



GIFAA Newsletter September 2026

An update from your committee

Hello GIFAA Members

I hope everyone is well and enjoying the start of Spring. The days are starting to warm up and I can't wait for summer again. It looks like it is going to be a warm one. Perfect for spending some social time in paradise.

2026 AGM

I hereby give notice that the Garden Island Fishing & Aquatic Association (Inc) Annual General Meeting and election of office bearers will be held on Wednesday 18th November 2026 at the Cockburn Power Boat Association. Exact timings will be communicated at a later date.

Nomination forms for President, Treasurer, Secretary, Mooring Manager and Committee are available to be downloaded from the GIFAA website.

Nominations are to be forwarded to:

The Returning Officer GIFAA PO Box 630 Melville 6956

Nomination forms to be received no later than 5.00PM on Monday 19th October 2026

To support your nomination, you are invited to attach a resume with up to 200 words to your nomination and this will be included in the Newsletter.

Please note that to nominate as a candidate, propose a candidate or second a candidate your payment for membership fees for the 2026-27 year must be received by 19th October 2026. Members will be advised of the candidates soon thereafter.

As per our constitution, no new members will be processed after 12th October 2026

All existing members must be financial by the 16th of November 2026 to be eligible to vote at the AGM.

There will be a meal and a limited bar tab for members at the AGM. Please come along to your AGM and take the opportunity to meet fellow members and share a refreshment or two with the members and committee.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the AGM

Notice of motions

Honorariums

The Secretary, Mooring Manager and Treasurer donate a lot of their time and incur additional costs to contribute to the successful management of the association. Each year they are paid an honorarium to assist towards offsetting some of these expenses.

I, Garry Barker, being a financial member of Garden Island Fishing & Aquatic Association (Inc.) propose that the Secretary, Treasurer and Mooring Manager be paid an honorarium of \$1,500 each to reimburse them for their out-of-pocket expenses for the 2026/27 year.

Moved: Garry Barker (Committee Member) Seconded: Bill Kelly (Committee Member)

Membership Fees

Due to the increasing costs of insurance and mooring inspections, your committee has been reviewing income and expenditure, and we have agreed that a small increase is required to all fees as outlined below.

I, Peter Fry, being a financial member of Garden Island Fishing & Aquatic Association (Inc.) propose that the Garden Island Fishing & Aquatic Association (Inc) fees be increased for the 2027/28 financial year

- **Membership fee increase to \$55**
- **Primary User Fee increase to \$195**
- **Authorised User fee increase to \$170**
- **Club Membership fee increase to \$300**

Moved: Peter Fry (Secretary)

Seconded: Ken Reynolds (Mooring Manager)

Vessel Insurance and registration papers

Just a reminder to mooring holders to make sure that you have submitted your boat registration and insurance papers prior to 30th November so that we can again be compliant with Navy mooring requirements.

End of financial year

Our financial year ends September 30th. All invoices have been sent to members via email the first week in October so if you have not yet seen your invoice, please let us know. It is important that all members check their emails including spam files as sometimes emails can get lost. Remember your membership must be paid in order to vote at the AGM.

Electronic Transfer Payment Details

Bank account details – Westpac Account Name – GIFAA BSB 036 048 Account Number 375148

When making a payment please show your **INVOICE** number and your **NAME** on the transfer

Members Details Form

This is to update our member's data base as a requirement under the Department of Defence Management Plan and GIFAA Constitution. It is available for download from our website.

This form is only to be completed if your details have changed.

If you are a Primary or Authorised User on a mooring, you must send us your current DOT and Insurance papers (Not just copies of the receipt) together with your cheque. Alternately the form and papers can be submitted by post and the payment made by direct debit. Once all is received and in order your GIFAA mooring sticker will be issued. **All monies and papers must be finalised by 30th November 2026.**

If you intend to operate a secondary vessel, please include the DoT and insurance papers for the secondary vessel and a separate sticker will be issued.

If you are not regularly receiving GIFAA Newsletters by email, please check the email address we have on our records.

Moorings

The annual mooring inspections have now commenced. The Mooring Manager Ken Reynolds and his team expect this to be concluded by the end of October, weather permitting, and invoices will be issued for all repairs at the

completion of the work. Whilst the mooring inspections are underway, there will be a diver in the water. Please remember to stay at least 50M clear of the dive flag.

Keep clear of Closed Naval Waters

Notice to all boaters to keep clear of the designated restricted areas around Garden Island. Areas marked "Closed Naval Waters" such as the area around the ammunition jetty and Careening Bay should be always avoided. These areas are well marked on maps and have floating marker buoys to designate the boundary. Please help us to maintain our strong relationship with the Navy by not entering these areas.

Member's events

Just a reminder that we will be commencing the boating season with a "members only" event. The event will be held at the Cockburn Power Boat Association on Sunday October 4th from 12:00 pm until 4:00 pm. There will be heaps of raffles and activities on the day. A light meal and nibbles will be provided and there will be a modest bar tab. There will be no admission charge for members however this event is for members, their partners and kids only and there will be no admittance for non-members. We will have a limited range of merchandise available on the day. We now have GFAA bucket hats (\$25), stubby holders (\$10), pendant flags (\$10), beach clean up bags (\$10) and bumper stickers (\$5). Please bring some cash with you as it will be a "cash only" purchase. Stocks are limited and sure to sell out fast so please take this opportunity to show your support for our association.

Westport Update

Kwinana Bulk Terminal Redevelopment

The Kwinana Bulk Terminal (KBT) is a critical bulk import and export facility for WA, nearing the end of its operational life, and requiring redevelopment by 2032.

Westport and Fremantle Ports are working as an integrated team to plan and deliver the KBT Redevelopment.

The project was recently referred to the EPA by Fremantle Ports to determine the level of assessment. Public comment is open until 17 September: [Kwinana Bulk Terminal Redevelopment - Marine Infrastructure - Environmental Protection Authority - Citizen Space](#)

Westport Container Terminal Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

The KBT Redevelopment was previously included as part of the Outer Harbour Port Development environmental referral but is now proposed to proceed as a separate project because it is required by 2032, ahead of the Container Terminal being required around 2040.

This amendment does not change the overall location or development envelope of the proposed Outer Harbour Port Development. It only removes the KBT Redevelopment infrastructure from the project scope currently being assessed. The EPA has published a change to proposal document which you can read here: [Outer Harbour Port Development, Kwinana | EPA Western Australia](#)

The Container Terminal EIA documentation – the Environmental Review Document (ERD) – will be submitted and published by the [State](#) and [Commonwealth](#) regulators for public comment in 2027. There will be an 8-week public comment period for the community to provide feedback directly to the EPA and we will keep you informed about this process.

More information about our EIA is available here: [Environmental approvals required for WA's new port development](#)

Keep smiling

Little known fact - Before the crowbar was invented, Crows simply drank at home.

If you put a horseshoe crab up to your ear, you can hear what it sounds like to be attacked by a horseshoe crab

E-bay is not all that good. I tried to look up cigarette lighters and all they had was 13,749 matches.

I made a play list for hiking. It has music from Peanuts, The Cranberries and Eminem. I call it my trail mix.

What do you do if you see a fireman? Put it out man.

What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo? One is really heavy and the other is a little lighter.

And finally

Two windmills were standing on a farm and the first one asked the other "What's your favourite type of music ?"

The second one replied "I'm a big metal fan"

Take care and be diver aware

Pete Fry

Secretary

Garden Island Fishing and Aquatic Association (Inc)