



METUNG MARINA & CHINAMAN'S CREEK MARINA ANNUAL BERTH HOLDER MEETING NOTES

4 OCTOBER 2014

Venue: Metung Yacht Club

9:10 am

1. Staff and Councillor(s) Introduction

David Moir chaired the meeting and introduced Council staff present.

Apologies

Peter Harvey, Peter Leroy, Terry Grundy.

East Gippsland Shire Council Staff present

Name	Position
David Moir	Acting Director Development
Graham Reeve	Marine Supervisor
Chris Albon	Acting Manager Capital Projects

Berth Holders Present

Shayne Horrigan	Berth Holder
Phillip Mason	Berth Holder
Michael Harris	Berth Holder
Marianne Harris	Berth Holder
Geoff Nicol	Berth Holder

Bill Armit	Berth Holder
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Operations and Maintenance Financial Summary

Council advised of a small loss associated with Metung Marina which hopefully will no longer be the case after the new marina is built.

Chinaman's Creek incurred a small loss.

Berth holders asked what the O & M was spent on. Council outlined the O&M breakdown, including marina maintenance, marina officers' salaries, power and water supplies within marinas. A large proportion of maintenance involved shoring up wave wall, jetty etc.

Berth holders asked what the money was spent on at Metung Marina. Council explained the shoring-up necessary to keep the outer jetty and part of the inner jetty operational and the expenses involved.

Berth holders stated that they believed \$100,000 seems like a large amount. Council explained replacement of piles, deck and maintenance costs are high. It was also explained that the regular survey costs were \$12,000 in 2013/14.

Berth holders requested information on the trend of income over the last 5 years. Council reported that income has been declining over the last few years. It was also noted that the craft displaced to Paynesville due to the upcoming marina works are being charged at the Metung rate.

Berth holders asked if maintenance will be done on the inner jetty at Metung Marina. Council replied in the affirmative, depending on the state of the inner jetty after reconstruction of the outer jetty. It was further advised that there is no timeframe for the replacement of the inner jetty currently. It was further explained that Council is currently only maintaining the existing marina where boats are currently berthed.

Marine Supervisors Report

Other than matters detailed in the handout, Council noted the need to look at the service life of the crane.

Berth holders asked how the relocation of boats would affect Saturday racing. Council replied that this had been considered in the planning and most people spoken to were satisfied. He is trying to keep an area available for itinerant racers.

Fees and Charges

Council reported:

- 9% increase across all marinas to try and decrease the deficit.
- Slight increase in line with Council policy of CPI + 1.

Council explained the current status of the reconstruction of Metung Marina, noting that the final approval from DEPI is imminent. A brief overview of the works was presented.

Berth holders enquired as to the access to the southern end during construction. Council explained that the useable area still remaining is allocated. As far as racing is concerned, the starting arrangements are unknown at this stage but may have to be started from the water.

Berth holders asked why the reconstruction works had been delayed. Council explained the delays in obtaining permits, took 4-5 months longer than expected. It was further stated that construction is scheduled for the end of May 2015.

Consultative Committee

Council reported that no nominations had been received from Metung or Chinaman's Creek. Alternative methods of communication between berth holders and the community are being investigated.

Any ideas as to how this could be done are welcomed. Until the situation is resolved. Berth holders can contact EGSC direct via phone or feedback email.

Q.10 What are the proposed costs of marina berths?

Berth holders asked what the anticipated costs of the Metung Marina berths are. Council explained that Director Development will be better placed to advise at a later date. It was further advised that it was anticipated that the contracts for Metung would be the same as for Slip Bight Marina.

Action: Council to email an example of the contract to those present.

Berth holders asked if on-selling would be the same as in the past. Council responded that it would be, which is that a 20% surcharge applies. This is due to the leasing of crown land where the government requires a return from leasing jetties on crown land.

Berth holders asked what the take-up of berths was. Council replied that the Director Development will be able to advise as to these details and he will be negotiating take-up of leases in the future. Existing should be as per current arrangements and first right of refusal. It was noted that Jetty 5 as an example, experienced an 85% take-up.

Berth holders asked if there would be sea berth, and if power and water would be supplied. Council confirmed this.

Berth holders asked if the outer berths don't sell – will the inner jetties not be constructed. Council replied that it is too early to say at this time and confirmed that it will try to keep the existing areas of the inner jetties (that are still being utilised) operational but other scenarios will have to be looked at if we can't keep them safe or economical.

Berth holders asked if the cost of the hardstand was included in outgoings for the marina? Council replied that the hardstand is regarded separately within the system.

O&M is only a couple of thousand dollars a year and is almost self-sufficient, until replacement of the crane is necessary.

Communication

Council noted the desire to move from mail-outs to emails. This was generally agreed to by all attendees.

Action: Council to use emails for mail-outs and newsletters and investigate how the Council can obtain current emailing details from all berth holders.

Meeting closed

David Moir closed the meeting at 10.10 am
