



Newsletter February 2023

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Key change day - Sunday 5th March 2023: 8am – 1.00pm

Bring your boat for a rope check and your old keys over to the Coop at McKell Park.

The annual levy is **\$700**, but a discounted fee of **\$600** applies if payment is received on or before 31 March 2023. Please note that if you haven't paid, you won't get your new keys or 2023 sticker, so if you want to use the facility you'd best pay the \$600 **on or before** Key Change Day. Payment options are:

- Cash or cheque - please bring correct money if paying with cash
- Transfer into the Brooklyn Mooring Cooperative Ltd bank account - BSB 012403, account no: 217437588. Please put your **surname and member number** in the reference panel.

And remember:

- There is a charge of \$25 for lost keys
- Check the condition and configuration of your ropes before you come to make life easier for all. Rigging instructions can be viewed by going to the website <https://brooklynmooringcooperative.com.au>, clicking the 'Using the Facility' tab, then scrolling down to 'Setting the Ropes'.

Please note that as far as possible boats moored at the co-op in the week prior to Key Change Day will be inspected and a **green dot sticker** will indicate that your boat has passed inspection. Please don't remove the dot until after you've paid and received your keys and 2023 sticker.

If you really can't make arrangements for Key Change Day, please transfer your payment or mail your cheque to the address above. Once we have confirmed receipt of payment, you can contact Felicity Brownrigg (0438 315 679) or Jodi Thiessen (0413 999 107) to have your ropes checked, and get your keys and sticker. Obviously, this option is discouraged as it can become quite an impost on our voluntary directors.

New Board

At the AGM in November there were three director positions up for grabs and five nominees. Steve Bruggemann and Vanessa O'Keefe were returned as Directors and Sashe Fischer has now joined the Board. A big welcome to Sashe - our woman in Cogra Bay. More recently, Gerard Putt has unfortunately resigned from the Board for personal reasons. It is a blow. We'd like to thank Gerard wholeheartedly for his efforts over the past few years, and for his competent and calm captaincy of the BMC ship. The Board has now appointed Jodi Thiessen to fill the casual vacancy, as she was first

runner up in the vote at the AGM. Thanks for taking it on again Jodi. Directors have been assigned the following roles for 2023:

- Steve Bruggeman – Co-Chair and Treasurer
- Vanessa O’Keefe – Co-Chair and Co-Secretary
- Marina Garvey – Co-Secretary
- Martin Lloyd - Maintenance
- Felicity Brown – Compliance and new memberships
- Jodi Thiessen – Compliance, new memberships and overseeing CCTV system
- Sashe Fischer – Compliance and overseeing the BMC website

Membership, Waiting List & Assignments

At present, there are 132 members with another 3 offers currently in progress (for 73 mooring spots when all are operational, and a whopping 158 on the waiting list. Currently we have 23 assignments, with another 2-3 in the wings. Secretary Vanessa O’Keefe and/or Marina Garvey are the contacts for both issues. Please use the forms on the website to contact them or simply email secretary@brooklynmooringcooperative.com.au

Other

The wear and tear on the east pontoon has increased to the point that a significant refurbishment is now required. We have commenced the process for its replacement and have recently received a number of quotes for consideration. Before finalising the scope of works we are investigating the options around the electrics, pole sleaving and the best methods for connection to the land where the siltation is occurring.

As always please take care in the wet weather and watch your footing on the ramps particularly at low tide when the gradient is steeper.

The discussion around car parking management in Brooklyn continues. Council has released the results of its survey last year - see <https://yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/brooklyn-car-parking-management>. It is a simplistic and limited representation of the Council survey results, and no summary of ‘what they heard’ from written submissions, river community surveys or face to face meetings during the broader consultation has been made public yet. We continue to work with the Dangar Island League, the BCA and Wobby and other river community representatives to progress sensible solutions. While we have some cause for hope, the upcoming NSW State election seems to have put a ‘pause’ on engagement with Council in the short term. Watch this space.

Thanks - and see you all at key change day