



Newsletter November 2013

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AGM 2013

The Annual General Meeting of the Brooklyn Mooring Cooperative Ltd will be held at 10.30am, Sunday 1 December 2013 at the Brooklyn Health Centre. Morning tea will be served following the meeting. We look forward to seeing you.

A member's motion on boat length will be considered at the meeting.

Policies of the BMC

There are four policies now in place. The latest policy, concerning overstays, will be trialled until the next key change day. Complete texts of the policies are available on the website.

- a formula to calculate the annual levy
 - biannual valuation of the facility to insure its full replacement cost
 - a system to manage assignments
 - circumstances that permit stays over 72 hours.
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Overstays

There are two circumstances when overstays arise: emergencies and non-emergencies. Emergencies may relate to health issues or accidents or they may relate to problems with the member's boat. Non-emergencies may arise when members need approval for overstaying, perhaps due to bad weather or personal circumstances.

In general, approval will only be granted for a maximum of 3 days (an additional 72 hours), with a limit of two non-emergency overstays per year.

Members must direct their request to the compliance officer, not to a Board member. The compliance officer is Anne Conway: anniebags12@gmail.com; ph 0467 375 315.

This policy will be trialled until key change day, 2014.

No Parking

It came to our attention late last month that Hornsby Shire Council had contacted businesses and residents via a handout to seek feedback on their proposal to limit parking in lower McKell Park to 2 hours over 36 parking bays, every day and night of the week. This is the entire area opposite the Railway Station and closest to the public wharf.

The Board of the BMC met via email three days before the close of submissions, and agreed to object to the proposal. We circulated the final submission to all members with email addresses, and we will post a paper copy to other members. A number of members replied to our advice, thanking us for taking an interest.

We will advise members when further information comes to hand.

Member Feedback

Whenever you think the BMC membership as a whole should be aware of an issue, an event, or a change in our *neighbourhood* - the big Hawkesbury River - please drop a line to the Secretary, who will bring it to the Board's attention for further consideration. The addresses are on the masthead.

Shares and Transfers

There are 135 shareholdings in the Coop. These are of two types. The first are holdings of 'original' shares, those issued prior to enlargement of the Coop in the late 1990s. These shares may be transferred once only, on sale of the member's river property. The second class of shares may not be transferred, but must be sold back to the BMC.

If you are unsure of the class of your shares, please contact the Secretary.

Rogue Locomotive

A board member confiscated this rogue engine marked Thomas 1 at the Coop. If its driver contacts us, we will forward it by post. Otherwise, we will put it on display at the AGM. Please note that only approved boats may be moored at the Coop. This is obviously not a boat.

