



Newsletter February 2013

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Key Change Day

Date: Saturday 2 March 2013

Time: 8am - 2pm

Where: McKell Park, Brooklyn, at the BMC gates

- Bring:
1. Cash or cheque for \$240 to pay the year's levy. Levy becomes \$260 after 31 March.
 2. Two gate keys. There is a fee of \$25 per lost key.
 3. Between 23 February and 2 March, we will aim to check ropes on all boats moored at the facility. If you see a 2013 sticker on your boat on 2 March, you only need to pay the levy and swap your keys.
 4. Inspections will also be made on Key Change Day.
 5. Assignees should bring a note from the assignor.

Officers: For inspections outside these times, contact Gill Lobendahn (0418 208 386) or Bill Lynn-Robinson (9985 7279), who will see you at their convenience.

AGM Report

The AGM was held on 9 December 2012.

The Directors current for 2012-13, and their responsibilities, are:

Chair & Treasurer: Steve Bruggeman **Secretary:** Phil Sargeant **Memberships:** Jenny Rowe

Website & Newsletter: Pat Woolley **Maintenance:** Les Oehm & Quentin Strauli

Member at large: Anne Conway **Honorary director:** Rhonda Purvis

Please contact the Secretary for all matters to do with the BMC, either by mail or email.

Check Your Ropes

Full instructions and diagrams on how to set your ropes are on the Coop's website. See <http://www.brooklynmooringcooperative.com.au/using-the-facility.html>

No Birds

Two new anti-bird whirling devices have been fixed atop the piles at the Western end of the L-shaped pontoon. We hope our Brooklyn seagulls will move elsewhere.

Loading Zones

The three loading zones on the pontoons carry 20 minute limits per use. Please be considerate of other members and don't abuse the zones. Many members use these zones to shift shopping and load passengers who are otherwise unable to board over the bow.

Maximum Continuous Stay of 72 hours

The Board monitors use of the pontoons to ensure equity for all members. We have just 73 berths to service 135 members. The Board makes random checks across both pontoons. Time begins when a director 'marks the tyres' and when a boat appears to have overstayed its mooring, the director issues an infringement notice and leaves it on the boat. Three infringements results in an automatic fine of \$100. Continued infringements will jeopardize the membership.

Footprints in the Mud

During extreme low tides, directors have noticed footprints in the mud made by rogues using our facility without permission. Please assist the board. Tell us when you notice an illegal boat tied to the pontoon, or see someone go round the gates.

In January and February, boat registration IAD651N was berthed at the BMC. The boat has no member ID or year sticker, only a faded BMC sticker. Does any member know who owns this boat? Please email pa.sarge@bigpond.net.au

Stolen Boats

Always report any thefts or interference with boats to the BMC and to the police. Use the police assistance line 131 444 to report any incident other than an emergency, when you should call 000.

In January, a member's boat was stolen from the Coop. The Water Police found it adrift and untended off Lion Island, probably on its way to New Zealand.

Lock the gates, please. The directors are aware that the locks may be difficult to operate, especially during wet weather. We are working with the locksmiths to rectify the problem.
