Dear Residents,

The GCWA have release their Speed and Behaviour Management Strategy draft and have put it out to the community for comment and review. Feel free to have your say regarding the proposed changes.

In summary:

The map adopted a simple traffic light scheme, with red for slow areas (6-knot) and green for smooth waters (40-knots). Yellow was used to represent the current variable vessel length areas, which apply the 40-knot speed limit to vessels under 8m and restrict longer vessels to 6-knots (the third 'zone')

The Western Channel (the mainland side of the channel) will be transformed into a YELLOW zone. Vessels over 8m in length are speed limited to 6 knots. Speed limit otherwise is 40 knots.

The Eastern Channel (Currigee/Island side) will remain unchanged with unrestricted 40 knot access for all vessels.

Hollywell speed zone trial will be removed as change to yellow zoning reduces both speed and vessel size.

Public consultation will run until 21 November 2016. If you wish to submit a response to the draft, please feel free to do so at: http://www.gcwa.qld.gov.au/blog/read/?i=24

Regards,

The Committee