



Newsletter April 2017

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A Message from Quentin Strauli Chair, Brooklyn Mooring Cooperative

This newsletter brings you up to date with what the directors of the BMC are doing on your behalf. Members have expressed concerns about the Brooklyn Improvement Master Plan (BIMP) and there has been much talk projecting unlikely outcomes.

The BMC infrastructure was established with full development approval (DA) and clearly defined vehicular access for loading and unloading. The approved and installed power facilities further confirmed our established infrastructure.

Recently, Felicity Brownrigg and I met with the head of the key river authority, who agreed that any relocation of the BMC facility would not be sanctioned.

We are also in ongoing correspondence with both State and Federal representatives, plus we have a member of the BMC board sitting on the Brooklyn Improvement Master Plan committee.

Our facilities are vital for our day to day existence and so we have been diligent in our approach to safeguarding our total investment.

There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes to keep our Coop facilities functioning successfully. I would like to thank all who have shared their time and expertise to do so.

An excerpt from Bronek Karcz's report in Mullet Mail

Bronek has given permission to quote from his report in Mullet Mail. The full report has been posted to the BMC website. Briefly, he reported that 'the Lower Hawkesbury Communities Group ... met with Mayor Steve Russell and Council planning staff on 15 February to discuss the concerns of river communities. Mayor Russell assured river residents that their needs would not be ignored and that Council and the consultants recognised that river residents are dependent on Brooklyn to manage their lives. Schools, transport, parking, mooring, shopping and medical services were all mentioned.'

Directors

Chair: Quentin Strauli

Secretary: Anne Conway

Maintenance: Felicity Brownrigg

Compliance: Pat Woolley

Memberships: Jenny Rowe

Newsletter & Website: Pat Woolley

Administration Support: Vanessa O'Keefe

Check out the Website

We've upgraded the www.brooklynmooringcooperative.com.au website with new features. Please contact us via the website rather than by direct email. By so doing, we'll maintain a systematic record of interactions with members.

At present, there are easy to complete forms to contact the Board and advise of:

- Incidents such as boat thefts or damage to the facility
- Request to assign use of the facility
- Request to join the waiting list
- * Request to overstay

And please for all general matters, contact the Secretary.

Coming up, members will be able to log in and update their contact details. And persons who are waiting to join the Coop will be able to view their position on the waiting list.

Praise from member 115, Yvonne Kower: "GREAT website!!"

Recent Incidents

On the evening of 31 March 2017, three boats were vandalised and 1 boat was stolen. The member found her boat the next day at Long Island. It contained abandoned fishing gear the thieves left behind.

We have viewed our CCTV videos but nothing conclusive has shown up to identify any particular incidents.

During the recent deluge, one boat sank.

Be sure to lock your boat to the Coop pontoon, using either the supplied wire and your own padlock, or your own locking system.
