

QUEENSLAND RECREATIONAL BOATING COUNCIL INC (QRBC)
Report of Meeting 15 – 07 – 2015

Items of interest from the July 15th 2015 meeting of the Queensland Recreational Boating Council held at the Queensland Water Police Base at Whyte Island.

19 Organizations in attendance.

General

A very informative meeting in a great location. The Council delegates were welcomed by the Water Police Inspector and at the end of the meeting were given a detailed tour of the large police vessel, LM Hoey. The Council greatly appreciates the hospitality shown.

The Council welcomed Jonathon Beatty who is the Assistant Regional Harbour Master. He gave a report on the state of navigation aids in Moreton Bay. He dealt with proposed changes, some possible removals and some current new installations. Look for the Notice to Mariners on the Maritime Safety Qld website. He also discussed some near misses which have occurred recently in Moreton Bay, between large commercial ships and small recreational vessels. He reminded members of the difficulty in turning or stopping such large commercial vessels quickly, even considering that the smaller vessels were visible from the ships bridge.

The Council Chairman gave a detailed report on a meeting held between the Council Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer and Mark Bailey Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports, as well as Energy and Water Supply.



TMR Maritime Safety Qld

July 2015

- No extra report from this Section as most issues were covered by the Assistant Harbour Master's discussion.




TMR Boating Infrastructure Report

July 2015


Manly Boat Harbour northern breakwater raising and extension plus raising of the southern breakwater	Completed July 2015 See attached photo
Relocation of Manly Boat Harbour navigation leads	Rear lead installed December 2014. Front lead installation to commence May 2015. Project completed June 2015. See attached photo
William Street, Cleveland dredging	Deed of Agreement with RCC signed in June 2015. Works scheduled for 2016/17.
Pelican Park, Clontarf dredging	Dredging completed in June 2015.

Townsville Recreational Boating Park, Ross River – stage 1 (two ramps, two floating walkways, one pontoon)	Practical completion of stage 1 works was in March 2015. Facility officially opened on the 17 April 2015. When completed this facility will be the largest such complex in the Southern Hemisphere. 4 Floating walkways, 16 lanes and parking for 360 vehicles and trailers
Scarborough Boat Harbour dredging	Dredging continued through June 2015. Dredging continuing in July 2015. Project scheduled for completion August 2015.
Colmslie upgrade boat ramp facility	Meeting with local member's office to discuss master planning and car park extension to be organised in July 2015.

For both of these project reports I have kept the listing brief and relevant to our local area. Should you have a question re other areas of Qld, please contact me, as the full list is quite extensive

 **Gold Coast Waterways Authority Report (GCWA)**
July 2015

No current update available

 **Qld Parks and Wildlife Services**
May 2015

I have repeated this item due to the interest shown from some members


Some details were given in relation to the new artificial reefs to be established at Woody Island in Hervey Bay and Castlereagh Point, **Scarborough**. **Further to Castlereagh Point**, installation of 102 Fish habitat devices will commence on 15th June. At Hervey Bay there will be 15 structures on the Outer Bank and another 15 structures near Woody Island

At Scarborough each cluster will consist of 1 major central structure surrounded by 16 smaller structures. There will be 6 clusters in all giving a total of 102 devices to attract the fish life.

Also the Rangers for this Department reminded the Council that the Whale migration season has commenced shortly and Boaties are advised to stick to the rules regarding whale viewing. A reminder that the feeding of Dolphins is illegal and can attract a fine of \$220. This is to avoid them becoming reliant on humans and thus attracted to boats which can result in propeller strikes.

 **Volunteer Marine Rescue/Coast Guard**
July 2015

VMR and Coast Guard are introducing a new computerised log-on system.
At this stage no further information re the future of the Sea Way tower.


 **Qld Boating and Fishing Patrol**
July 2015

Concern was expressed at the number of small vessels fishing at night without lights. Apart from being illegal it is also very dangerous.

 ***QLD Water Police***

July 2015

Delegate gave feedback on the operations which took place during the recent visit by the large USA Aircraft Carrier.

 ***TMR Marine Safety Regulation***

May 2015

The discussion regarding the size of rego numbers for both private and commercial vessels is still ongoing within the various sections of the Department.

Until next month

Des Thomson.
Chairman QRBC

Manly Harbour Entrance Southern Breakwater



Manly Front Navigation Lead being installed

