Items of interest from April 10th 2019 meeting of the Queensland Recreational Boating Council held at the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Office in Manly

15 Organizations in attendance. (18 attendees)

General Reminder

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

Prior to the start of the meeting, a report was presented to the Council in relation to the Governments Blue Water Review. This is a large State Government approved committee looking into the financial processes of the Marine Rescue Organizations, Coast Guard and Air Sea Rescue. The intention is to determine the best process to make use of Government funding that goes to support this important service

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**TMR Maritime Safety Q**

April 2019

- Regional Report

For those boaties who like to check the Notice to Mariners regularly the following information should be of interest

You can subscribe to a notification service for Notices to Mariners by registering here on the Qld Govt Publications website (click on “register” in top RH corner of the page to open an account), then edit your profile, ticking the option to “subscribe to notification emails”, search for the areas of Notices to Mariners you wish to receive and then clicking “follow”. You will then start receiving an email link immediately after a Notice to Mariners has been published.


- Marine Civil Works

  - Queens Wharf - In progress and will continue for the next few years in the South Brisbane Reach. Please note that the speed limit restrictions for this area have been expanded to a larger coverage area. See NTM
  - Brisbane International Cruise Terminal has commenced.

  **Local Dredging**
  - Manly - Has commenced and will continue for some time!
  - Navigation Aids
    - M3 Beacon - Complete
    - Flinders Reef - re-attachment scheduled for next few weeks
    - Front Reciprocal & Bulwer Front Lead - Due for replacement, scheduled for April 2019

  **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

  **Wide Bay Bar Virtual AtoN** Current NTM 509/18 is latest
  - As previously advised, mariners intending to cross the bar should check the latest Notice to Mariners for the bar and seek waypoints from Tin Can Bay Coast Guard who are best placed to provide the most up to date local knowledge on the bar.
• Setting up some virtual AtoN has some technical challenges regarding VHF coverage, information sources and so on. MSQ continues to explore this and will keep the council updated.

Mooloolaba Bar!! The dredge has returned to Harbour but will remain in the area until a new survey is completed!!

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**TMR Boating Infrastructure Report**

**April 2019**

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<td>Dohles Rocks, Griffin new floating walkway or groyne</td>
<td>2016</td>
<td>Late 2020</td>
<td>Development Application submitted and community consultation in April 2019</td>
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<td>Cabbage Tree Creek new boat ramp</td>
<td>2017</td>
<td>Mid 2020</td>
<td>0 Commissioned traditional owner consultation in March 2019. Cultural heritage assessment planned for April 2019</td>
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<td>Burrum Heads pontoon relocation</td>
<td>Apr 2018</td>
<td>Late 2019</td>
<td>Environmental approvals application lodged in March 2019. Progress the approvals application by DES and Marine Parks in April 2019</td>
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<td>Kedron Brook dredging at Brisbane Airport floodway entrance, Nudgee Beach</td>
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<td>Dredging underway in channel, approximately 75% of design volume removed. Dredging to be completed mid-October and post dredge survey to be undertaken.</td>
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<td>Manly Boat Harbour channel deepening and maintenance dredging</td>
<td>Aug 2016</td>
<td>May 2019</td>
<td>Dredge in place and operational, subject to weather.</td>
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<td>Uhlmann Road, Burpengary, floating walkway</td>
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<td>Late 2019</td>
<td>Tenders invited in March 2019, to be evaluated in April 2019.</td>
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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)**

April 2019  
**No new report**

*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.*

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**Qld Parks and Wildlife Services**

April 2019  
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!  
Parks and Wildlife are considering a new messaging service in relation to whale sightings and other marine notifications!!  
The Parks and Wildlife Phone number used when reporting an injured animal no longer goes to RSPCA but connects directly with an on duty Wildlife Officer.  
There have been a large number of boat strike injuries on dugongs. Show care when near those areas!!  
The first Whale Sightings for 2019 have been reported!! Keep a good lookout!!  
The Council was shown a short video of divers on the newly scuttled Tobruck near Bundaberg!! The amount of growth and fish life is staggering considering it is less the 12 months since the ship was scuttled!!

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**Coast Guard**  
(no new report)

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

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**Qld Boating and Fishing Patrol**

April 2019  
Officers now have Body Cam in operation  
There have been 36 successful court prosecutions in the last 6 weeks  
A $20000 fine has been imposed for destruction of Marine Plants. This took place on the shoreline!!  
A very large Red Claw prosecution was successful and the vessel was seized and crushed!  
Increased activity expected chasing illegal fishing activity!!

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**QLD Water Police**

April 2019  
On Water Drug Testing is now in operation as well as alcohol testing. More drug testing equipment has been made available for increased testing  
3 New Water Police vessels have been recently commissioned  
It is planned to have increased patrols over Easter and regulations will be rigidly enforced!
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