

# Mission Beach Safe Boating Committee

Report to MBCA 14<sup>th</sup> October 2008

## Background

The safe boating committee applied for permits to install a "Superior Jetties" floating pontoon at Clump Point boat ramp earlier this year and has been successful in obtaining all approvals to install a Superior Jetties modular dock system at Clump Point.

Over the past 2 years the committee has been pursuing funds to realize the pontoon.

## Funding

Funding was sought from many government departments, exhaustive efforts were made to apply for every grant that was available.

This process has taken almost 2 years but I am excited and relieved to say that the funds are now available and the pontoon is on the way.

My thanks go out to the following people for their assistance,

- Gill Goldsmith from MiCorp Property Pty Ltd

Gill was of invaluable assistance in preparing the vast amount of paperwork needed to apply for the funds

- Andy Wright of Calypso Dive.

Andy was the first to stand up and back the installation of this pontoon, Andy has been badly injured as a result of using the boat ramp and is testament of the need for the pontoon. Andy has been relentless in pursuing funding for the pontoon.

- The Rotary Club of Mission Beach

The club donated \$10,000 and raised more funds from the community

- John Courtney

John was introduced to the committee by Andy Wright, and was instrumental in writing a report to state government on the need for the pontoon for Mission Beach.

- Mayor Bill Shannon and councilor Jen Downs and the CCRC

Thank you to the council for making funds available for this most needed safety project.

- Greg Howe

Greg is from Tourism Queensland and made the funds flow

- Ken McAndrew

Ken is from Queensland Transport, he along with Greg made the funds flow

Funding has been made available through 4 avenues.

1.	Cassowary Coast regional council	\$30,000.00
2.	Queensland Tourism	\$57,000.00
3.	Queensland Transport	\$57,000.00
4.	Mission Beach Rotary Club and community	\$12,500.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$157,000.00</b>

The actual cost of the Superior Jetties Modular Dock is \$145,000. This shall be funded by the Council and the 2 govt. departments, the community funds shall be held over as a contingency fund to be used in the event of a cost overrun. If there is no over run, the community monies shall be used for ancillary needs at the boat ramp location.

## Timing

The funds will be available in the next week or so when the second deposit will be paid to Superior Jetties, from there the timing is reliant upon a barge being in the area to install the pylons, after the installation of the pylons it is a fairly simple exercise to install the pontoon, approx 2 – 3 weeks from start to finish. I am waiting to hear when a barge will become available.

James Mort Chair Mission Beach safe boating committee