

# *Keeping in Touch with VMR Bribie*

Date (Edition 6)

## Commodore Update

Hallo All,

# THE DOORS ARE OPEN !!!!!!!



The State Government has recently wound back some COVID-19 restrictions, and as a result VMR Bribie has made a decision to reopen our base to the public from:

## **1st July 2020**

Whilst our base will be open to the public, we will still be observing acceptable distancing requirements as set out by the Department of Health. This applies to both members and our volunteers.

## Summary of new arrangements

Base front door will be open from 7am to 5pm seven days a week

The reception counter will be open for memberships, payments, dropping off flares, and general enquiries.

The volunteer at the reception counter may ask visitors to remain behind the closed window while conducting their business and if they are not a member they will be required to sign the register with the date of visit, name and contact details.

Hand sanitisers will be required to be used by anyone one visiting the base.

Social distancing is required for everyone visiting (or working in) the building.

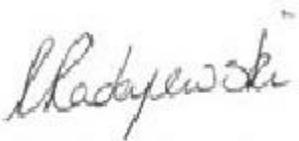
We would love to see everyone in person; however our social functions such as Sunset Drinks and Happy Hours will remain on hold for the present time.

Private functions, public training courses and seminars are also on hold until further notice.

**A big thank you to all members, volunteers and sponsors for your support over these trying times.**

**Hopefully things will be back to normal in the near future.**

If you are feeling unwell please do not visit in person, however you can contact us at any time on 3408 7596.



**Liz Radajewski**

**Commodore**

**VMR Bribie Island**

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# Last Chance to Win

We are still running our online big raffle with “Play for Purpose”. 50% of the ticket price comes directly back to VMR Bribie. The current draw closes in July and the first prize is \$250,000 in GOLD with lots of other prizes! We had a lot of minor prize winners from Bribie in the last draw. Tickets are \$10 each and to buy some tickets go to <https://playforpurpose.com.au/volunteer-marine-rescue>. Remember \$5 from every \$10 ticket supports VMR Bribie directly!

## Breaking News !!!

So the restrictions are being lifted and we have decided to hold a ramp day on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 9am - 2pm @ Bellara Boat Ramp (by the base). We will be offering cut price memberships for the day , helping boaties with logging on, offering help at the ramp and just having a general chit chat. These days are great fun we get to see some interesting things unfold and get some meet some really nice people.

If you can make it please drop me [darlingtonk@vmrbribie.com](mailto:darlingtonk@vmrbribie.com) a message or email so I have rough ideas of numbers. Thanks Karen.

*Cheers*

Ces Luscombe

Vice Commodore

## Radio Statistics 15<sup>th</sup> June to 29<sup>h</sup> June

Number of calls 363

Number of vessels logged on 96

Number of Assists 7

Contacts with VMR Rescue

Bribie 1 37

Bribie 2 26

Jonkers Bribie 3 38

Date 12<sup>th</sup> of June

Location –White Patch / motor would not start / tow to Pacific Harbour / 13m Cruiser

Skipper Gary Voss Radio Operator Noel Justo

### **Date 13<sup>th</sup> of June**

**Location – Caloundra Wide / Flat battery / tow to Toorbul/ 4.2m Centre Console**

**Skipper Ian Grimes Radio Operator Uldis Baltars**

### **Date 16<sup>th</sup> of June**

**Location – Pacific Harbour / engine failure/ tow to Bellara/ 6.2m Cruiser.**

**Skipper Liz Radajewski Radio Operator Stewart Bell**

### **Date 17<sup>th</sup> of June**

**Location – Tripconey Bight / run aground/ tow to base ramp/ jet ski**

**Skipper Ian Grimes Radio Operator Murray Dennis.**

### **Date 17<sup>th</sup> of June**

**Location – Thooloora Island / run aground/ tow to base ramp/ jet ski**

**Skipper Keith Freeman Radio Operator John Bodycombe.**

### **Date 19<sup>th</sup> of June**

**Location – Banksia Beach / drifting tinny / tow to base ramp/ tinny**

**Skipper Ian Allan Tranter Operator John Bodycombe.**

### **Date 24<sup>th</sup> of June**

**Location – Gallaghers / abandoned / tow to base ramp/  
Kayak**

**Skipper Bob Skinner Radio Operator John Price**



## Message from the Radio Officer

The radio aerial upgrade is finally finished, and it certainly has not been without its ups and downs including the cherry being stuck at the top of the radio mast with the two technicians on board who had climb down the radio mast while repairs were being made to the cherry picker. We now can move forward on the next stage of the project replacing the radio system.



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From the July Roster we are back to two operators on the weekends and from July 1st the front doors are open to the general public.

Please follow the guide lines supplied.

**Please remember to wipe down all mics and bench tops and chairs before starting your shift in the Radio Room.**

## Safety and Maintenance



The MSQ barge Koopa has been doing repair work on various channel markers in the Pumicestone Passage and VMR Bribie are always willing to help where possible so we offered the use of our pontoon for the MSQ vessel Koopa to use for mooring to overnight instead of having to take the vessel back to its Brisbane River base.

Our tractor will soon have a small amount of VMR signage on it next time you see it. Sign Blast from Caboolture who did the great signage job on our Toyota 4x4 which was supplied by Martin Jonkers Toyota at Morayfield have kindly donated some signage for the tractor.

Thanks Sign Blast  
Much appreciated!!



# Famous Crisis Quotes

It's been a rough couple of months with many of you not been able to catch up with family and friends. The stock market has crashed several times, a recession looks likely, and the world is facing a major pandemic. But VMR Bribie has kept going due to all of your great efforts.

Many philosophers and deep thinkers have observed that every crisis has a silver lining, with that in mind; here are some of their quotes.

1. "Any kind of crisis can be good. It wakes you up." Ryan Reynolds
2. "Close scrutiny will show that most 'crisis situations' are opportunities to either advance, or stay where you are." Maxwell Maltz
3. "Crises are part of life. Everybody has to face them, and it doesn't make any difference what the crisis is." Jack Nicklaus
4. "Crisis forces commonality of purpose on one another." Michelle Dean
5. "Don't wait until you're in a crisis to come up with a crisis plan." Phil McGraw
6. "Every little thing counts in a crisis." Jawaharlal Nehru
7. "I am a firm believer in the people. If given the truth, they can be depended upon to meet any national crisis. The great point is to bring them the real facts." Abraham Lincoln
8. I understand that it's hard for everyone, but one cannot give in to emotions... we'll have to draw lessons from the current crisis and now we'll have to work on overcoming it." Boris Yeltsin
9. In a time of domestic crisis, men of goodwill and generosity should be able to unite regardless of party or politics." John F. Kennedy
10. "In every crisis, doubt or confusion, take the higher path - the path of compassion, courage, understanding and love." Amit Ray
11. "In prehistoric times, mankind often had only two choices in crisis situations: fight or flee. In modern times, humour offers us a third alternative; fight, flee - or laugh." Robert Orben
12. "Losing your head in a crisis is a good way to become the crisis." C.J. Redwine
13. "Maybe it did take a crisis to get to know yourself; maybe you needed to get whacked hard by life before you understood what you wanted out of it." Jodi Picoult
14. "Never let a serious crisis go to waste. And what I mean by that it's an opportunity to do things you think you could not do before." Rahm Emanuel
15. "Persons in whom a crisis takes place pass the night preceding the paroxysm uncomfortably, but the succeeding night generally more comfortably." Hippocrates
16. "Something good comes out of every crisis." Dave Pelzer
17. "The darkest places in hell are reserved for those who maintain their neutrality in times of moral crisis." Dante Alighieri
18. "The wise man does not expose himself needlessly to danger, since there are few things for which he cares sufficiently; but he is willing, in great crises, to give even his life -- knowing that under certain conditions it is not worthwhile to live." Aristotle
19. "There's always an opportunity with crisis. Just as it forces an individual to look inside himself, it forces a company to re-examine its policies and practices." Judy Smith
20. "Through each crisis in my life, with acceptance and hope, in a single defining moment, I finally gained the courage to do things differently." Sharon E. Rainey
21. "When written in Chinese, the word crisis is composed of two characters -- one represents danger, and the other represents opportunity." John F. Kennedy
22. "When you face a crisis, you know who your true friends are." Magic Johnson

## Post COVID-19 Travel ideas

### The “Montville of the Outback”

**Eulo** is a small community with a large pride which is evident when you visit.

Famous not only for the infamous “Eulo Queen” and the hotel named after her but also for the abundant local produce and product as well as opal and craft which can all be purchased in the town. Enjoy a coffee at the new Eulo Store and ask the locals about the recent Megafauna discoveries – giant wombats, no less!

Whilst walking through this magnificent town, take a photo with the life-size Diprotodon statue. Fossils of these giant Megafauna have been found in the Eulo area and will go on display in the Eromanga Natural History Museum.

Visit the Air Raid Shelter built at Eulo during WW2. Why is it here? Come and find out!

Visit the natural release valves of the Artesian Basin only 12km west of Eulo. Then make your way back into town for an “Artesian Mud Bath”.



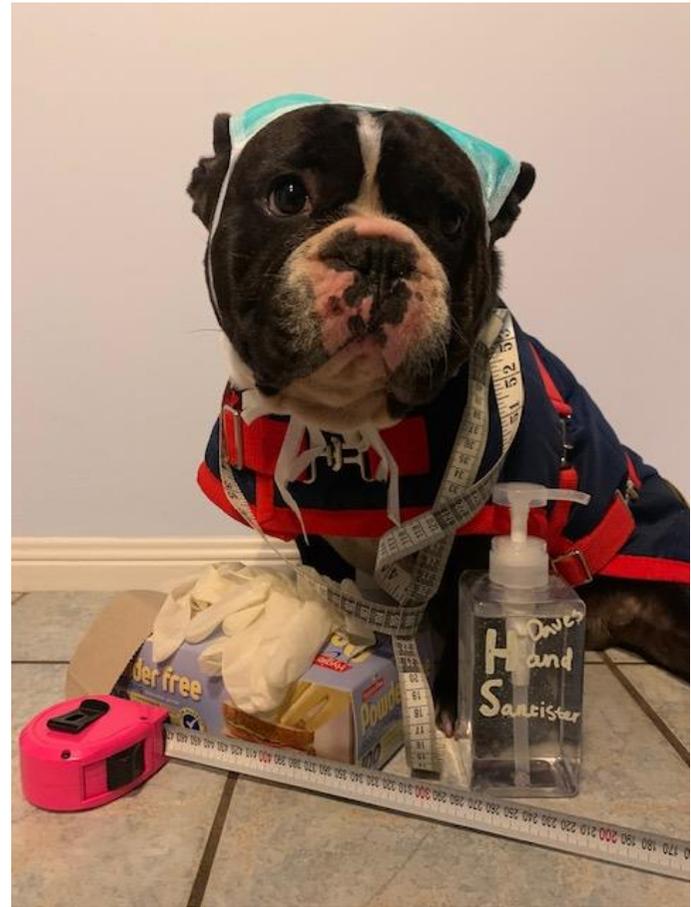
Time to relax the body and mind, clean, tone and revitalize your skin with nature’s own unique formula. Bathe in milky grey artesian mud drawn fresh from ancient springs. Wine is sipped; nibbles are tasted, whilst braziers bring warmth in the cold winter nights.

After spending some time relaxing, fishing or Birdwatching on the Paroo River, the last remaining free flowing river in the northern part of the Murray – Darling Basin. Take advantage of the 4WD tracks before venturing to Currawinya National Park.

## SAFETY DAVE'S MESSAGE

Safety Dave The Frenchie wants to remind you that even though the restrictions are being lifted we need to still watch our distance and keep washing our hands and using hand sanitiser around the base and vessels. Also void touching your eyes, nose and face but if you do wash those hands straight away.

There are masks and gloves kept at the base and on the vessels so please, if you want to use them, help yourself but when finished with make sure they go in the bin. One thing we ask is that if you are feeling unwell stay home until fully recovered. So let's keep this up and beat this together.



## Safety Dave Names the Winners.....



3 Girls and 2 Boys.

Safety Dave would like to thank Wayne Sclater for coming up with his name suggestion of "Wayne" for one of his new family members. Also Simon Middap for his name suggestion of "Glove".

Both of Wayne and Simon will receive a mystery prize when he next sees them.

## Birthday Wishes

We would like to wish all you having a Birthday in the next few weeks  
A Big HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!!!

Stewart Bell

Jacqueline Henson

Peter McNamara

Celal Erisir

Jamie Darlington

Don Tait

Jeff Kidner

Jim Brown

Shirley Beaty

Hans Puurand

Gregory Loimaranta

Jim Llewellyn

Bob Brandis

Lindsay Crompton

## Helping the Environment while at home

**CAN ALL PLASTICS GO IN THE YELLOW TOP COUNCIL RECYCLE BIN?**

Answer - NO – only rigid or shaped plastic bottles and containers. Soft plastics you can scrunch in your hand, like cling film/glad wrap, plastic bags, bread bags CANNOT be recycled through council recycle facilities – it goes in a bin at Woolworths or Coles

**CAN SINGLE USE COFFEE CUPS and COFFEE PODS GO IN THE YELLOW TOP COUNCIL RECYCLE BIN?**

Answer – NO – Coffee cups are multi-material not just plastic, they can go to 7-eleven for recycling; Coffee Pods are also multi-material and are recycled through national programs Terracycle or Nespresso recycling programs

**CAN CLOTHES, SHOES, FABRIC, and MANCHESTER etc GO IN THE YELLOW TOP COUNCIL RECYCLE BIN?**

Answer – NO – depending on condition, these can go to charities like Busy Fingers

**CAN household aerosols, deodorant, air freshener etc GO IN THE YELLOW TOP COUNCIL RECYCLE BIN?**

Answer – YES – depending on chemical content, cannot be oils, paint, outdoor chemical sprays, nothing you cannot spray on a human or animal....and they must be empty

**AND REMEMBER, NO POLYSTYERNE regardless of the symbol on the packaging or container**

*Simon Middap*

**Skipper**

**Red Saturday**

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This will be the last Keeping Touch e-mail as the base doors will be back open from 1<sup>st</sup> of July; we hope it has achieved what it set out to do by keeping you connected to the VMR operations and some interesting helpful facts and humour during the lock down periods.

I would like to thank Peter Morton, Karen Darlington and Safety Dave for their help in putting these e-mails together.

In the future there are still many ways to stay connected by following us on Face Book edited by Karen Darlington, or our fortnightly spread of two pages in the Bribie Islander compiled by John Traill our Public Relations Officer, our quarterly Passage Ponderings newsletter also compiled by John Traill, regular e-mails from our Secretary Gary Voss and the best way, if you have a query or problem, don't hesitate to talk to one of the committee members .

On a personal note I was recently awarded a 2020 Longman Volunteer Recognition Award from Terry Young the Federal Member for Longman for my 15 years' service at VMR Bribie.

I would like to thank those who nominated me, in my eyes all the volunteers at VMR are winners and:

***“We are all in this together”***

Stay Safe and Stay Healthy

Peter McNamara