



## Newsletter September 2020

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## AGM

It's coming towards that time of the year, and we are working through the logistics of a COVID era AGM. It will have to be via zoom or some other similar platform due to the one person per 4 square meter restrictions. We appreciate not all our members have internet access or are comfortable with online meeting technology, so the BMC community will have to work out ways of including as many of our members as possible in our annual get together while maintaining appropriate distancing.

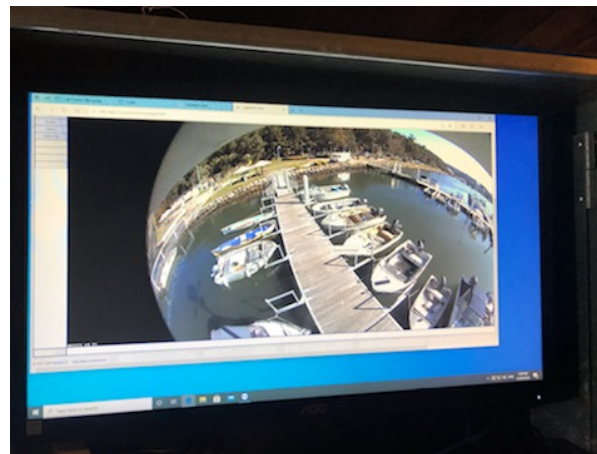
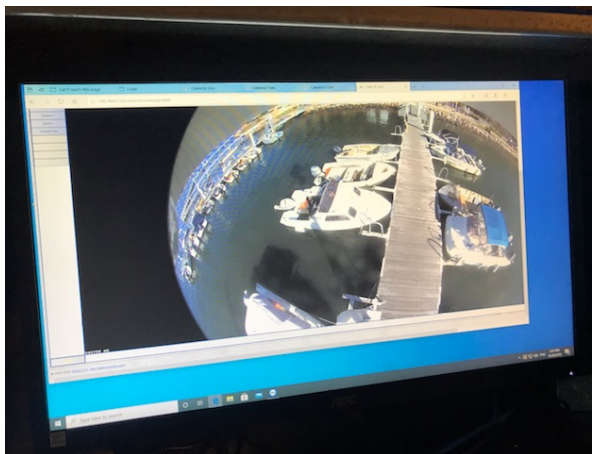
We are planning to hold the AGM on Sunday 8 November at 10 am - slightly earlier than normal, and will send out a notice and papers soon.

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## Maintenance update

Following the successful renewal of east/west pontoon, the Board has continued to oversee a program of scheduled maintenance that includes to date the completion of the following:

- The eastern pontoon ramp and hinges have been replaced
- Gusseting to strengthen all arms of the eastern pontoon.
- The lighting has been replaced.
- Finally, the cameras have been repaired and a link established to storage on Dangar Island. This means we now have 4-6 weeks of CCTV footage.



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## Waiting List & Assignments

Secretary Vanessa O'Keefe is the contact for both issues. Please use the forms on the website to contact her.

We are at a record 148 on the waiting list. In response, we have liberalised assignments and now have 27 of these. If any member is happy to assign their right if they are not using it please contact us as we have a few river families desperately seeking a spot.

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## Other news

### Parking at Brooklyn

Hornsby Shire Council recently considered a Hornsby Shire Car Parking Management Study and Council report, which included a parking proposal for Brooklyn.

Here is a link to the document. You can go straight to Brooklyn from the contents:

[http://businesspapers.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/Open/2020/09/GM\\_09092020\\_AGN\\_files/GM\\_09092020\\_AGN\\_Attachment\\_14373\\_1.PDF](http://businesspapers.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/Open/2020/09/GM_09092020_AGN_files/GM_09092020_AGN_Attachment_14373_1.PDF)

In short, 4 hour parking on Dangar Road, Upper and Lower McKell Park and the slip road is proposed. The proposal does not address parking for off-shore residents except to suggest "long-term parking" be moved 1.7 Km to up to near the RFS building.

Many River Community Organisations including the BMC were not informed of the proposal, despite Gerard having had discussions with Julia Morton from Council's place planning team over the past 12 months. The River Settlement parking issues are completely missing from the Brooklyn SWOT analysis contained in the report. Gerard has tried to contact Julia over the past couple of weeks with no success. This is very disappointing.

This will clearly be an important and ongoing issue for BMC members and assignees. We will continue to contact Council to express our concerns and establish a fair process for moving forward. We will be involved in discussions on the matter with the Dangar Island League, the Lower Hawkesbury River Residents Association and hopefully the Brooklyn Community Association.

Members and assignees should also make their views known to Council and councillors.

### Stay Safe

Last week the Minister for Transport and Roads Andrew Constance issued a press release warning of a tough crackdown on boating safety breaches in NSW to help save lives on the water. It said that 'fines will be handed out by NSW Maritime Boating Safety Officers and Police Officers for failing to wear or carry PFDs, speeding, unsafe towing activities and personal watercraft infringements'. So we ask all members and assignees to heed the warning and comply with the rules. Be aware that inflatable PFDs need to have their annual check recorded to be up to date

Finally, we hope you are all as well as you can be at this crazy COVID time. Stay safe and take care.