

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

Items of interest from the December 12th 2018 meeting of the Queensland Recreational Boating Council held at the Queensland Water Police Base at Port of Brisbane.

19 Organizations in attendance.

General Reminder

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

As Chairman of the QRBC I attended the 3rd meeting of the War on Wrecks Task Force held in Jacobs Well and Gold Coast on the 30th November.

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

December 2018

- Regional Report
- **Marine Civil Works**
 - Queens Wharf - In progress
 - Koopa Swing Basin – Dredging Recommences in Dec 18. NTMs will be issued shortly
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 - **Local Dredging**
 - Aquatic Paradise – complete
 - Kedron – complete and Nav Aids have been re-aligned slightly. Check NTMs
 - Manly – awaiting start
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 - **Navigation Aids**
 - M3 Beacon – Installed and light added today – NTM to follow
 - Front Reciprocal & Bulwer Front Lead - Due for replacement, scheduled for early next year.
 - Survey's of the Freeman, Pearl & North East channels currently underway, awaiting results. Dunwich scheduled for the new year
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 - **Brisbane Region – War on Wrecks**
 - As part of the program, there is currently 216 identified derelicts in SEQ. 24 of these have been removed spread across the following areas;
 - Sunshine coast – 5
 - Brisbane – 7
 - Gold Coast - 12
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 - **AtoN Dedication**
 - Has been completed for Mr Robert Bennell, known as the Bobby B beacon. Another will occur tomorrow (13 Dec) for Mr Greg Cavill. (Greg Cavill Beacon)
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TMR Boating Infrastructure Report

December 2018

Once again 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)) Practical completion for boat ramp (stage 1) achieved 17 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.
Dohles Rocks, Griffin new floating walkway or groyne	Sep 2016	Late 2020	Development application submitted in November 2018. Tender to be prepared in December 2018.
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.
Uhlmann Road, Burpengary, floating walkway	Sep 2016	Late 2019	Development application submitted in November 2018. Tender to be prepared in December 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)

December 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

- 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
Paradise Point Pontoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed November 2018
Canaipa Passage Dredging 18/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed November 2018
Labrador Channel Dredging Project (northern end) including infill area in North Channel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed July 2018
Coomera River Dredging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upstream and downstream dredging of the navigation channel has been combined with the construction of the rehandling facility. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is anticipated that dredging works will commence February 2019 with completion anticipated by the end of June 2019.
Removal of Abandoned Vessels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal of abandoned vessels continued in Gold Coast waters – since Jan 2018, 11 vessels have been removed and destroyed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additionally, as part of the War on Wrecks, GCWA has actioned the removal of 4 abandoned wrecks from the Jacobs Well area
Seaway Tower Upgrade Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New licences between GCWA and VMR and Coast Guard were signed in September 2018 Preliminary design works for the refurbishment project has been completed TMR have lodged building approval and are waiting for certifier sign-off



Qld Parks and Wildlife Services

December 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)



Old Boating and Fishing Patrol

December 2018

Due to the publicity surrounding the collection of molluscs from near Sandstone Point it was requested we repeat the list of fines from recent prosecutions

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

December 2018

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

December 2018

A health warning (Requested to be repeated)

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

Merry Xmas and Happy 2019 to all Members!!!!