

2.1 Coromandel Harbour – Commercial Wharfage Fees

TO	Coromandel-Colville Community Board
FROM	Margaret Harrison – Community Manager
DATE	17 October 2018
SUBJECT	Coromandel Harbour – Commercial Wharfage Fees

1 Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to consider a request from the Thames/Coromandel Fishing Charter Association for a part waiver of the 2018/19 Commercial Wharfage Fees.

2 Background

Extract – Draft 2018-2028 Long Term Plan

Harbour Facilities

	Units	2017/2018	2018/2019
Coromandel-Colville			
Recreational Boat Launching / Trailer Parking Annual Permit	Per permit	\$90.00	\$80.00
Recreational Boat Launching / Trailer Parking Daily Permit	Per permit	\$10.00	\$10.00
Annual wharf use permit for mooring holders	Per permit	\$10.00	\$10.00
Commercial Wharfage	Per metre/per annum	\$10.00	\$48.00
Slipway Grid (Emergency Maintenance only- Te Kouma)	Per berth/per day	\$65.00	\$65.00
Boat Sheds	Per shed	\$350.00	\$350.00
Slipways	Per slipway	\$550.00	\$550.00
Passenger Fee (Ferrys and Charter Boats)	Per passenger over 5 years of age. Charged per embarkment and disembarkment	\$1.00	\$1.00
Casual Berthage	Per berth/per day	\$30.00	\$30.00
Commercial advertising/signage at Hannafords Jetty and Coromandel Wharf	Annual fee	\$50.00	\$50.00

Through the draft 2018-2028 Long Term Plan process some anomalies occurred with the figures printed in the Harbour Fees & Charges Schedule. Commercial Wharfage fees for the Coromandel Harbour were incorrectly recorded as \$10 per metre/per annum for 2017/18, which should have been \$75 per metre/per annum. Council proposed to set the fee at \$48 per metre/per annum for the 2018/19 financial year to align with the other commercial wharfage fees across the district. The proposed fee was available for public submission as part of the consultation, either in support or objection.

The Coromandel-Colville Community Board submitted to the Long Term Plan, requesting that the fee be reinstated to \$75 per metre/per annum. No other submissions on the proposed reduction were received. Council adopted the 2018-2028 LTP with a commercial wharfage fee of \$75 per metre/per annum for the Coromandel-Colville area.

3 Discussion

The Thames/Coromandel Fishing Charter Association has since written to Council advising that they will be withholding payment (Attachment A). It is noted their original objection was their inability to use the Coromandel Wharf.

Through discussions with the Charter Association executive they have indicated that they assumed the fee would be \$48/metre per vessel as listed in the Draft Long Term Plan and were surprised to learn that it had been raised back to the \$75/ metre per vessel. They did not include this matter in their submission to the Long Term Plan.

There are currently eight licenced Charter Operators, with a total of 11 vessels between them. This includes 360 Discovery ferry operators; however they are not a member of the Thames/Coromandel Fishing Charter Association.

Currently four of the Fishing Charter Operators and 360 Discovery have paid their 2018/19 Commercial Wharfage Fee. These payments were made prior to the Association's letter.

Licensed Operators – 2018/19	
11 x vessels	Income \$
\$75/metre	9,763.50
\$48/metre	5,912.64
Difference	3,850.86

The Community Board is asked to consider whether it wishes to meet the cost of the difference in income between the \$75/metre per vessel and the \$48/metre per vessel for the Licensed Charter Operators from its Discretionary Budget, thereby effectively providing the Charter Operators a waiver of the difference.

4 Suggested resolution(s)

That the Coromandel-Colville Community Board:

1. Receives the Coromandel Harbour – Commercial Wharfage Fees Report, dated 17 October 2018.
2. Determines if it wishes to meet the cost of the difference in income between the \$75/metre per vessel to \$48/metre per vessel for the Thames/Coromandel Fishing Charter Association from its Discretionary Budget for the 2018/19 financial year.

References-Tabled/Agenda Attachments

Attachment A: *Letter from Thames/Coromandel Charter Boat Association*