

**QUEENSLAND RECREATIONAL BOATING COUNCIL INC (QRBC)**  
**Report of Meeting 08– 08- 2018**

Items of interest from the July 8<sup>th</sup> 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.**
  - I. The future of the Seaway Tower was once again discussed as certain media reports as to continued existence have been very misleading. The delegate from Gold Coast Waterways Authority (GCWA) assured the council that ongoing discussions are taking place as to the best resolution for the Tower.



***TMR Maritime Safety Qld***

***August 2018***

- Regional Report
  - **Marine Civil Works**
    - Kingsford Smith Drive - Work virtually complete

Howard Smith Wharves – Work continues . 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 has commenced
- Dredging to commence in the vicinity of Queens Wharf complex with major speed restrictions to be introduced!!

Flinders Reef Marker has gone missing again!!!



***TMR Boating Infrastructure Report***

***August 2018***

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

<b>Project</b>	<b>Announced</b>	<b>Planned Completion</b>	<b>Status</b>
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	n/a	Dec 2018	Marine park application and environmental authority application submitted in June

dredging			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	Tenders closed in July 2018. Contract to be awarded in August 2018.
Bellara dredging Near VMR Base	Not /avail	Mid 2018	Dredging commenced April 2018. Dredging to be finalised in May 2018.
Manly Boat Harbour channel deepening and maintenance dredging	Aug 2016	Mid 2018	Contract awarded in May 2018. Dredging to commence late July 2018. Completion due Sept 2018. 4000 m3 to be removed
Toondah Harbour, Fison Channel and Victoria Point boat ramps maintenance dredging	N/A	Dec 2018	Environmental approval obtained and progressing sediment sampling in July 2018. Sediment sampling to be finalised and Moreton Bay Marine Park permit to be obtained August 2018.

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

August 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

<b>Coomera Dredge Spoil Management Facility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Infrastructure Designation approved by the Minister</li> <li>The contract for construction and operation of the facility and the dredging of the Coomera River has been awarded.</li> <li>Works commenced on site in late October.</li> </ul>
<b>Removal of Derelict Vessels from the Waterways</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removal of abandoned and derelict vessels continued in Gold Coast waters – currently making enquiries about 4 vessels</li> </ul>
<b>Speed and Behaviour Management Strategy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>

<b>Regulation of Anchored Watercraft</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Removal of abandoned and derelict vessels continued in Gold Coast waters – 1 vessel removed</li> </ul>
<b>Coomera River Dredging</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upstream and downstream dredging of the navigation channel has been combined with the construction of the rehandling facility.</li> <li>• It is anticipated that dredging works will commence October 2018 with completion anticipated by the end of 2018.</li> </ul>
<b>Canaipa Passage Dredging</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be completed in 2018/19</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
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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 marine signs*
- *procurement of new camera with ultra-high-power zoom for field work*

**Updated August 08<sup>th</sup> 2018**



### ***Qld Parks and Wildlife Services***

#### ***August 2018***

A reminder of the increased number of whales heading north!!! 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!!

Approximately 1.5 kilometres of fishing netting was recovered from a Moreton Bay Marine Park Green Zone



### ***Coast Guard ( no new report)***



### ***Qld Marine Rescue ( no new report)***



### ***Qld Boating and Fishing Patrol***

#### ***August 2018***

A new edition of the Recreational Boating and Fishing Guide will be released for the Boat Show!!

Boating and Fisheries have been revising their operating systems with a view to reconsidering their official powers!!

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



### ***QLD Water Police***

#### ***August 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!!

A special naming ceremony for 2 new Police Vessels is to be carried out in the next month!!



### ***SEQ Water***

#### ***August 2018***

A few items worth repeating::

- Reduced numbers on our dams at this time of year however our on-water patrols continue with a few major competitions/events in the coming months.
- Patrols organised with Brisbane Water Police and QLD Boating and Fisheries to continue education and ensure high compliance objectives.  
SEQ Water will be attending the Brisbane Boat Show in August to promote on water safety and provide information to visitors on what our recreation sites offer.
- Keep a look out on the Seqwater facebook page and website for site closures due to prescribed burning off, conducted by our rangers to reduce fuel, promote biodiversity and to protect infrastructure, assets and visitor safety.

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](mailto:catchmentcompliance@seqwater.com.au)

Until next month

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Chairman QRBC