

22 April 2026

Derelict vessel '7 Wonders' removed

- Maritime Safety Queensland has safely removed the 70-tonne derelict vessel *7 Wonders* from Rose Bay, Bowen.
- More than 2,100 kilograms of debris was also cleared from the surrounding foreshore prior to the removal.
- Maritime Safety Queensland encourages residents to report abandoned vessels to help protect marine ecosystems and ensuring public safety.

Maritime Safety Queensland has successfully removed the derelict vessel *7 Wonders* from Rose Bay in Bowen as part of its ongoing commitment to protecting the state's marine environment and ensuring the safety of recreational, commercial water users and the public.

The abandoned vessel, weighing about 70 tonnes, posed significant environmental risks and navigational hazards, and was safely removed over a two-day period between 20-21 April through a coordinated effort between government, Whitsunday Regional Council, and a local contractor.

More than 2,100 kilograms of debris has been removed from the surrounding foreshore as a part of the cleanup of the derelict vessel.

The operation reflects the Queensland Government's dedication to maintaining clean and safe waterways for all users under the state government's *Keeping Our Waterways Safe* initiative.

Keeping Our Waterways Safe includes identifying and removing hazardous vessels, enforcing compliance with maritime laws, and promoting responsible vessel ownership.

Maritime Safety Queensland General Manager Kell Dillon praised the collaborative effort in removing the vessel.

"The removal of the *7 Wonders* demonstrates our commitment to protecting Queensland's waterways and ensuring they remain safe and accessible for everyone," Mr Dillon said.

"Derelict vessels not only threaten marine ecosystems but also create risks for recreational and commercial water users.

"The *7 Wonders* removal highlights the importance of community cooperation in reporting and monitoring abandoned vessels. We encourage residents to report any

derelict or abandoned vessels to the relevant authorities to ensure action can be taken.”

For more information on the Queensland Government’s efforts to protect waterways or to report a derelict vessel, visit <https://www.msg.qld.gov.au/about-us/news-and-stories/keeping-our-waterways-safe>

ENDS

TMR Media (07) 3066 7060