

# Dangar Island League

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9<sup>th</sup> August 2013

## The Dangar Island Mooring Co-operative. (DIMC)

### **Presentation of mooring co-op proposal and details for a Dangar Island vote.**

Since the late 1970s various groups and sub-committees of the League have worked on ways to create a safe and convenient mooring facility on Dangar, for those Islanders who have no or limited access to the water. The lack of safe and convenient mooring facilities for tinnies on Dangar Island continues to be an important and difficult issue.

Dangar is a water access only community. Boats are needed for commuting, the carrying of household goods, groceries, building materials and so on. The Island is served with a much needed and highly appreciated ferry service but it has limitations. Many residents work and travel outside the normal work hours. Many residents have tinnies for recreation or just to make commuting and transport easier and more convenient.

As a result there are a large number of tinnies spread around the Island, some in unsafe mooring situations, attached to the public wharf, dragged up on beaches, tied to running lines etc. There is a clear need for a safe and convenient tinnie mooring facility on Dangar Island, as demonstrated by the efforts over many years (starting in 1979) by several groups that have attempted to establish one.

A good example of a successful and working tinnie mooring co-op is the Brooklyn Mooring Co-op (BMC) that is opposite McKell Park on the Brooklyn side of the river. The structure of the proposed Dangar Island Mooring Co-operative is based on the BMC.

For the last four years a sub-committee of the League, led by Antony Schinckel, at the request of the members of the League has been investigating ways in which to provide safe and convenient mooring facilities on Dangar Island. The sub-committee has investigated several different locations around the Island and different design options. The key challenges have been the design of a resilient structure, selection of the most suitable site and financing the proposal. Unfortunately there are no Federal, State or local Government funds available. This mooring co-op proposal needs to be self-funded.

Antony and his sub-committee are concluding their work and will be ready to update the community and publically present their final draft proposal at the end of this month. Public presentations and information sessions will take place on the weekend of 31<sup>st</sup> August/1<sup>st</sup> September.

Four weeks after the public presentation on 28<sup>th</sup> September, Island residents and ratepayers will be asked to vote either for or against the final draft proposal for a tinnie mooring facility, as presented by the DIMC sub-committee. The four week period between presentation of the proposal and the vote will give ample time for questions and discussion.

The reason for the vote is to ensure that the majority of Islanders voices are represented. It has become clear since the last Public League Meeting that there is some divide as to the need and the wishes of the community. A vote would seem to be the most democratic way, at this stage, to determine the view of the Island in a fair and orderly manner.

The vote will not mean that the mooring co-op is approved or not approved. That is a matter for Council and other authorities to decide upon the evaluation of a formal application. Council will use the outcome of our vote in their assessment should a Development Application be made to build a mooring co-op on Dangar Island in the future.

The sections below outline in detail the process, dates and timing.

This is an important issue and I ask that we all take part in the vote on the 28<sup>th</sup> September, after having reviewed and considered the final draft mooring co-op proposal presented by Antony and the sub-committee. Your participation will be an acknowledgement of the long hours of work over four years by the sub-committee and will ensure that we get the majority view recorded.

Yours sincerely,

*(Signed hardcopy posted in all DI mailboxes on 9/08/13)*

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**Bronek Karcz**  
**President – Dangar Island League**

**Public presentation of final draft proposal for a tinnie mooring co-op on Dangar Island, by the DIMC sub-committee.**

- **Two one hour public presentations. (Same presentation repeated on two days)**

**31<sup>st</sup> August 2013 at 2.00pm at the Dangar Island Community Hall**

**1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 at 2.00pm at the Dangar Island Community Hall**

- **Display material will be on show and DIMC sub-committee members available for questions and discussion.**

**31<sup>st</sup> August 2013, (8.30am to 2pm & 3pm to 4.30pm) at the Ferry Shed at the public wharf.**

**1<sup>st</sup> September 2013, (9am to 2pm & 3pm to 4pm ) at the Ferry Shed at the public wharf.**

- **Pamphlets and information will be posted on Dangar Community website ([www.dangarislandleague.net](http://www.dangarislandleague.net))**

Pamphlets will be printed and made available for the public presentations.

## **Details for the vote by Dangar residents and ratepayers.**

- **A Special Dangar Island League General Public meeting** will be held to vote to either accept or reject the final draft proposal for a tinnie mooring co-op on Dangar Island as presented by the DIMC sub-committee.

**Meeting: 28<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 1.30 pm at the Dangar Island Community Hall**

- The vote will be held by paper ballot. On arrival at the Special public meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September, League members will need to register at the voting desk and obtain a ballot paper to be able to participate in the vote. Please arrive early so we can get everybody registered.
- The exact wording of the motion, still to be finalised, will be published at least 14 days before the special meeting as required by the League Constitution.
- In order to ensure that as many residents and ratepayers as possible participate in the vote, absentee votes will be encouraged from those League members who cannot attend the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2013.  
Valid Proxy forms to enable absentee voting will be made available at least 14 days before the special public meeting.
- Only paid up members of the Dangar Island League will be eligible to vote. This is a NSW State legal requirement.

*(The Dangar Island League is an entity regulated by law. It is registered as an Incorporated Association with the NSW Office Fair Trading. Registration: 9879663.*

*The Constitution of the League enacted by Dangar Island Residents in December 2002 prescribes voting by paid up members only. The League Executive is legally bound to act accordingly.)*

- The League encourages all residents and rate payers to vote and has taken active steps to try to include everybody.

Application forms for membership have been distributed to all members whose fees are due and to all mailboxes on Dangar which are not registered on the membership role. (If a membership application form is required please let me know)

Membership application can easily be completed on-line by going to the league website: [www.dangarislandleague.net](http://www.dangarislandleague.net)

On the day of the 28<sup>th</sup> September vote, any resident or ratepayer will be able to join the League before the meeting. The annual membership fee is \$5 per year. Please come early if you wish to join on the day.

If a resident or ratepayer is opposed to joining the Dangar Island League then there is nothing that can be done and the person will be ineligible to vote. Unfortunately the League Executive must comply with legal requirements and also for this vote to have any meaning in the eyes of Government and Council authorities.

