au/files-AAA/2013%20National%20Angling%20Championships%20Program.pdf>

We have a very comprehensive Social Program which we hope will keep the non-fisher folk busy and help them enjoy the carnival while the anglers are out fishing. **A reminder that the nomination fee for all Social Participants is \$30 if paid by 1st July (\$35 if later)!** The Social registration will give these participants the same privileges as the fishing competitors i.e. free entry to “Old Friends” night and the South Australian Presentation evening, plus much, much more. Our organizing committee has planned a full program, starting with the Welcome Morning Tea and Fashion Parade, then mornings of craft, bottle painting, jam making, visits to craft markets and all sorts of fun activities which you’re sure to enjoy at NO EXTRA cost. How is that for value for money - \$30.00 for all this! You’ll need a holiday to get over your holiday on the Naturally Refreshing Sunshine Coast.

There will be no cost to go to the Ginger Factory, and in your sample bag, you will receive a ‘two for the price of one’ voucher for the Bee Tour. What you spend at the Ginger Factory is entirely up to yourself.

The morning tea cruise on Pumicestone Passage promises to be a relaxing morning, and if you take my advice, you need to spend a whole day at the iconic Australia Zoo to see all there is to see. This is definitely a ‘value for money’ day.

We promise we won’t keep you out too late, but we have organized a Trivia Night with a two course meal. Ken Grobe has some very easy questions, some real toughies that will get you thinking and a few you will even have a laugh over. Your team could each win themselves a prize.

The Minute To Win It night is set to be a really fun night. Again we are serving you a two course meal; then you are going to test your skills and dexterity trying to achieve the challenges we’ve set for you to do in one minute. A prize for each member of the winning team is on offer also.

Unfortunately the two dinner nights (and the Presentation Night) are not free. They are ticketed nights. We’d love to be able to provide them at no cost, but we just don’t have enough money! All social evenings are scheduled before a Lay Day, so there is no excuse for you not to come. You can have a sleep in the next morning.

Well, all is in readiness for a very successful carnival. All we need now is YOU!! So get those “Intention to Attend” forms in ASAP.

We look forward to catching up with you all between the 6th and 22nd August, 2013 on the Sunshine coast. Remember to support our sponsors!

Yours sincerely,

John A. Crone
Carnival Co-ordinator