



Waterline Whispers

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Welcome to our latest edition of Waterline Whispers, we have been "off air" for a little while with all the other things going on, but now we are back and look forward to communicating regularly with the goings on at Keppel Bay Marina.

STILL CRUISING

To all our cruising boaties this year, thank you for spending time with us this year, it has been great to catch up with so many regulars and see so many new faces.

There have been times this year where we have been "tight" for berths, so it is becoming a good idea to book in advance.

We are currently designing and installing a new computer reservations system to facilitate advance bookings and also online bookings... down the track you will be able to select a berth and make a reservation online at keppelbaymarina.com.au ... we will let you know when we are ready to go live ... watch this space!!!

Until then, we wish you all a safe onward journey and look forward to welcoming you back again next cruising season.

BOATYARD AND TRADES

Kim Kempton and the team at Keppel Bay Boatyard have been working hard looking after all the repair and maintenance needs of our local and cruising boaties.

It is time to be planning ahead for annual maintenance in preparation for Summer, call the team on 4933 7188 to book in your antifoul and service to be ready for the next Holidays.

Due to increasing restrictions of insurance and public liability, it has become necessary for us to restrict access for tradespeople entering the Marina and Boatyard. This is actually a good thing for boat owners, because it means that only properly accredited and qualified people are able to conduct work on your vessel.

To protect boat owners, and ourselves, from now on **only authorised tradespeople are allowed to access Keppel Bay Marina for the purpose of work.**

A list of authorised tradespeople is published on our website and available from the KBM Office.

If you wish to employ the services of a person not on the list, they must contact our office in advance and complete an application prior to entering the Marina.

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS

September 2006 was an award filled month in recognition of the time and effort the marina puts into creating an iconic destination for tourists and residents on the Capricorn Coast.

The Bayside Villas overlooking the marina won two Master Builders Regional Awards for builder Terry McElhenny - **Low rise multi residential over \$2mio and Display home over \$550,000.**

We had a great result at Pinefest this year with Bayside Way, the private access road for the Bayside Villas receiving a highly commended, the Marina receiving the award for best **Commercial Frontage** and the Waterline Café won best **Retail Frontage.**

The Waterline Café's 'signature dish', **Keppel Prawn & Pineapple Medallions** also won the **Tropical Pines Fine Food & Drinks Award** which is part of the 2006 Pinefest Festival.

Congratulations also to our Pinefest Ambassador entrant, Jess who raised lots of money and did us proud.

At the **Central Queensland & Southern Reef Tourism Awards** held in Bundaberg, Keppel Bay Marina won the **Significant Tourist Attraction** for the third year in a row and was inducted into the Hall of Fame with the Gold Award.



Ilona Higgins was awarded **Outstanding Employee Contribution to Tourism.**

Ilona has worked very hard for tourism on the Capricorn Coast, firstly at Rydges Capricorn and for six years at Keppel Bay Marina. Her enthusiasm and talent for co-ordinating events and functions, at the marina or on the Freedom Fast Cats or on several Keppel Bay Islands, is legendary.

Thank you to all our team and our patrons who together help make us THE SIGNIFICANT ATTRACTION in this Region, it is such an honour to receive this award for the third year in a row.

Until next time, we wish you great weather and safe boating

Kylie and the KBM Crew