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Solar & Mains Power Now Connected at the BMC

Several years ago, we installed three solar lights to the pontoons and subsequently, CCTV cameras. We found that the batteries had insufficient capacity to maintain the solar light from dusk to dawn. The connection of mains power has given us the capability to overcome this initial short-coming and automate the activation via a light sensor.

Please be careful of the bollards that light up the walkways. They are not to be leaned on or leveraged to get into or out of your boat.



Too Many Boats, Too Few Berths

There are 73 berths at the pontoons, catering for 135 members in a 'hot berthing' system. That's why we have a maximum 72 hour continuous stay rule. As summer approaches, if at any time you cannot find an empty berth when you need to moor at the Coop, please take note of the day and time and let the secretary know. Email pa.sarge@bigpond.net.au

BMC Directors

President & Treasurer: Steve Bruggeman

Secretary: Phillip Sargeant

Maintenance: Les Oehm and Quentin Strauli

Compliance: Anne Conway

Memberships: Jenny Rowe

Newsletter & Website: Pat Woolley

At large: Rhonda Purvis

Our Rates at Work

Q: How many back-hoes does it take to dig up the new BMC electricity cable?

A: Just one.

Like any sophisticated Council, Hornsby follows form. The BMC contractors dug the trench and laid electric cables for mains power to the pontoons. Just four weeks later, Hornsby Council's back-hoe arrived and tore it all up. Les Oehm was on hand to take the pictures and get us reconnected. Power to the people, right on.



Annual General Meeting

To be held at Brooklyn, 23 November, beginning at 10.15 am. Papers will be forwarded in due course. If this newsletter has arrived by post, please send your email address to pwoolley@fastbooks.com.au and you will receive the AGM package much faster.

Lock Your Boat

On our inspections last week, 12 boats were not locked to the pontoons. This is a condition of using the BMC, as is insurance for loss and public liability.

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 other Board members. The compliance officer is Anne Conway: anniebags12@gmail.com; ph 0467 375 315.
