

## **Keeping in Touch with VMR Bribie**

**April 20<sup>th</sup> (Edition 2)**

### **Commodore Update**

Our operations are still continuing under our new guide lines and as you can see below we are still be called upon to do quite a number of assists.

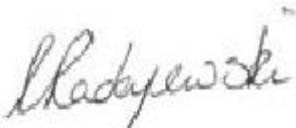
I thank all of those active members who continue to make themselves available in these very unusual times and totally understand those who feel they can't patriciate at the moment.

The committee is still regularly meeting by video link up to monitor the latest health advise and keep the wheels of the squadron turning over, we are all looking forward to that day when we can be back to normal

If you have any suggestions, ideas or colourful stories that would be worth including in the 'Keeping in Touch` e-mails please forward them to Peter McNamara ( [mcnamarap@vmrbribie.com](mailto:mcnamarap@vmrbribie.com) ) who will be helping to pull all this together.

I would urge all of you to keep in regular contact with your fellow active members by phone for a friendly catch up and chat as these are going to be challenging times for all of us

***We thank all of you for your ongoing commitment to VMR Bribie***



Liz Radajewski

**Commodore**

VMR Bribie Island

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## Radio Statics 1st April to 20th April

Number of calls 552

Number of vessels logged on 151

Number of Assists 12

### April 1<sup>st</sup>

Location -- 1km off Woorim /5.2m half cabin/motor would not start /member /towed back to Silvan Beach.

Skipper Keith Freeman \_\_\_\_\_ Radio Operator Hans Puurand.

### April 4<sup>th</sup>

Location -- Ripples /8.5m full cabin/motor would not start/member/towed back to Pacific Harbour.

Skipper Allan Tranter \_\_\_\_\_ Radio Operator Lynnette Boucaut.

### April 4<sup>th</sup>

Location -- Passage South of Pacific Harbour /11m cruiser /fuel problem /non-

member/towed back to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

Skipper Allan Tranter \_\_\_\_\_ Radio Operator David Nicholls.

### April 5<sup>th</sup>

Location -- Ningi Creek /4m tinny /motor would not start/member/towed back to Bellara Ramp.

Skipper \_\_\_\_\_ Radio Operator Peta Schrodter

### April 7<sup>th</sup>

Location -- Sandstone Point /overturned kayak /kayaker floating northwards up the passage/ non- member /towed back to base pontoon

Skipper Liz Radajewski \_\_\_\_\_ Radio Operator Eric Holliday..

### April 7<sup>th</sup>

Location -- Caboolture River area/overdue vessel request from Water Police non- member

Skipper Liz Radajewski \_\_\_\_\_ Radio Operator John Hammond

### April 12<sup>th</sup>

Location -- Bulwer /4.2m tinny /weather to rough to come back by themselves /non-member/towed back to Bellara Ramp.

Skipper Gary Voss \_\_\_\_\_ Radio Operator Peta Schrodter

April 14<sup>th</sup>

Location -- Deep Tempest, Cape Moreton Area /Engine would not start/ Member of Coast Guard Caloundra/ tow back to Caboolture River

Skipper Liz Radajewski \_\_\_\_\_ Radio Operator John Price

Bribie One did the initial part of the tow and then handed over to Bribie Two with Ian Grimes at the helm to tow the vessel the rest of the way to Caboolture River Ramp

April 16

Location -- Comboyuro Point Moreton Island /Engine would not start/ non – member / tow back to Scarborough  
Skipper Gary Voss \_\_\_\_\_ Radio Operator Doug Wilson

April 17

Location – Cockle Banks Area /Engine would not start/ member / tow back to Spinnaker Sound  
Skipper Ian Grimes \_\_\_\_\_ Radio Operator Eric Holliday

April 18

Location – 2 Kms West of Tangalooma /Engine would not start/ non – member / tow back to Scarborough  
Skipper Gary Voss \_\_\_\_\_ Radio Operator Dave Nicholls

April 18

Location – Off southern end of Bribie /Low oil pressure/ non – member / tow back to Scarborough  
Skipper Simon Middap \_\_\_\_\_ Radio Operator Dave Nicholls  
## Reported by Bribie One on route to assist at Tangalooma. Vessel towing a jet ski has low oil pressure and requires assistance – Bribie Two activated after 2 wet POBs transferred to Bribie One.

## Radio Room News

We have just received an email from Noel Justo requesting to be put back on the radio roster. Noel originally opted out for April due to the COVID-19 pandemic but found it difficult as `I'm rather bored at home so would like to go back on active duty`.

Welcome back Noel



## Message from the Radio Officer

John thanks everyone for their ongoing support and adhering to our new hygiene regime in the Radio Room. If you think that the supply of wipes and hand sanitizers are getting low please give him a call.

The review process on the replacement radio system is still ongoing.

## Safety and Maintenance

We are pleased to advise that we now have a Vehicle Standards Exemption (Permit) for our new pull-out trailer for Bribie One and Bribie Two.

This will enable us to do more regular maintenance to B1 and B2 and will save us money and help to extend the working life of our rescue vessels.

The Sea Pen for Bribie One had to be beached on Thursday 16/4 to undergo some required maintenance. A limited number of VMR personal assisted Maintenance Manager Bob Skinner to get the job done.

## Training at Home

Skipper Ian Grimes has put together a fantastic crossword that can done online all correct answers will appear green and the wrong answers red.

Click on the answer you wish to fill in and it will turn blue ready for you to fill.

Ian took a great deal of time doing this and will be doing more as the week's progress.

Thanks Ian

Answers will be in the next keeping in touch.

Click on the link below..

<https://crosswordlabs.com/view/nautical-general-knowledge-9>

Message from Ian Question 23 what sort of extinguisher do VMR use. My typist (me) spelt it wrong so could you please type in powdered otherwise the sequence might get mucked up, cheers

## Humour

Keeping a Sense of Humour in these challenging times is so important.

Send us your us your best joke or funny video link that we can share with all your Colleagues.

Here is a couple to help put a smile on your dial.

New way to clear a room :- Tell everyone that you have been on a cruise recently.

A neighbour told us that she is now jealous of her Wheelie Bin.

Because it goes out more often than she does!

NEVER IN MY LIFE DID I  
IMAGINE MY HANDS WOULD CONSUME  
MORE ALCOHOL THAN MY MOUTH.



Not coping with having to use modern technology more often owing to the fact we all have to stay at home?

Here is a small video from the Two Ronnie's that might help you...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kAG39jKi0I>

Also, keeping well hydrated while we are all staying at home is vitally important for all the family..

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1gileCn1Yko>

### *Communications prior to the "Bell" Telephone Company of 1877 Digging up the dirt!*

After having dug to a depth of 10 feet last year, British scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 200 years and came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 150 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the British, an American archaeologist dug to a depth of 20 feet, and shortly after, a story published in the New York Times said: "American archaeologists, finding traces of 250-year-old copper wire, have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network 50 years earlier than the British".

One week later, Australia's Northern Territory Times reported the following: "After digging as deep as 30 feet in his backyard in Tennant Creek, Northern Territory, Knackers Johnson, a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely bugger-all."

Knackers has therefore concluded that 250 years ago, Australia had already gone wireless."

*... Makes ya feel bloody proud to be Australian*

## Nautical Joke for the Week

Once upon a time there was a famous sea captain. This captain was very successful at what he did; for years he guided merchant ships all over the world.

Never did stormy seas or pirates get the best of him. He was admired by his crew and fellow captains. However, there was one thing different about this captain. Every morning he went through a strange ritual.

He would lock himself in his captain's quarters and open a small safe. In the safe was an envelope with a piece of paper inside. He would stare at the paper for a minute, and then lock it back up. After, he would go about his daily duties.

For years this went on and his crew became very curious. Was it a treasure map? Was it a letter from a long lost love? Everyone speculated about the contents of the strange envelope.

One day the captain died at sea. After laying the captain's body to rest, the first mate led the entire crew into the captain's quarters.

He opened the safe, got the envelope, and opened it and then the first mate turned pale and showed the paper to the others.

Four words were on the paper, two on two lines:

**Port --> Left  
Starboard --> Right**

## Let us share your best Holiday Moment

While we are all stuck at home and cannot get away on holiday it is a good opportunity to share your best holiday moment, best tips, best location, best adventure or your funniest holiday photo with all of your colleagues so we all have something to look forwards again once we can start travelling again.

To get the ball rolling here is a picture of myself, Peter Mc, and wife Gwen on our last Christmas cruise on board the Pacific Aria.



It was a great cruise we were travelling with fellow VMR members Graham and Bec Gibb and then ran into VMR Member Gary Bunker and his wife Pam on board. We all had Christmas Day Lunch together and many good Christmas stories were told.

If you have a holiday moment you would like to share, please email Peter McNamara on  
[mcnamarap@vmrbribie.com](mailto:mcnamarap@vmrbribie.com)

## Getting to Know You



Name Allan Tranter

What is your role within VMR? Skipper, Unit Training Coordinator, Committee member.

How long have you been VMR? Approx. 9 years

Why did you join VMR?

Love boating and being able to assist the boating public. As a VMR member I can do both.

What do you enjoy most about your role?

Great to see our crew members completing their training and advancing towards their Coxswain's ticket. I also really enjoy the camaraderie amongst our members.

What is your most memorable moment so far?

Answering a May Day call to a sinking yacht on east of Moreton Island at night in 20 knot winds. What a night! Thankfully all were safely rescued.

Tell us something an interesting fact that we may not know about you?

I played in a rock and roll band as a youngster



Allan (on behalf of VMR Bribie Island) receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from the Principal of the Bongaree State School

## Safety Dave's Message



Safety Dave wants to remind all crew that there are gloves in the vessels if you need them when on the boats or assisting they are there for your protection.

Also Safety Dave said he will trade some gloves and a toilet roll for doggy treats.

Washing your hands with soap and water is one of our cheapest forms of infection control, and also one of the most effective. It significantly helps to prevent and slow the spread of infection, don't forget there is also plenty of hand sanitiser in the crew room and around the base is really getting serious now; he wants you all to wear the masks that have been supplied for your own safety when out assisting people on vessels. As we know this virus is not fussy who it infects so lets all stay safe look out for each other and make it through these ever-changing times.

## Birthday Wishes

We would like to wish all of you having a Birthday in the next few weeks

a big HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!!!

Ingrid Fox

Ray Fox

Bob Skinner

Mary Brown

Mick Looney

Dennis O'Neil

Ian McKay

Ross Jones

Graham Patrick

Craig McShane

Peter Naven

## General Information

The decision will be made if the 2020 Emergency Services Expo can be held in the next few months. Graham Gibb our Emergency Services Liaison officer is keeping in touch by video links with Council Representatives and other government agencies.

We will advise as soon as we know.

## ANZAC DAY

Dear Colleagues,

Anzac Day will certainly be very different this year with no March or secluded Remembrance Services. While the world is at war on a different front trying to defeat the CO19 Virus, we urge all of you to take a moment on April 25<sup>th</sup> to remember the brave men and women who lost their lives in all past Wars and Conflicts, Defending our Country and Freedom and to all the current serving Defense Force Personnel who continue serve their country.

The Base Flag will fly at Half Mast until 1200 on Anzac Day

""Lest we Forget""

## Helping the Environment while at home

The environment says DO the easy things first:

- Say NO to plastics, don't buy them, don't use them, dispose of them properly-soft plastics to woollies, plastic lids to kids for prosthetics, hard plastics to recycle
- NO batteries in the waste send to Aldi and Battery World
- Cans and bottles go to cash for cans
- Bottle tops and metal lids to a bundle/ball into recycling
- Paper/recycle clean cardboard separate.
- Food scraps into the worms

*Simon Middap*

Skipper - Red Saturday

## Congratulations

When Commodore Liz advised Doug Lythgo that he has passed his Senior Crew exams he never thought that he would be getting his epaulets until after the virus restrictions were lifted.



But Commodore Liz and UTC Allan Tranter came up with a way to present Doug with his epaulets and keep their social distance and celebrate with a ankle tap.

Well done Doug!!



***STAY SAFE , STAY HEALTHY AND IF YOU NEED HELP GIVE US A CALL***

***"'" We are all in this Together "'"***