



Newsletter February 2012

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Key Change Day

Date: 3 March 2012

Time: 8am - 3pm

Where: McKell Park, Brooklyn, at the BMC gates

Bring::

1. Cash or cheque for \$200 to pay the year's levy. If you choose to deposit directly into the BMC account, please do so before 29 February.
BSB _____ Account _____
2. Two gate keys. There is a fee of \$25 per lost key.
3. Assignees should bring a note from the assignor.
4. The inspection report form will be attached to your boat before the day. Bring it with you. Your boat can be inspected on the day, if you wish.

AGM Report

The AGM was held on 26 November 2011. Minutes will be circulated in due course.

The directors current for 2011-12, and their responsibilities, are:

Chair: Rhonda Purvis Secretary: Phil Sargeant Treasurer: Steve Bruggeman

Memberships: Jenny Rowe Website & Newsletter: Pat Woolley Maintenance: Les Oehm

Please contact the secretary for all matters to do with the BMC, either by mail or email. He will log the matter and forward it on to the relevant director.

Membership & Assignments

There are about 50 names on the waiting list. This past year, about 8 members have resigned (for a variety of reasons) and waiting list numbers one to eight were offered shares. Assignment or a change in an existing assignment must be approved by the board.

IPART Review

A draft report on the IPART review of waterfront tenancies was released late last year. The BMC submitted on behalf of its members. The draft, which is subject to further considerations, provides for lower costs to BMC members who have jetties on the river. There are currently about 754 Water Access Only WAO properties in the State. Briefly, the impact could be:

Abolish the statutory minimum rent, currently at around \$430 (ex GST). Introduce a uniform administration fee of \$200 (ex GST) reflecting a conservative assessment of the efficient costs of administering DWF occupancies.

Exempt from a rental charge the portion of water access only occupancies that are non-discretionary and used as the sole means of accessing the adjoining freehold properties. Examples: some jetties, boat ramps, slipways.

Portions of occupancies that adjoin WAO properties but which are used for discretionary, non-access purposes be subject to the full rental charge. Examples: swimming enclosures, storage sheds.

Maintain the 50% pensioner concession, which would also be applied to the proposed administration fee.

Overstayers

At its meeting on 6 January, the BMC board decided to implement a new policy to deter members from overstaying their 3 day entitlement.

The board has devised an overstay infringement notice that will be put on any boat that overstays the 72 hour continuous period.

The notice will be made out in two parts: one copy to the member, the other to the BMC. The notice will contain the date, start and finish of stay and berth number. Three warnings will mean an automatic fine of \$100. Continued infringements will jeopardize the membership.

Beginning 3 March (key change day) the board will begin to issue warnings.

Other News

The solar lights are still not working 100%. As Colin Putt said at the AGM, it may have been better to put in gas lamps and wicks. We are trying to get on top of the problem and nail it down.

If you received this newsletter in the post, we don't have your email address. If you prefer to receive it by email, please email the secretary.

Remember to change your keys on Key Change Day 3 March. Unless you do so, you won't be able to open the gates.

