



Marina Talk

1 February 2023

An update from the Chairman on activities around the marina.

F Pier

F pier has been progressing over the summer period. In short the weather has not been favourable. However, the new breakwater wall and main pontoon along with all dredging is now done. For those using the marina they will clearly see the two barges inside the basin and the tug lona. So please for boat ramp users and bertholders for the next six or so weeks, slower speeds and a higher level of attention will maintain high safety standards when manoeuvring within the marina basin.

Boat Ramp Users

As can be expected, the use of the carpark area on the Southern Reclamation has been limited for trailer parking as our main contractors needed some lay

down areas to assist with a number of aspects of the project. This inconvenience is regrettable however we limit the number of boat ramp users for a number of reasons mainly due to the lack of space around our entire township for parking trailers. I have dealt with several members who have felt very entitled over the fact that they must have a park for their trailer. Quite simply our trailer passes allow you to use the ramp. We do not guarantee an area to park

your trailer, as this a marina and council issue.

While on that note some newcomers seem to think we should take over the rugby field. I can assure you this has been canvassed in the past by the council. The rugby club and the marina were part of that discussion. It has been determined that the area where the rugby field was donated to the community primarily for a sports field. Whitianga Marina Society will not be taking any actions or enquiries to get use of the field for trailer parking.

We are confident that things will be somewhat back to normal in the spring on the southern reclamation area but if you are still unhappy with the service supplied, quite simply do not apply for a boat ramp user pass next financial year as there is a considerable waiting list.



Health and Safety

I regret to advise that we have had an incident on the hardstand where someone was injured falling from a boat.

Quite simply, if you are working on a boat in a cradle, marina staff will attach a ladder to the boat and tie it off securely. If you wish for that ladder to be moved please contact our staff who are always available in the yard to do so. This recent accident occurred primarily because the ladder had not been resecured to a satisfactory standard and the people ascending and descending were wearing inappropriate footwear. i.e. they were wearing crocs/jandals. Unfortunately the injured party spent considerable time in hospital and is making a slow recovery. These types of incidents leave the Whitianga Marina Society vulnerable to actions from WorkSafe. If we were prosecuted the ignorance, arrogance and stupidity of individuals would result in all 230 members paying the penalty. So please the issue covers the ignorance as you have now been advised. Lets now work on the stupidity and arrogance factors and also lets just be aware that boats on the ramp, have people climbing on and off trailer boats are walking on slippery surfaces. Please be careful.

Power Outage

On 21 February 2023 there is a planned power outage which will affect the whole marina and businesses working on the marina sites.

Power Outage
Whole Marina
21 February 2023

This will be for the commissioning of the link between the carpark transformers and a large transformer near the northern end of the hardstand.

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Chairman

