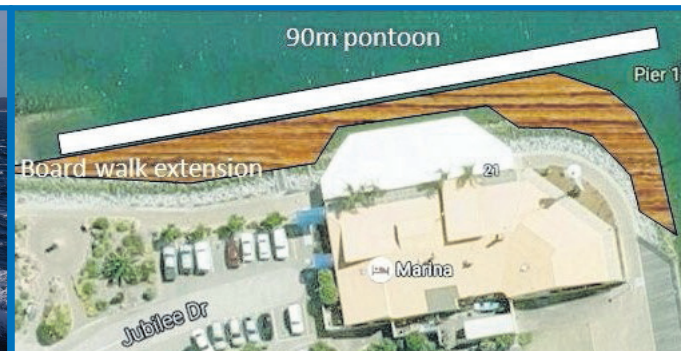
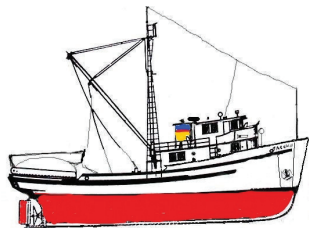


AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PORT LINCOLN COMMUNITY:



The Tacoma Preservation Society (TPS) has engaged with the current and previous Port Lincoln Councils for more than a decade to encourage the construction of a general-purpose, 90-metre x 200 tonne capacity community pontoon in the Lincoln Cove Marina, adjacent to the Fishermen's Memorial and Marina Hotel.

The TPS believes this would be a win-win development for nautical based tourism, recreational boaties and fishers, the Port Lincoln community and provide an accessible, high profile future location for the MFV Tacoma. It would provide the Port Lincoln community easier water access at the marina.

Our proposal suggests Council apply for funds from the State Government's Boating Facilities Fund, thus minimizing Council's financial commitment to the project. Only local councils and large community organisations are able to apply for Boating Facility Funds. Additional funding options from private and corporate sources could also be pursued.

Lincoln Cove Marina boat owners contribute between \$37.00 and \$281.00 per year to the fund, depending on the length of their vessel. The financial contribution to the fund from Lincoln Cove boat owners has been substantial over a long period.

LETTER TO ALL COUNCIL & MAYORAL CANDIDATES:

The TPS wrote to every council and mayoral candidate on September 30th.

In part the letter said, *"The purpose of this letter is to ask for your serious consideration of this long-standing 90 metre x 200 tonne capacity community pontoon proposal and to indicate your position on this important community matter, prior to the Council election in November."*

The TPS believes, after more than a decade, it's time for the new Port Lincoln Council to reconsider and not postpone this project for another four years.

The multi-user pontoon proposal is included in the Port Lincoln Precincts Master Plan – CBD, Foreshore & Marina, dated September 2020. It will provide a significant boost to local nautical tourism and the economy. It's a project whose time has come.

Responses from both Mayoral candidates Brad Flaherty and Diana Mislov, and a letter from Council CEO Matthew Morgan can be found on the TPS website www.tacoma.org.au Brad Flaherty's response was non committal while Diana Mislov offered support.

SEAFOOD INDUSTRY SUPPORTS THE COMMUNITY PONTOON:

Fifteen local seafood industry bodies and businesses were asked if they'd support the construction of a community pontoon adjacent to the Fishermen's Memorial in the Lincoln Cove Marina, as proposed by the TPS and identified in the Council's Master Plan.

The TPS concept gained broad written support from the Seafood Industry in Port Lincoln, including the Prawn, Sardine, Salmon, Rock Lobster, Abalone, Kingfish and Mussel industries. Individual producers in the Tuna Industry have also indicated their support.

Ten of the fifteen we approached offered full support, four offered conditional support and one was indifferent.

A significant majority of the Port Lincoln Seafood Industry fully or conditionally supports the proposal to build the pontoon and relocate the MFV Tacoma in the Marina.

DO YOU SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY PONTOON?

The Tacoma Preservation Society encourages every eligible voter to VOTE in the November local council elections.

We also ask you to consider what you think of our proposal. If you support the project, we encourage you to urge the new Port Lincoln Council to take the initiative and build this significant and useful piece of community infrastructure. It is, after all, in the Port Lincoln Precincts Master Plan and would kick start the Marina section of that plan.

MFV Tacoma has played, and should continue to play, an important part in the maritime and fishing history of Port Lincoln.

Links to the stories generated by this issue, as well as background material, the candidate letter, a media release and responses from Mayoral candidates and the CEO of the Port Lincoln Council can be found at www.tacoma.org.au

The TPS recognises the connection of First Nations' fishers, the Barngarla people of Kallinyalla, to their land and waters. Eyre Peninsula's fishing history began with those First Nations fishers and continues today.

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