

An important message to all Weiti Boating Club members

17th December 2014

I am writing to let you know of some changes we need to make as members in regards to the control of noise and dust emanating from club activities, in particular from any maintenance work that is done on boats in the yard or in the shed.

We have had feedback from the club's immediate neighbours stating that they are not happy with the level of disturbance that is being created by club activities and have approached the council seeking a change in the lease conditions and resource consents that the club currently operates under. We are currently at a point where we need to renew the lease for the club and must show that we are prepared to make changes to how we currently function in order to meet the environmental conditions required.

The changes required in regards to noise are summarised in the following points:

- All yard activities (including the shed) will be limited to the following periods:
 - Monday – Saturday, 8 am to 6 pm: limited noise allowed (general construction and low noise power tools and hammering)
 - Monday – Friday, 6 pm to 8 pm: work can continue as long as there is no disturbing noise (no power tools or hammering)
 - Sundays and public holidays, 8 am to 6 pm: work can be done as long as there is no disturbing noise (no power tools or hammering).
 - All other times: no work is allowed.
- Grids
 - The grids are primarily for the cleaning down of boats. As such the use of power tools such as a water blaster is restricted to the same hours and noise limits as the yard.
- Work berth
 - The work berth is restricted to the carrying out of minor repairs only. As such the use of power tools such as a water blaster is restricted to the same hours and noise limits as the yard.
- Trailer park
 - This area is to be strictly managed according to the trailer park guidelines. Any tenants that do not comply with these conditions run the risk of being asked to park their boat elsewhere.
 - Any noise in this area is restricted to the same hours as for the yard except that general construction and hammering is not allowed. If you need to launch your boat outside of these hours then you need to ensure that any noise is kept to a minimum.
- Launching ramp
 - This is an area of concern as this is a public ramp and not able to be controlled effectively outside of the above restricted hours. This requires further discussion with the council.

So what are the risks of not complying? The current lease has defined noise limits that must be adhered to if we want to renew it. The current resource consents for the shed and the yard have similar noise limits. Feedback from neighbours suggests that we are not currently complying with these noise limits and they have raised this with the council. Should the council choose to not renew the lease then the boat club would be asked to vacate the land. Yes, this is an extreme outcome but it is a possibility which we do not want to happen!

In addition to the limits on noise, there are also conditions around the level of air and water pollutants that can be released from club yard activities. We need to take all necessary steps to minimise any dust nuisance from maintenance activities and ensure water pollutants from maintenance activities do not enter the harbour or contaminate the land, as these are also concerns of both Council and certain residents and could impact on club activities if found to be non-compliant.

Complying with the above points is up to the members and it only takes a couple of members resisting these changes to destroy it for the majority. As such I am asking that these rules are policed by every member and not just left to the club staff or committee. This is **your** club and you need to help us with keeping it going, even if at a reduced level compared to what you may be used to.

Some of the changes specified may result in members taking their maintenance elsewhere and this is a consequence we can't avoid. If you are contemplating an extended amount of work on your boat and require extended use of noisy power tools, then you may want to consider other options for doing this work. Also if you engage a contractor to do work on your behalf then the onus is on you to ensure they abide by the rules.

The above changes are effective as of the date of this letter.

I am happy to discuss any details with members but we will not be able to vary any of these rules once they are agreed as part of the lease renewal.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colin Thrush', written in a cursive style.

Colin Thrush

Commodore, Weiti Boating Club