



The Anchorage Advocate



Winter 2025 Edition

Commodore's Report

Hello All,

Winter is upon us and I'm hoping for a general improvement in the weather over the coming months. Many thanks to the members and committee members who have been working tirelessly on repairs to the club since the cyclone and general repairs not specifically related to the cyclone. Our 9KVA generator, as well as our shower pump, required some very technical repairs ably carried out by Kevvie Sones. The Club is now back up and running at full steam.

Regrettably our application for grant funding for the toilet block has been unsuccessful and we are now considering our existing options with available club funds.

I've recently returned from some battlefield visits in Papua New Guinea, including Milne Bay (Alotau), Rabaul, Kiriwina Island and the Conflict Islands.



Milne Bay was especially meaningful as it was Queenslanders from the 9th Battalion Moreton Regiment and the 2nd 9th Battalion AIF who fought side by side with the 7th and 18th Brigades to inflict the first defeat of the Japanese on land. Many of these soldiers were recruited from south east Queensland. On the subject of remembrance, a big thank you to Bob and John Fels for running another outstanding ANZAC Service at the Club – many thanks also to those that assisted.

Unfortunately I brought back a little present from PNG in the form of some flesh eating bacteria which landed me in hospital for a couple of days, but on the mend now with a decent scar to show off. I look forward to being able to bore you to tears with the details next time we meet.



Stay safe on the water.

Steve.

****BEING ENFORCED AS OF JULY 1ST****

Taken from [Lifejackets \(Maritime Safety Queensland\)](#)

A lifejacket is a vital piece of safety equipment that could save your life. The best idea is to make sure you wear it. Put the lifejacket on as part of your pre-trip preparation. It is a lot harder to put a lifejacket on in the water during an emergency.

Lifejacket rules

New lifejacket rules starting from 1 December 2024

Lifejackets are **compulsory**:

- when alone or accompanied only by children under 12 years in an open boat less than 4.8m in length and underway.
 - during the crossing of a designated coastal bar in an open boat, as well as in any open area of a boat of any length, and on certain craft.
 - while boating between sunset and sunrise in an open boat less than 4.8m in length and underway.
- children aged over one year and under 12 years must wear a lifejacket when on an open boat or in the open area of a boat of any length while it's underway.

Specific craft requirements as of 1 December 2024

You must wear a lifejacket when crossing a designated coastal bar in the following types of craft:

- small sail boats (funboats, lasers, herons)
- pedal boats
- rafts (including inflatable rafts)
- rowboats (excluding those operated by Surf Life Saving Australia Clubs)
- sea and surf kayaks.

Note: this requirement does not apply to users of:

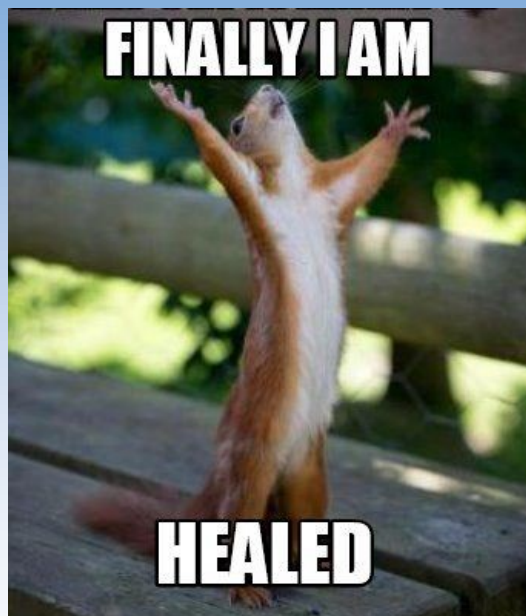
- body or boogie boards
- surf boards
- wind surfers
- kite surfers
- stand-up paddle boards.



Vice Commodore's Report

Hi All,

Well the knee is healing well after an ACL injury, and we have finally managed to get back over to The Anchorage for some relaxing times.



Your social committee have planned several events through 2025. Remember that this is a club, and social interaction and participation is a great way to get involved, meet new members, but come together as one. We have an endless list of maintenance and improvements, and encourage anyone that has skills they can offer to reach out to a committee member.

We have tried to change things up and offer variety for the year ahead, so please read the details on each event and ensure you RSVP as required. Should you wish to help at these events, or even have your own ideas for other events, please reach out and let's make it happen.

You will note, our next social event is on the 26th July. This includes an "Open Day" in the morning. Leading up to the date, we will be advertising this through local social media platforms.

Why? Well, for our club to exist in years to come, but also to provide financial stability into the future, we need new members, we need active members, and we need to achieve sustainable growth. It is that simple. We need people to get involved, help with renovations, participate at events, and enjoy our piece of paradise. The Open Day allows us to chat with prospective members and do our best to attract the right people to the club. This open day flows through to our "White Party" in the afternoon/evening. We will need assistance, but more importantly, we need your friendly faces to make this a day to remember. Several of the committee will be there to help you unload boats and set up camping gear should you wish to stay the weekend.

Halloween 2025 – this will be huge. Committee will be camping at this event, making all cabins available for members. After you have RSVP's and made your payment, you can then organise a cabin. NOTE- Cabins will be allocated based on the numbers in your booking (EG: a couple will not be given a large cabin unless you are filling the beds with family or guests). There will be some very nice prizes for "best dressed campsite", "best dressed family" etc. Full details will be released as the event gets closer. **KEEP AN EYE ON FACEBOOK.**

Please also remember, if you are passionate about the Gold Coast Boat Club, and wish to help guide our future, please come along to a committee meeting and let us know your interest. We are all volunteers; we are a team that does the very best we can with available time. Participation is key to our success, but it also helps to form the basis of what we all want. Check the calendar (*last page of the Newsletter*) for dates.

Cheers and hopefully we see a lot of new faces on the 26th July and through 2025

Craig.



OPEN DAY OPEN DAY OPEN DAY



**DO YOU &
YOUR
FAMILY
OR FRIENDS
ENJOY
ACTIVITIES
SUCH
AS
BOATING,
CAMPFIRES
BY
THE WATER,
OR
CRABBING?**

**LOCATED 800 METRES SOUTH OF TIPPLERS
RSVP YES FOR EXACT CO ORDINATED
ISLAND CLUB TOUR**

JOIN US FOR OUR OPEN DAY?!

Our club facility provides members with a central location to unwind, connect with other likeminded people & enjoy social gatherings!

- sausage sizzle
- meet club members
- tour facilities

**JULY 26
10AM-12**

WWW.GOLDCOASTBOATCLUB.COM.AU

G O L D C O A S T B O A T C L U B

JULY 26

ROAST LUNCH SERVED- 2PM.
MUSIC AND DANCING INTO
THE NIGHT

White PARTY

**\$20 PER HEAD. CHILDREN 15 AND UNDER FREE
BYO DRINKS**

THEME - ALL WHITE- LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD

RSVP to gcbctreasurer@yahoo.com.au

Payment required with RSVP

BSB: 638070 Account 9074120

Include your name as reference when making transfer
rsvp must be received by 11 July



SPOOKY Trivia NIGHT

Sat 1st November

Details to be released
soon

- Pot luck dinner (Bring a share plate)
- Halloween theme
- Prizes for best dressed and best camp decoration
- Prizes for Trivia

@ The Anchorage
Members guests will be
welcomed

NOTE- Comittee will be camping. All cabins will be up for grabs by members on a first in basis (including payment up front). You cannot book a cabin for this weekend until 1st September 2025

Rear Commodore's Report

Hi Club,

I hope you've all had a great Autumn with plenty of time spent on the water, despite the days becoming shorter.

We've had many hands-on deck over the last few months repairing broken down machinery and responding to the mammoth cyclone clean up. We also had another very successful Working Bee with much achieved.

A massive thank you to all involved for your hard work making the above possible. We wouldn't have the amazing club we have today without you.

Just a quick reminder, the June Working Bee is on Sunday the 8TH of June (Not Saturday). Please make it if you can, as the work we do is vital to maintain our club to the standard we have enjoyed over the years.

If you've never attended an event or Working Bee before, I strongly recommend heading over to one. Come and have a sausage sizzle (BYO Drinks) and a chat with some friends you haven't met yet.

Also, as you can see by the flyers of upcoming events, the social side of our club is quite active. I strongly recommend you make it to as many as you can. Come and kick back, have a laugh and catch up with other like-minded boaties.

To finish, Members, make sure you keep using our little piece of paradise as part of your boating life, camping, fishing, crabbing, day trips, events, friendships, creating memories your kids will take with them for life and enjoy boating life in general.

Stay warm, and I hope to see you all on the water soon.
Jason.



Secretary's Report

Hi All,

It's that time of year when membership renewal invoices will be sent out, so if you have changed your email or postal address, please let me know ASAP so that you don't miss out on your renewal.

Notice of the AGM scheduled for Saturday 13th September at 1.30pm at 'The Anchorage' more information will be sent out with the 25-26 membership stickers / keys but this will give you all an opportunity to nominate your Executive Committee and Committee Members, we are still encouraging anyone with some financial experience to come onboard as our new Honorary Treasurer as David Petherbridge has volunteered for this role for the past 15 years and has setup a robust system that you would be trained & supported in for the handover period.

Cheers,
Jenny.



Position Vacant

Honorary Treasurer GCBC

David Petherbridge, our current treasurer, will be retiring from this role in September this year. Expressions of Interest are invited from interested Club members for this important and rewarding role. The treasurer is one of five members of the Executive Committee of the Gold Coast Boat Club. Prior business and / or bookkeeping experience would be beneficial. David is happy to work with the incoming treasurer over the next months to facilitate a smooth handover. The new appointee would begin the role after the 2025 Annual General Meeting.



For more information about the role or to express interest in the role: email either gcbctreasurer@yahoo.com.au, goldcoastboatclub@yahoo.com.au or speak to David, Steve (Commodore), Jenny (Secretary), Craig (Vice Commodore) or Jason (Rear Commodore).

Booking Officer's Report

Hi All,

Well winter is nearly upon us, the best time of the year to visit the Club (my opinion), so make a booking, grab some firewood and enjoy a mini break at the Anchorage.

Our "esteemed" newsletter editor recently appointed himself "Officer in charge of facilities management", this position apparently requires the testing of club equipment which was fully functional prior to the inspection and subsequently deeming it faulty post inspection, as a result of this "testing" we had 3 non-operational generators a significant issue with our shower pressure pump and a motor vehicle which was no longer fit for purpose. Fortunately, some of us have plenty of excess time on our hands so I was given the opportunity to spend a few days at the club, much of it soaking in oil, grease, diesel and bore water. Craig took on the ute repairs and reports that it is now fully functional and the keys have been relocated for use by "responsible" committee only. We thank the new facilities manager for bringing these issues to our attention.

(Look, there's a lot to unpack here... But, if I can summarize by saying, "SHUT UP KEVIN! -ed.)

We will soon be replacing the fire alarms in the cabins with new Fire / Co2 alarms, they have a 10 year non-replaceable battery installed. These things can be somewhat annoying when they trigger, however, they are there for your safety, a long stick is provided in each cabin to reach the hush button. If for some reason you are unable to reset it, as a last resort only remove the alarm, put it in the lost property box and most importantly let me know. Please do not remove them just because the camp fire is triggering an alarm, maybe consider selecting a firepit based on the wind direction. Safety is the highest priority.

A few reminders:

In the *summer newsletter*, I made mention of some changes in the booking process to assist the treasurer in allocating revenue correctly, unfortunately only a few members have followed this new process, can I please ask that you read the below information and include the Treasurer in all emails relating to bookings, non-members etc. David's job is the most challenging of all the committee positions so your help with this is very much appreciated 😊

Cabin Bookings (From the Summer edition)

After some discussion with our treasurer, it is apparent that we need to have a more consistent approach to the way we manage cabin bookings, the treasurer is required to assign all payments appropriately, this requires information such as cabins booked, dates, number of non-members etc, currently, in many cases a lump sum is deposited and David needs to make a best guess of how to allocate the funds, which in some cases is very time consuming.

Booking process (updated)

Over next few months we will move to an email only booking model, this is already the case in 90% of bookings.

Please provide:

Cabins required

Date in / Date out / Number of nights

Number of non-members

Once booking is confirmed please make payment the week prior to your stay.

Payment confirmation should be attached to the original booking email and sent to

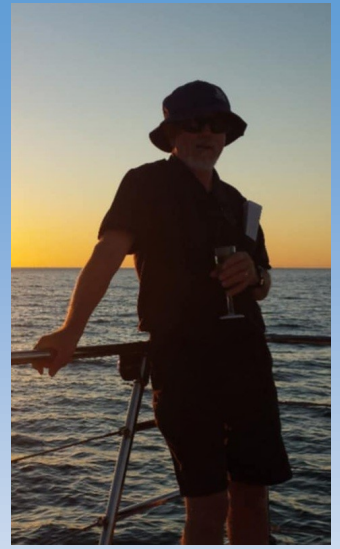
gcbcbookingofficer@gmail.com AND gcbctreasurer@yahoo.com.au

Codes will be issued once payment is received.

Many members already follow the above process which is greatly appreciated, anyone needing assistance or clarification should contact myself or David.

See you soon,

Kev.



Editor's Report

Hi Everyone,

The Club is turning 60!

As you may have seen on our Facebook page, in May 2026 the Club will mark its 60th anniversary. This is something that we'd like to commemorate in style, and we are going to need your help. We are looking to form a small sub-committee to plan a special event, land based, where members past and present can come and reminisce as well as celebrate the Club's *diamond jubilee*.

If this sounds like you, we'd like to hear from you at our next committee meeting, on Sunday June 8th at 1:30pm. If you can't make this meeting and would still like to discuss helping drive this event, then please reach out to Craig, Jenny or myself for more information.

Well, camping season is well and truly upon us, and Frieda and I have been busily filling up the calendar with some getaways across the Southeast, Northern NSW, and of course the Anchorage. This is a great time of year to huddle around a warm campfire, enjoying a hearty meal and a few cleansing refreshments. As old vinegar ti... apologies, I mean Kev has said, Winter is a special time to enjoy the Anchorage. The bugs go into hiding, as do most of the reptiles, and the weather is normally sensational. Do yourself a favour, and book a weekend in the cooler months, you won't regret it.

Unfortunately we won't make the White Party/ Open Day as we'll be away, but I encourage you all to get behind these events. A lot of planning has been going into this weekend and promises to be a lot of fun. We want to drive more of these social occasions at the Anchorage and the committee really needs your help to get in and support the folks who donate their time to make them happen. The Open Day, as Craig has said, is an important way for us to try and ensure the sustainability of our Club. We need to use our facility, maintain it, and importantly share it, if we are to continue to 75 years and beyond.



A couple of pics from our recent camp the picturesque Greenup Meeting Place, near Inglewood.

Thanks everyone, I'll catch you at the Anchorage.

Dale.

Assistant Secretary's Report

Heading Towards Sixty *The Early Years*



On 31st May, 2026, the Gold Coast Boat Club will be officially sixty years old. Some key dates and events in the past have been :

- May 3, 1966 A Steering Committee met at the home of Mr Sam Davidson and after discussion of infrastructure and type, they formed a club whose name and constitution was to be decided on a later date.
- June 14, 1966 The First Annual General Meeting was held and the name "Southport Outboard Cruising Club" was selected from a choice of 16 proposed names for the new club. Also thirteen members of the Steering Committee became the first Office Holders of the Club.
- Patrons: Mayor Earn Harley Mr Ces Carey, MLA
- President: Richard Bennet
- Vice President: Basil Harston
- Rear Commodore: Sam Davison
- Secretary: Val Mc Donald
- Treasurer: Des Sandercock
- Public Relations: Charles Gasking
- Committee: Colin Thams, Mort Thams, Viv Elwood, Roy Sawyer, Robert Akes, Gary Davidson, Violet Andrews
- January 1967: Commodore Dick Bennett impressed on members that there was a need for a clubhouse, land and facilities which needed member involvement. During that first year, log races, skiing, safaris, over-night camping and exploration of various rivers as well as a Manly to Southport power boat race all took place.
- 1967/ 1968: First newsletter was produced, President was renamed Commodore, twenty one preplanned social events took place including fishing competitions, log events, seafaris, BBQs and picnic days and Christmas parties for adults and children.
- March 1, 1968: A thirty-year lease on a parcel of land on South Stradbroke Island (the current Anchorage) was granted. It was signed by Stewart Taylor, Trevor Mundell and Ray Maddin as trustees.
- 1968/1969: The 'Club land at Tippler's Passage' was cleared of undergrowth and tables and seats were built. A major fundraiser was a Saturday stall outside the BCC store in Southport with homemade goods and donated 'garage sale' items
- Dec 29, 1976: A full page of the Gold Coast Bulletin shows the various activities on Christmas Day over at the Anchorage. 250 adults and 180 children crammed into the lease. Not long after, a ceiling of 200 members was called for.
- February 1970: The name of the Southport Outboard Cruising Club was officially changed to the Gold Coast Boat Club
- 1972: A "day shelter " was built near the beach, with four tin walls and a roof over a concrete slab. Later it was subdivided into 4 little rooms and beds were added.
- 1978 / 1979: Boat stickers indicating a member to be financial, were made and used for the first time. A new Briggs and Stratton 3KVA generator was commissioned to run the lights.

(The information above has been taken from The Gold Coast Boat Club, a Brief History, 1966-2001, 35th anniversary issue compiled by Kev Roberts)

Warm regards,
Margaret.

Lest we forget



GCBC Fishing Competition 2025

Here's how it works:

The Challenge, if you choose to accept it:

The goal is to catch the longest fish of specific species throughout the year, including:

Bream

Flathead

Whiting

Tailor

Jewfish



How to Enter:

1. Catch a fish in any of the listed species, and make sure to get a clear photo of you and your catch in front of the recent club sticker, as well as on a brag mat/next to a tape measure (so we can verify the size). We will also have a club brag mat we will keep behind the bar in the Day Shed shortly, for anyone wanting to call in and take some photos at the club. Please clean off if used.
2. Send the photo to me, the Fishing Captain, either to steve.t.langfeldt@gmail.com or 0400 797 392 with your name, the species, length, and date.
3. You can enter as many fish as you like throughout the year, but only the longest fish for each species will count. It's as easy as that!
I'll keep track of the leaderboard, and we'll post updates every newsletter, so everyone knows where they stand.

Prizes:

The longest fish of each species will win a prize for both junior (up to 16yrs) and senior anglers (from 16yrs and up) and the overall longest fish of the year will take home the grand prize!

Prizes are to be announced at a later date.

Winners:

The winners will be announced at our Christmas Party 2025, and as usual, we'll wrap up the year with a big celebration. Make sure to join us for the BBQ, drinks, and a chance to toast the year's best catches!

Some Quick Rules:

- Only fish caught from legal fishing areas and during legal fishing times count.
- The 2 photos required must be clear. The first one needs to show the full fish with the brag mat or tape measure next to it to verify the length. The second photo to be of you holding your catch with your club sticker in the background so there are no continuity discrepancies.
- Please remember to fish responsibly — handle fish carefully and follow local regulations.

This is all about fun, friendly competition, and getting out there and enjoying our beautiful Gold Coast waters. I'm excited to see what everyone catches over the next year, and I'll be sure to keep the leaderboard updated.

Also, watch this space for specialty comps to come.

If you've got any questions, feel free to email me at steve.t.langfeldt@gmail.com or text me on 0400 797 392.

Let the fishing begin!

Cheers,
Steve

****Remember to get your pics into Steve ****

50th Annual Interclub Bay Cruise | 20–27 September 2025

Family Cruising

Over 50 boats
6 destinations



Join other boaties for this much loved week-long family cruising event where we visit fabulous destinations in southern Moreton Bay — from North Straddie to the Gold Coast.

Open to all types of boats. New members encouraged, and old friends welcomed back!

Join us for the best family boating holiday, ever.

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PROJECT FACT SHEET

Broadwater Parklands Floating Walkways Upgrade and Boat Ramp Repair

Gold Coast Waterways Authority is upgrading the boating facility at the Broadwater Parklands

Three floating walkways and abutments, along with the damaged existing cast-in-situ slabs of the boat ramp will be replaced and upgraded.

During the construction works, the boat ramp will remain partially open to minimise disruption for users.

BENEFITS

- Support safe access for recreational vessel owners that utilise our waterways.
- Replace the floating walkway pontoons to address the listing issues caused by original design and construction materials.
- Replace the upper cast-in-situ sections of the dual-lane boat ramp to address severe cracking and maintain facility usability.

IMPACTS

- Partial closure of the boat ramp and pontoons during construction works, including on weekends.

PROJECT LOCATION

Fisherman's Lawn at Broadwater Parklands - Marin Parade, Southport

KEY DETAILS

Planned investment:
\$800,000

Estimated start date:
May 2025

Estimated completion:
July 2025

Current status:
Approval and design

CONTACT

Gold Coast Waterways Authority

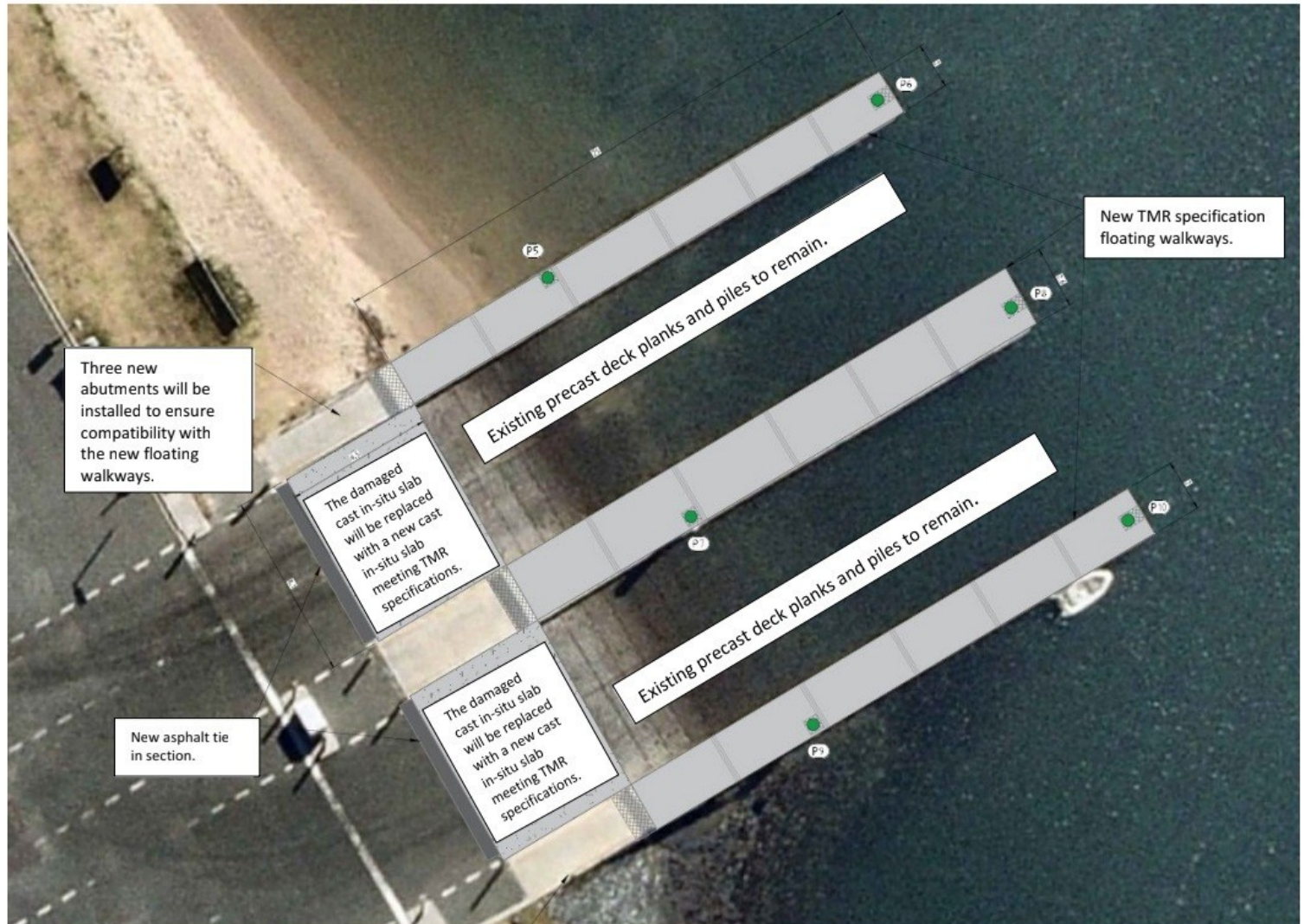
Ph: 07 5539 7350
mail@gcwa.qld.gov.au

ALTERNATIVE BOAT RAMPS AVAILABLE DURING CONSTRUCTION

Alternative boat ramps available during the construction works period include Harley Park, Labrador; Loders Creek, Labrador; Ray Street, Runaway Bay; Howard Street, Runaway Bay; Muriel Henschman Park, The Spit; and Proud Park, Main Beach.

For alternative boat ramps, jetties, pontoons, and fishing facilities nearby, visit: <https://gcwa.qld.gov.au/>

Concept design – Broadwater Parklands Floating Walkways Upgrade and Boat Ramp Repair



Management Committee 2024-25

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<u>Anchorage Assistants</u>	<i>Adam Webb</i>
	<i>Brad Langfeldt</i>
<u>Assistant Secretary</u>	<i>Margaret Petherbridge</i>
<u>Seafari Captain</u>	<i>Robert Petherbridge</i>
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<u>QRBC Delegate</u>	<i>Leigh Townsend</i>
<u>Fishing Captain</u>	<i>Steve Langfeldt</i>
<u>Social Committee</u>	<i>Jo Webb</i>
	<i>Britt Keding</i>
	<i>Nicole McPhillips</i>
	<i>Bob Martin</i>

Our Life Members

Ray & Shirley Cary, Geoff & Jan Rose, Jim & Kay Davidson, Des & Clare Sandercock, Patrick & Anne Henry, Leslie Moore (Barry Moore—deceased), Adrian Titchmarsh (Denise Titchmarsh- deceased), Barry & Lorraine Sechtig, Marion Von Bibra (Ken Von Bibra- deceased), Alan Rickard, Shirley Brown (Laurie Brown – deceased), Marcia Rooney (John Rooney – deceased), Julie Madin (Ray Madin – deceased), Margaret O’Hanlon (Paul O’Hanlon- deceased), Leigh & Jenny Townsend, David & Margaret Petherbridge.

(May continued)

Mon 19	Newsletter Reports Due	(Newsletter Editor)
June		
Sun 8	Working Bee	9:00am (Rear Commodore)
	Committee Meeting	1.30pm 'The Anchorage' (Secretary)
Sat 28 – Mon 13	Term 2 School Holidays	N/A
Mon 30 Jun	ALL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE!	COB (Treasurer / Secretary)

What's On - July to December 2025

Date	Details	Location / Contact
July		
Sat 28 – Sun 13	Term 2 School Holidays	N/A
Wed 16	Committee Meeting – Members Welcome	6pm Virtual/Online (Secretary)
August		
Sun 9	Committee Meeting – Members Welcome	9.30am 'The Anchorage' (Secretary)
Sat 16 - Sun 17	<u>Seafari</u>	Details to follow on Facebook (<u>Seafari Captain</u>)
Mon 18	Newsletter Reports Due	(Newsletter Editor)
September		
Sun 7	Fathers' Day	N/A
Sat 13	Working Bee	9.00am 'The Anchorage' (Rear Commodore)
	Annual General Meeting	1.30pm 'The Anchorage' (Secretary)
Sat 20 – Sat 27	Interclub Bay Cruise (FYI)	N/A
Sat 20 – Mon 6	Term 3 School Holidays	N/A
October		
Sun 19	Committee Meeting – Members Welcome	9.30am 'The Anchorage' (Secretary)
November		
Sat 8	Super Working Bee	8.30am- All Day (Rear Commodore)
	Committee Meeting – Members Welcome	3.00pm 'The Anchorage' (Secretary)
Mon 17	Newsletter Reports Due	(Newsletter Editor)
December		
Sat 6	GCBC Christmas Lunch	Venue TBC (Social Committee)
Sun 7	Committee Meeting	10.00am 'The Anchorage' (Secretary)

Sat 13	Term 4 School Holidays	N/A
Thurs 25 – Fri 26	Christmas Day & Boxing Day	N/A

KEY CONTACTS

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	Anchorage Captain		Jade 0403 683 828
	Commodore	Steve	yokesy@ozemail.com.au Or 0477 335 134
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General Enquiries	Secretary	Jenny	goldcoastboatclub@yahoo.com.au 0416125408
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