



## **GIFAA Newsletter October 2025**

### **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

### **2025 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 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025 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 or [CLICK HERE](#)

Nominations are to be forwarded to:

The Returning Officer    GIFAA PO Box 630 Melville 6956

Forms to be received no later than 5.00PM on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025

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 2025-26 year must be received by 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025. Members will be advised of the candidates soon thereafter.

As per our constitution, no new members will be processed after 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025

All existing members must be financial by the 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2025 to be eligible to vote at the AGM.

There will be 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 \$1,000 each to reimburse them for their out-of-pocket expenses for the 2025 / 26 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 2026 / 27 financial year

- Membership fee increase to \$50
- Primary User Inspection Fee increase to \$105
- Authorised User fee increase to \$165

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 30<sup>th</sup> November so that we can again be compliant with Navy mooring requirements.

### End of financial year

Our financial year ends September 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 2025.**

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 mooring inspections are scheduled to commence in the third week of October this year. The Mooring Manager Ken Reynolds and his team expect this to be concluded by the end of the month, weather permitting, and invoices will be issued for all repairs at the completion of the work.

## **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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Keep smiling**

Some nicknames for the workmates

Wicket-keeper - puts on the gloves and stands back.

Sensor light - only works if someone walks past.

Cordless – charges all night but only works for 2 hours.

Seaweed – just floats around all day and stinks.

Brake Pad - gets worn out easily then starts to squeal.

Golf ball – someone who is hard to find.

10 mm Socket – can never be found when you need him.

Deck chair – always folds under pressure.

Kinder Surprise – melts in the heat.

Slinky – good for nothing but fun to push down the stairs.

Cold Sore – keeps coming back, no matter how much crap you put on them.

And finally,

I was walking my dog through a graveyard this morning and waved at the groundskeeper.

"Morning!" he called. "No mate", I replied. "Just walking the dog"

Broken Arrow – doesn't work and can't be fired.

Wheelbarrow – only works when pushed.

Paper straw – someone who works but not for long.

Blister – appears when the hard work is done.

G Spot – you can never find him.

Harvey Norman – it's been 3 years with no interest.

Bushranger – always holding everyone up.

Perth – always 3 hours behind everyone else.

Feta – always crumbles under pressure.

Lantern – not very bright, always has to be carried

Take care and be diver aware

Pete Fry

Secretary

Garden Island Fishing and Aquatic Association (Inc)