



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

19 March 2016

Venue: Metung Yacht Club

9:05 am

1. Staff and Councillor(s) Introduction

Cr Dick Ellis chaired the meeting and introduced Council staff present.

Apologies

Paul German.

East Gippsland Shire Councillors present

Name	Position
Cr Dick Ellis	Chair, Marina Consultative Committee
Cr Michael Freshwater	Marina Consultative Committee

East Gippsland Shire Council Staff present

Name	Position
Paul Holton	Director Development
Tim Ellis	Manager Economic Development
Johanne Toohey	Commercial Business Coordinator

Berth Holders Present

Bill Newcomen	Berth Holder and Marina Consultative Committee berth holder representative
Len Williams	Berth Holder

Alan Lancaster	Berth Holder
Eric Blennerhassett	Berth Holder
Zafer Senova	Berth Holder
G. Allen	Berth Holder
John MacDonald	Berth Holder
Phillip Mason	Berth Holder
Michael Harris	Berth Holder
Marianne Harris	Berth Holder

2014-2015 Operations and Maintenance Financial Summary

Council advised of a loss associated with Metung Marina. Maintenance costs are expected to reduce following the demolition of the remainder of the old structure and completion of the redevelopment.

Chinaman's Creek incurred a small loss.

Council advised that a forward maintenance plan has been developed.

2016-2017 Fees and Charges

Council reported the proposed 2016-17 Fees and Charges have been prepared and will be presented at the Special Council Meeting on 13 April 2016. At that time it is anticipated that Council will release the proposed budget for public comment. Berth holders are encouraged to provide comment via the budget process.

The proposed fee increase for Marinas is in the order of 4% in line with Council policy of CPI + 1%.

Operations and Maintenance Report

Council provided a report detailing maintenance works completed in the past 12 months and planned future maintenance works.

Other than matters detailed in the handout, Council reminded berth holders it is the responsibility of users of the crane to ensure the integrity of the fittings used on their boats.

A berth holder enquired what the process would be to extend the lower service jetty at the hardstand. Council advised that it might be possible to access Department of Transport funding to extend the jetty. Council will investigate this possible funding source.

Metung Marina Redevelopment Update

Council provided an update on Stage 1 and 2 of the Metung marina redevelopment. Demolition of the inner jetty will commence in April (after Easter). The inner section

of the new marina (Stage 2) will be a floating structure. Much of the Stage 2 construction will take place offsite with the pontoons being fabricated offsite. The current schedule predicts a completion date of July 2016.

A berth holder asked whether Metung berth holders be kept informed of impacts to marina access as a result of the redevelopment works. Council advised that berth holders would be kept informed.

Council advised that Stage 2 of the redevelopment will include a transit floating jetty accessible directly from the foreshore for short term visitors. The final design has not yet been signed off but will include more than 50 pen berths and alongside berths. The small alongside berths (8-9m berths) will cost approximately \$2,000 per year, however will have less services than pen berths.

The 10m and 12m berths in Stage 2 will be the same price as Stage 1 berths. Stage 1 berths have been benchmarked against equivalent marina prices on the Mornington Peninsula and are also established in accordance with Council's requirement to operate under the National Competition Policy (NCP).

Council advised that East Gippsland Shire's approach to marina management was established in a Council decision in 2005 that facilities operated under Committee of Management responsibilities on Crown Land must be run within the NCP guidelines. The facilities must provide a return on assets (like any other commercial operation). The Crown allows Council to generate a return on the marina assets as long as it is applied to the management of foreshore reserves.

A berth holder asked will existing inner jetty berth holders automatically receive the same size berth in Stage 2. Council advised that the available berth sizes and numbers will need to be reviewed once the final design is available and berth holders will be advised via email of the berths available.

Council advised that an Expression of Interest (EOI) list had been established to capture details of parties interested in Stage 2 berths. When allocating berths priority will be given to existing berth holders and then opened up to others if berths are still available.

Feedback from a berth holder on Stage 1 indicated that the new fixed structure is providing very good weather protection for the inner jetty.

Berth holders in attendance were advised that if required Council can hire a professional mariner to relocate vessels to temporary berths if the owner is not able to move them within the timeframe.

A berth holder expressed their disappointment that the Stage 1 berth prices were not as affordable as the old marina prices. Cr Ellis encouraged berth holders to submit feedback to Council on the fee increase as part of the budget process. Some berth holders provided feedback that the new marina is a very good asset for Metung.

Council confirmed that the plan of Stage 2 would be made available on Council's website once finalised.

Cr Ellis closed the meeting at 10.15 am
