

QUEENSLAND RECREATIONAL BOATING COUNCIL INC (QRBC)
Report of Meeting 12-09-2018

Items of interest from the September 12th 2018 meeting of the Queensland Recreational Boating Council held at the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Office in Manly.

19 Organizations in attendance.

General Reminder

- **Repeating. A reminder that your boat registration does not have a Third Party Component included.**



TMR Maritime Safety Qld

September 2018

- Regional Report

- **Marine Civil Works**

- Kingsford Smith Drive - Work complete cleaning up in place

Howard Smith Wharves – Work continuing . See NTM for further details!!

- New Farm Ferry Terminal – Work continues

Local Dredging ▪ Mooloolaba Bar - Remains under depth with dredge now working eastern side. Continue to monitor NTM.

- **Dredging** is continuing in the Mooloolah area for work on the upgrade to the Sunshine Coast Airport! Mudjimba Island area most affected. This will be ongoing for a considerable period Look for NTM's
- Manly Harbour Access channel! High spots to be removed and work is due to start on 14th September
- Dredging has commenced in the vicinity of Queens Wharf complex with major speed restrictions to be enforced!!
- Dredging has commenced in the Canaipa Passage
- Flinders Reef - looking for weather windows to dive and re-attach the Buoy. 2nd time lucky.
- Front Reciprocal & Bulwer Front Lead - Due for replacement, scheduled for later this year
- **Riverfire** - 29 September 2018, **note the river closures.**
- Survey's of the Freeman, Pearl & North East channels scheduled for later this year



TMR Boating Infrastructure Report

September 2018

Considerable discussion took place regarding the Mooloolaba Entrance! There is concern re how quickly the entrance silts up!!

Project	Announced	Planned Completion	Status
Manly Harbour southern pontoon	Sep 2016	Mid 2018	Sheet pile wall capping finalised February 2018. Pontoon installation and practical completion March 2018.

Toondah, Fison Channel and Victoria Point recreational boat ramps maintenance dredging	n/a	Dec 2018	Services relocation finalised in August 2018, contract for concrete repairs to be awarded in September 2018.
Macleay Island, new boat ramp (stage 1) and new floating walkway (stage 2)	Prior to 2011	Mid 2018 (stage 1)	Redland City Council (RCC) is managing the project. Onsite works continue through April/May 2018. Practical completion due September 2018.
Kedron Brook dredging at Brisbane Airport floodway entrance, Nudgee Beach	Not Avail	Mid 2018	Dredging commenced in August 2018.
Dredge Boyne River entrance	Feb 2017	Sept 2018	Dredging completed in September 2018. The channel is approximately one kilometre long, 15 to 30 metres wide depending on the section and at least 1 metre deep on all tides. More than 30,000m ² of material was removed over the past eight months, more than double what was originally planned.
Manly Boat Harbour channel deepening and maintenance dredging	Aug 2016	Mid 2018	Dredging to commence Sept 2018
Toondah Harbour, Fison Channel and Victoria Point boat ramps maintenance dredging	N/A	Dec 2018	Approvals completed in August 2018. Council to advertise tenders in September 2018.
Scarborough, Thurecht Pde boat ramp widening and repairs	Aug 2018	Sept 2018	Construction continued through August 2018. Practical completion planned for September 2018.

For more information on recreational boating infrastructure or to comment, please email: boatinginfrastructure@tmr.qld.gov.au

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)

September 2018)

Take care in the Coomera River as dredging will be occurring in both the Upper and Lower Reaches. Be aware that many changes have occurred in the Tipplers area as a result of a large dredging project.

Current Projects

Coomera Dredge Spoil Management Facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Infrastructure Designation approved by the Minister • The contract for construction and operation of the facility and the dredging of the Coomera River has been awarded. • Works commenced on site in late October.
Removal of Derelict Vessels from the Waterways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of abandoned and derelict vessels continued in Gold Coast

	waters – currently making enquiries about 4 vessels
Speed and Behaviour Management Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GCWA released new Strategy in March 2018 and immediately commenced implementation – new speed limits for the Broadwater near Paradise Point and Crab Island – all other proposed speed limits planned for implementation by June 2018 GCWA also currently investigating expansion of camera network with new super hi-definition low-light cameras for waterways management purposes, which could include evidence gathering for enforcement as well.
Regulation of Anchored Watercraft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program to manage and regulate anchored vessel continued in Gold Coast waters – more than 100 vessels monitored, with 20 removal notices issued and 2 vessels removed to ensure compliance. Removal of abandoned and derelict vessels continued in Gold Coast waters – 1 vessel removed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Canaipa Passage Dredging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be completed in 2018/19
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GCWA continues its implementation of actions set out in the Speed Limits and Behaviour Management Strategy 2018-2020, with all proposed speed limits being gazetted by the end of June 2018, along with some other actions as well:

- *new speed limit of 6 knots for all ships in Nerang River near Broadbeach Waters*
- *procurement of new re-locatable super high-definition cameras for waterways monitoring – during the 2018-2019 financial year*
- *procurement of new camera with ultra-high-power zoom for field work*

Updated August 08th 2018

Qld Parks and Wildlife Services ***September 2018***

A reminder of the increased number of whales both outside and inside Moreton Bay!!! There have been reported sightings of Migaloo and a possible 2 more white whales!! **No verification at this time!!** Please show care and remember the correct distance to stay clear!!!

Remember if you encounter a floating turtle that is alive but unable to submerge, you should contact **1300ANIMAL (264625)**

Please be aware that some slight changes have been made to P&W regulations, so in your interest, again check the P&W website!

Show care!!

Patrol Officers have been advised of some illegal activities in several **green** zones!!! Remember the fines imposed, are severe for offences committed in the green zones



Coast Guard (no new report) (Delegate passed away)



Qld Marine Rescue (no new report)



Qld Boating and Fishing Patrol

September 2018

A new edition of the Recreational Boating and Fishing Guide has been released for the Boat Show!!

Legislation is being sought to approve that Vessel Tracking Devices can be fitted to all commercial vessels!!

A sample of the severe court fines handed out in the last quarter

\$36000 for black market trading of various sea foods

\$12000 for illegal sales of mud crabs (male and female)

\$29000 for illegal removal of mangroves

\$14000 for illegal mollusc removal from mudflats near Bribie Island

A person has been caught with over **3000** pipis in their possession for which the resulting fine will be severe!!!



QLD Water Police

September 2018

I mentioned last month increased activity by officers has resulted in a greater number of prosecutions in recent months. Further to that the Water Police have been carrying out some special Police Operations with good results!! So be aware when out in your vessel and make sure you are carrying all the required gear!!



SEQ Water

September 2018

A health warning

The Hinze Dam behind the Gold Coast has recorded very high levels of Mercury and fishermen are advised not to drink the water directly or eat any fish caught in the catchment area. This a dam that regularly has released fish stocks!!

As always, if anyone has questions relating to the content or other Seqwater dam related topics please send an email to catchmentcompliance@seqwater.com.au

Until next month

Des Thomson

Chairman QRBC