

**QUEENSLAND RECREATIONAL BOATING COUNCIL INC (QRBC)**  
**Report of Meeting 10– 10- 2018**

Items of interest from the October 10<sup>th</sup> 2018 meeting of the Queensland Recreational Boating Council held at the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Office in Manly.

**20 Organizations in attendance.**

**General Reminder**

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

The Council approved the membership application for a new group from the WakeBoarding and Water Ski Federation!!

As Chairman of the QRBC I will be attending the second meeting of the War on Wrecks Task Force to be held in Yeppoon on the 26<sup>th</sup> October. The first meeting was held in Port Douglas 3 weeks ago. This task force has been established by the Qld Government to look at how best to solve the problem of the increasing number of derelict vessels been abandoned by owners. Some waterways have become quite a challenge to navigate as a result of such vessels!!



***TMR Maritime Safety Qld***

***October 2018***

- Regional Report
- **Marine Civil Works**
  - New Farm Ferry Terminal - In progress
  - Queens Wharf - In progress
  - New Runway approach lighting - Finalising
  
  - **Local Dredging**
    - Aquatic Paradise - in progress
    - Kedron - up and coming
    - Manly - up and coming
  
  - **Navigation Aids**
    - M3 Beacon - preparing for re-install
    - Flinders Reef - looking for weather windows to dive and re-attach
    - Front Reciprocal & Bulwer Front Lead - Due for replacement, scheduled for later this year
  
  - Survey's of the Freeman, Pearl & North East channels currently underway
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  - National Pollution Exercise in Torres Strait.
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  - **Virtual AtoN Wide Bay Bar**
    - MTS Staff have mentioned the Double Island Point Area is a black hole so far as AIS transmitters is concerned. They will be looking into establishing the infrastructure for AIS base Station in the Area with AMSA. Intent is to establish a fairway or 'sea buoy' virtual AtoN. This will be able to be interrogated and provide the information on the latest NTM. We have recently surveyed wide bay bar and hope to have the results and subsequently the NTM update shortly.
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## TMR Boating Infrastructure Report

### October 2018

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

Project	Announced	Planned Completion	Status
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 October 2018.
Kedron Brook dredging at Brisbane Airport floodway entrance, Nudgee Beach	Not Avail	Mid 2018	Dredging underway in channel, approximately 75% of design volume removed. Dredging to be completed mid-October and post dredge survey to be undertaken.
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 <sup>2</sup> 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 delayed until October 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	Practical completion achieved September 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*



**October 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>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</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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### ***Qld Parks and Wildlife Services***

**October 2018**

A reminder of the increased number of whales both outside and inside Moreton Bay!!! 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!

Several new FAD's (Fish Attraction Devices) have been completed and ready to be moved to the extension of the artificial reef near Flat Rock of Stradbroke Island. These devices can be seen on the Parks and Wildlife Website!!

Parks and Wildlife are considering a new messaging service in relation to whale sightings and other marine notifications!!



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



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



***Qld Boating and Fishing Patrol***

**October 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*

#### *October 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*

#### *October 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](mailto:catchmentcompliance@seqwater.com.au)

Until next month

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Chairman QRBC