



Power / Scale Secretary 's Report
2003/2004

This year has seen an expansion of competition in power boating in the North of the state with visits between Cairns, Townsville and Mackay enthusiasts and a gradual increase in membership as a result. A recent trip by Power and Scale members to Richmond in the Central West of the state to a new aquatic lake venue that has been opened for tourism is seen as potential to further model boating interest throughout the area. The Magnetic Model Boat Club has developed in leaps and bounds through the year with the installation of \$ 6000.00 worth of swimming grade fencing around the scale pond (keeps the crocs out) as well as an automatic pond top up system from a bore water pump. In recent years, the club has seen that good quality infrastructure to support our sport automatically creates good community interest and support. The future for model boating in the north of the state looks good and there are plans to continue with developments. As a Secretary of a Club I am a bit worried about the name change of the QMBA to the QRYA as this can be seen as a move to elitism. My experience with this is that it is self destructing and not in the long term interest of the model marine hobby and I can only hope that a broad based attitude continues

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