

QUEENSLAND RECREATIONAL BOATING COUNCIL INC (QRBC)

Report of Meeting 10– 09– 2014

Items of interest from the September 10th 2014 meeting of the Queensland Recreational Boating Council held at Transport Marine Operations Base at Pinkenba

19 Organizations in attendance.

General

Thanks to Captain Glenn Hale for hosting the Council meeting at the Operations Base at Pinkenba. Following the meeting delegates were offered the opportunity to view the operational procedures. This is always of great interest.

Advice was given by the Harbour Master for boaties to constantly update their information regarding the Wide Bay Bar, as changes to lights and leads may be necessary following severe weather events.

Tender Lights. This issue is to be discussed at Departmental level due to the confusion that seems to exist within the boating fraternity.

Old Maritime Safety September 2014

Whales

Once again a further reminder to be aware of the number of whales on the Coast at this time, and to be conversant with the laws regarding Whale Watching.

Manly Harbour Entrance

The Northern Wall at the entrance is to be raised and boulders should start to be deposited on site by the end of September.

MSQ Website

A new page has been added to this website. It is called “**Boating Maps**” and is the predicted replacement for the now discontinued “Beacon to Beacon”. Downloads are completely free from this site.

Sewerage Compliance

MSQ has been conducting a compliance report regarding vessel sewerage at Marinas on both the Gold and Sunshine Coasts. More outcomes later.

Boating Infrastructure Report September 2014

Manly Boat Harbour northern breakwater raising and extension plus raising the southern breakwater	On-site works to commence September 2014 on northern breakwater, with completion by December 2014. Southern breakwater works will commence after bird migration season in May 2015 with completion by July 2015.
Colmslie rebuild and lengthen boat ramp and replace floating walkway	Discussions held with Brisbane City Council about scope of works. Public consultation planned for October.
Wellington Point southern boat ramp resurface	Project being delivered by Redland City Council on behalf of Transport and Main Roads. Works scheduled to commence February 2015
Relocation of Manly Boat Harbour navigation leads	Manly entrance leads require relocation to the centreline of the newly widened entrance channel. Lead location determined. Liaison with approval agencies occurred July 2014. Design to commence August 2014. Project scheduled for completion November 2014.

Snapper Creek boat harbour (Tin Can Bay), new car park, widen boat ramp to 4 lanes plus floating walkway	Construction works on boat ramp commenced July 2014. Boat ramp works progressed and piling works completed for the floating walkway in August 2014. Car Park works 95% complete. Project scheduled for completion September 2014.
Burnett Heads Boat Harbour dredging	Marina developer has experienced delays and project is still on hold

For 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)

September 2014

No report as delegates were required to attend a Public meeting, regarding Speed limit proposals for the Braodwater.



VMR /Coast Guard

Advice given that a new repeater station for Channel 83 has been installed on Middle Percy Island. From all reports received the coverage is excellent to date.



Qld Boating and Fishing Patrol

No report due to a short notice call out for the Delegate



TMR Marine Safety and Regulation

A discussion session will be held at the October meeting regarding PFD's and the regulations regarding required markings.



Qld Parks and Wildlife Services

REPEATED

The "GO SLOW" areas along the side of Moreton and Stradbroke Islands are not being adhered to by many boaties. This will be monitored more closely and infringement notices will be issued if caught.

Also many infringements are occurring within the National Parks "Green Zones". Be aware that if charged the result could be expensive.

Public Moorings The delegate the many boat operators are illegally using Public Moorings in areas such as Flat Rock. Please check the conditions on permit to avoid prosecution.



Qld Water Police

Some brief advice given re the G20 Summit. More next meeting. The main thrust was that boaties should follow all directives to the letter. The main area concerned will be from the Story Bridge to the Go-Between Bridge.

The Water Police will take delivery of two of the four new large vessels prior to the Christmas period.

Until next month
Des Thomson
Chairman QRBC