PASSAGE PONDERINGS

Issue #12 **Compiled by John Traill**

JUNE 2021

JUNE RADIO ROOM STATISTICS

1,256 Calls, 326 vessels logged on,
31 Vessel Assists, 180 Sitreps, 98 Requests,
17 Overdue vessels, 10 Vessel Tracking,
106 Radio Checks, 3 Weather Forecasts
7 Securite Broadcasts. 0 Pan Pan, 0 Mayday

VHF calls 72.5%, - 27MHz calls 7.1%

JUNE VESSEL ASSISTS:

TUE 01/06 0645am – Tasked by Water Police on SAR for missing Surf Skier, Eastern side of Moreton Island.

WED 02/06 0754am - Tasked by Water Police on SAR for missing Surf Skier, Eastern side of Moreton Island.

SAT 05/06 1154am – 3m Jet Ski non-member with staring issues, required a tow from North of Donnybrook to Bellara Boat Ramp.

SAT 05/06 1333pm – 5.8m Half Cabin member, ran aground near 2nd green beacon Bongaree. Required a tow off sandbank, member proceeded under own power.

MON 07/06 0945am – 2.5m Jet Ski non-member with starting issue 1km off Woorim, required a jump start. Jump started vessel, but still required a tow to Bellara Bat Ramp.

WED 09/06 0902am – MOP reported large yellow buoy banging against side of boat moored off Bongaree – investigate.

WED 09/06 0920am – Investigate and locate drifting yellow buoy in vicinity South Cardinal – located and put on beach at Bongaree advised MSQ.

THU 10/06 0132am – Requested by QFES to attend vessel fire at Spinnaker Sound Marina and transport fire officer to scene.

THU 10/06 0145am – Another vessel requested to assist vessel fire at Spinnaker Sound Marina.

THU 10/06 0709am – Tow Houseboat non-member back into Marina after this morning's fire.

THU 10/06 0901am – Required a 2nd vessel to position Houseboat in Spinnaker Sound Marina.

FRI 11/06 1248pm – Jet Ski non-member stuck on sandbank North of Toorbul. Jet ski towed off sandbank.

FRI 11/06 2202pm – Tasked by Water Police to conduct SAR for missing Jet Ski along shoreline between Deception Bay and Woody Point.

SAT 12/06 0744am – 6m Runabout non-member with motor problems, required a tow from South of the Bridge to Bellara Boat Ramp.

SAT 12/06 1329pm – 5.2m Runabout member with starting problems, required a tow from Donnybrook to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

SUN 13/06 1302pm – 7.1m Centre Console non-member with fuel & water issues, required a tow from North od Cape Moreton to Cabbage Tree Creek.

WED 16/06 0931am – 6.5m Full Cabin non-member with Flat Battery and mobile battery flat, activated by Water Police, required a tow Curtain Artificial Reef to Bellara Boat Ramp.

SAT 19/06 1324pm – 12m Sailing Monohull non-member beached at Bongaree – tow off and secure.

SUN 20/06 0558am – Tasked by Water Police for SAR from Pearl Channel South looking for capsized 4m Quintrex and 2 persons.

SUN 20/06 0615am – 2nd vessel deployed in SAR for capsized 4m Quintrex and 2 missing persons.

SUN 20/06 1515pm – 6.2m Half Cabin member with a flat battery, required a tow from Sandstone Point to Bribie Gardens.

MON 21/06 1403pm – 8.6m Trimaran non-member, assist owner with drifting vessel South of Skirmish Point.

THU 24/06 0550am – Request from Water Police to commence SAR travelling via Cape Moreton to Point Lookout in search for missing diver.

SUN 27/06 1022am – 4.85m Tinny non-member with a flat battery at Mission Point requiring a jump start.

SUN 27/06 1105am – 4.8m Cuddy Cabin member with prop spinning, required a tow from The Skids to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

SUN 27/06 1742pm – 14m Monohull Cruiser non-member, Water Police activated VMR after 000 call that vessel was sinking approx. 1nm South of Donnybrook – transported 2 adults, 1 dog and 1 bird to QAS at VMR Base.

MON 28/06 0705am – 8m Yacht member dragging anchor at Bongaree, investigate and secure vessel opposite Bongaree Jetty.

TUE 29/06 0945am – MOP reported distressed kangaroo in Marina Boulevarde Canal – investigate and relocate carcass to Turners Camp for MBRC to pick up.

WED 30/06 0134am – Activated by Water Police to investigate MOP in the water hanging onto tinny drifting North with the tide near Bongaree Jetty – person rescued OK.

WED 30/06 0245am – Retrieve and secure tinny which was wedged under a 12m catamaran moored at Bongaree.

COMMITTEE OUTCOMES MAY 2021

The following is a summary of the outcomes of recent May meeting.

The Commodore noted the following:

- Planning for the VMR Bribie Golf Day is complete and the event is scheduled for May 21st.
- Terry Young, the Federal Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management David Littleproud, Senator James McGrath and Fiona Gaske visited our base during April.
- We hosted the PCYC Cadets for their 2020 ESCAPE week and again this was a fun afternoon for all. Thanks to all our VMR helpers on the day.
- VMR Bribie attended the Beachmere Festival and had a successful public engagement. Thanks to the volunteers who helped make the day a success.
- VMR Bribie continues to look for a raffle coordinator to oversee the operation of this important fundraising team.
- Longstanding volunteer Graham Patrick retired from vessel crew but continues in his many other roles with maintenance, fundraising and BBQ cooking. Thanks to Graham for his dedicated involvement in our squadron.

The treasurer reported that our finances remain on track, with responsible levels of investment set aside for maintenance and replacement of vessels, and maintenance and potential upgrades of the building.

We have over 1810 members, of whom 1650 have rescue coverage.

The radio room handled over 1100 calls during the period which is about average. Our total of 32 assists was well above average for this time of year.

The radio system upgrade is well underway, with further project meetings held with the supplier (Frequentis). The hardware has been delivered and the rack is being built. It is anticipated that installation and commissioning will take place during June. The system to be installed will provide enhanced digital radio operation using touch screens, and will also allow recording of all radio calls as well as remote monitoring of the system.

The radio tower looks like it will need further maintenance or replacement with a report of additional corrosion being found. The committee agreed to engage a specialist to undertake a further inspection of the tower and determine options for repair or replacement.

We had a further resignation of a restricted Coxswain from crew during April, and another restricted Coxswain was appointed. Another Restricted Coxswain was approved for assessment. Five new trainees have been appointed and are attending crew days.

Vessel maintenance has been undertaken in accordance with the maintenance plans. Bribie 1 and Bribie 2 had regular engine services. New motor covers were fitted to B1 to better protect the cowlings from damage. The vinyl wrap on B1 is degrading and a replacement wrap has been authorised. B2 had a few minor fixes including some electrical maintenance, and the B2 trim pump will be replaced during June. All vessels are operating well.

The building remains in good condition with routine maintenance being carried out. We have received confirmation of the storm damage claim from the insurance company, and repairs will commence in the near future.

Planning for Expo 2021 is well underway with management meetings being held regularly. The first exhibitor meeting was held during April.

With regard to the possible upgrade of the radio room and verandah areas of the base, we await building cost quotes -- they are hard to get at present! The possible upgrades will be presented to members once the quotes are in place and the details of approvals etc are resolved.

The committee noted that Qld Car Sales and Detailing (based in Ningi) has generously offered to detail the VMR Bribie vehicle. The committee accepted the offer for an annual full detail of the vehicle.

The committee set a date for a General Meeting on 22nd June 2021 at 7pm.

BUSY DAY AT VMR BASE

Tuesday 8th June 2021

Wow what a Busy day at the base, the function room was booked out for training all day, Bribie 1 was getting a rubber facelift, security systems were being updated, meetings in every spare spot and the guys and gals in the radio room were flat out.

Above: Bribie 1 is towed out of the water by our tractor for refurbishment of the protection rubber by Yamba Welding & Engineering.

Work gets underway on Bribie 1.

VOLUNTEER AWARDS

The 2021 Longman Volunteer Awards were presented Wednesday 9th June 2021 by Federal Member for Longman Terry Young MP, at the Caboolture Memorial Hall, where many worthy recipients received their Volunteer Recognition Award. Our own Commodore Liz Radajewski being one of them. Commodore Liz puts in many hours each week, being on call day and night, training new crew members and promoting boating Safety and holds the proud record of being the first woman Commodore of VMR Bribie.

Commodore Liz Radajewski receives her Award from Federal Member for Longman Terry Young MP.

Commodore Liz celebrated with fellow VMR member Aamir Cao who was also presented with a Volunteer Recognition Award for all of her volunteer services to many organizations on Bribie Island including VMR.

Aamir Cao and Commodore Liz Radajewski with Terry Young MP, Federal Member for Longman.

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Boat fires, Sandstone Point

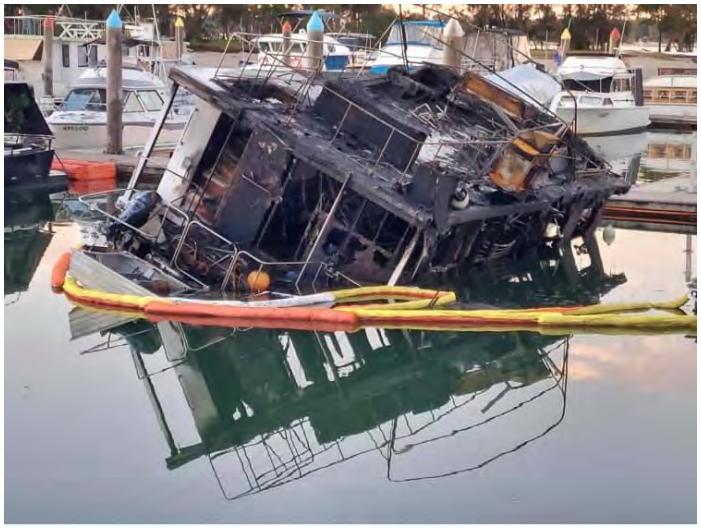
From: myPolice on Jun 10, 2021 @ 4:06am

Police are investigating the circumstances surrounding two boat fires during the early hours of this morning (June 10). Preliminary inquiries suggest just after midnight, one of the boats moored at a marina on Spinnaker Drive caught fire.

A dog owned by the skipper alerted them to the blaze and they started fending the flames themselves. The second boat caught alight and both vessels were destroyed. - A crime scene has been declared. Anyone with vision or further information about how the fire may have started is urged to contact police.

Investigations are continuing.

Above and below: photos of the fire.



NEW COXSWAIN

12th June 2021 - Congratulations to Jim Brown who has been promoted to Restricted Coxswain.

Commodore Liz Radajewski presents Jim Brown with his Coxswain epaulettes.

Commodore Liz handed Jim his letter of advancement and his new stripes which Skipper Ian Grimes helped to put on Jim's shirt. - Well-deserved Jim.

SAR for MISSING JET SKIER

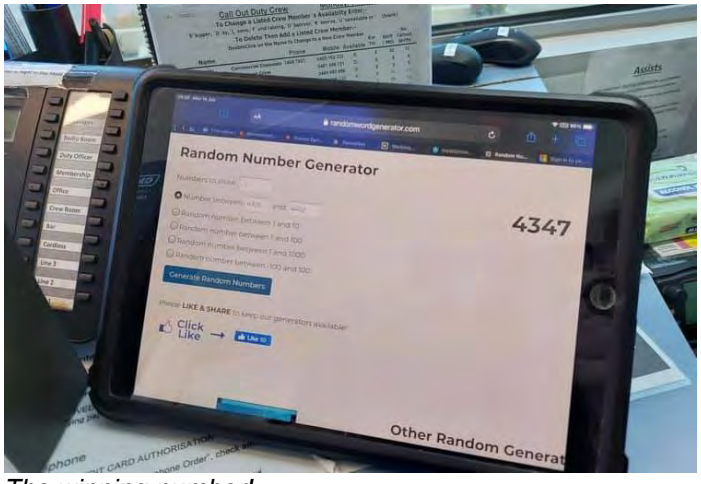
Friday 11th June 2021, 2202pm.

It was a chilly time for the call out crew Friday night 11th June 2021. We were tasked by the Water Police for a Search and rescue for a missing jet skier. The missing Jet ski and rider were found safe and well and the crew returned home for a well-deserved warm cup of tea.

NEW MEMBER PRIZE DRAW

VMR Bribie ran a prize draw for a VHF marine Radio for new members joining VMR Bribie. The draw was won by member 4347 Mr Alberts. Thanks for joining VMR Bribie and congratulations!

Commodore Liz, the prize and the random number generator used to select the winning member.



The winning number!

HAPPY HOUR

Friday 18th June 2021

22 Active Members and partners braved the cold conditions and attended the June Happy Hour. They were rewarded with nibbles from the bar and sausage rolls, along with our great bar prices.

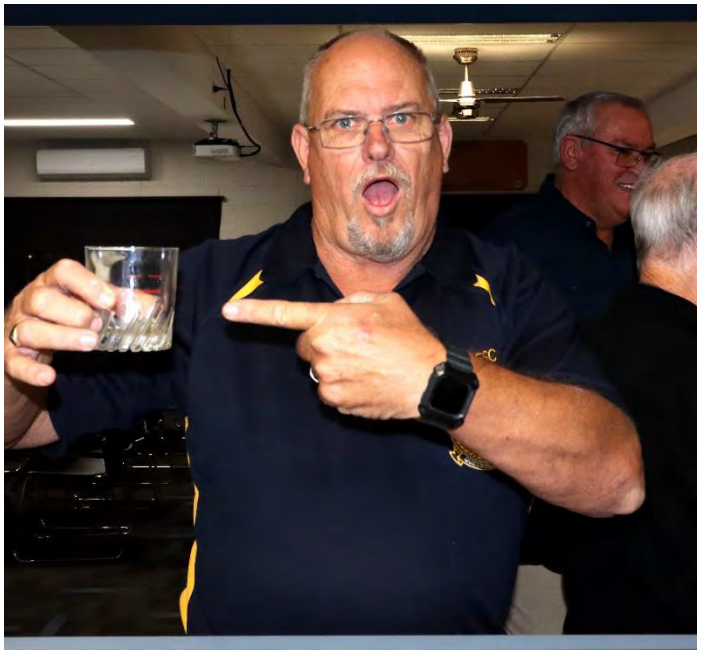
All smiles - Glenn Jackson, Ray Fox and Wayne Sclater.

Robyn Young, Brenda Allardyce with Betty Snell.

Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe, Wayne Sclater, Ron Burrett and Ian Grimes.

Lyn Wendt, Val and Greg Jones, and Noel Wendt.

Heather Pearson and Peter Morton manned the bar, with Sue Sclater.



Wayne Sclater wondering why his glass is empty (or, whose shout is it?).

Uldis Baltars, Ray Fox (partly obscured), Glenn Jackson, Wayne Sclater, Dave Smith and Mark Horsburgh.

SAR MORETON BAY

Just before 7:00pm on Saturday 19th June, police were notified that a couple had not returned from a fishing trip they had set out on that day from the Colmslie boat ramp and had managed to call family as the boat was sinking.

A search was launched immediately involving crews from PolAir, Water Police, the Volunteer Marine Rescue and Coast Guard. The search had focused on the Port of Brisbane, Mud Island, and the Redcliffe area.

Police recovered a body from Moreton Bay off Brisbane, believed to be the woman who went missing when the boat she was on with her husband capsized late on Saturday.

The woman's 54-year-old husband was rescued just before 10:00am Sunday after being spotted by a rescue helicopter crew. The man was clinging to the bow of his upturned tinnie. He suffered severe hypothermia and was airlifted to the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane.

Police said the woman slipped away from the boat during the night and will prepare a report for the coroner.

Acting Senior Sergeant Mitch Gray from Queensland Water Police said the couple had been out fishing when they got into trouble and managed to call family as the boat was sinking.

"At this stage, it looks like the vessel's been capsized by a wave and from there the two people have been thrown into the water," he said.

"The husband has managed to hold onto the hull throughout the night but at some stage during the night, the wife has become tired and fatigued and has become separated from her husband."

Police said conditions had been challenging, with rough surf and steady 20-knot winds. Today's search had involved 13 vessels and seven aircraft.

Coast Guard vessel tows the upturned tinny.

Coast Guard vessel tows the tinny, now righted, back to the boat ramp. The woman's body was located underneath the upturned tinny.

SPRING LOADED CONCERT

SANDSTONE POINT HOTEL – PARKING
Saturday 19th June 2021

The great VMR parking team at the Spring Loaded 2021 concert at the Sandstone Point Hotel

BEACHED YACHT AT BONGAREE

The conditions on Saturday 19th June 2021 beached this yacht at Bongaree, it was later re-floated and moored further North at Bongaree.

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 22nd June 2021 – 7pm.
40 plus members attended this general meeting held in the Function Room at the Base.

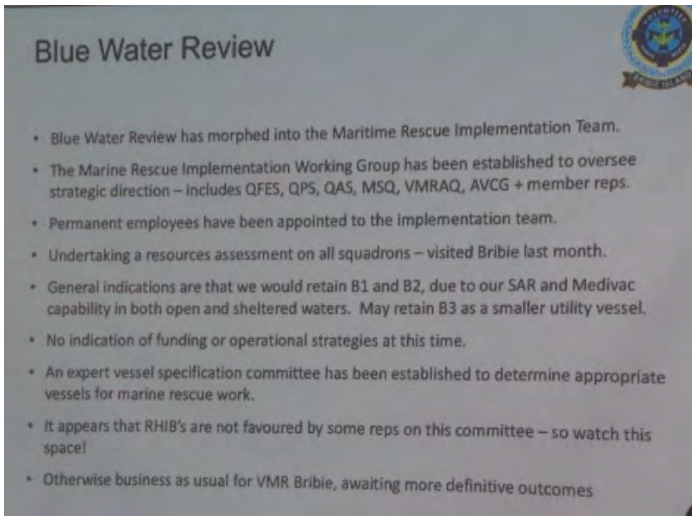
AGENDA

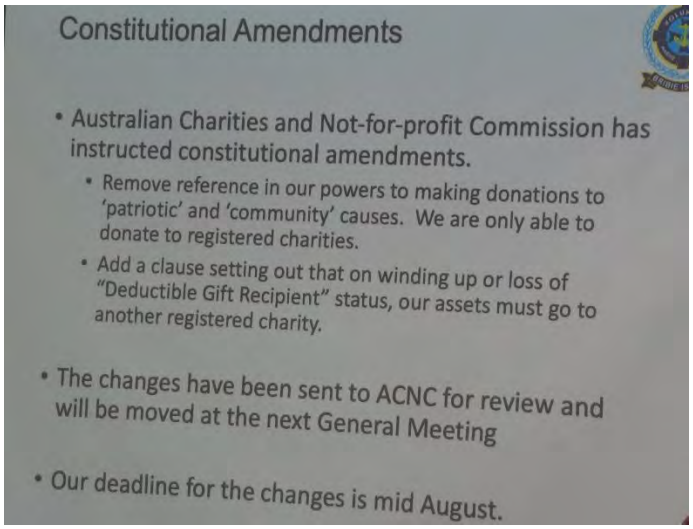
1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of minutes of General Meeting held 09/12/2020
3. Commodore's Report
4. An update on the Blue Water Review
5. An update on the new radio system
6. An update on building upgrades – concept plans
7. An update on mandatory constitutional change
8. VMR Bribie Covid-19 – Immunisation Response
9. Financial Update
10. Proposed Next General Meeting Date - Suggested Date Wednesday 4th August 2021

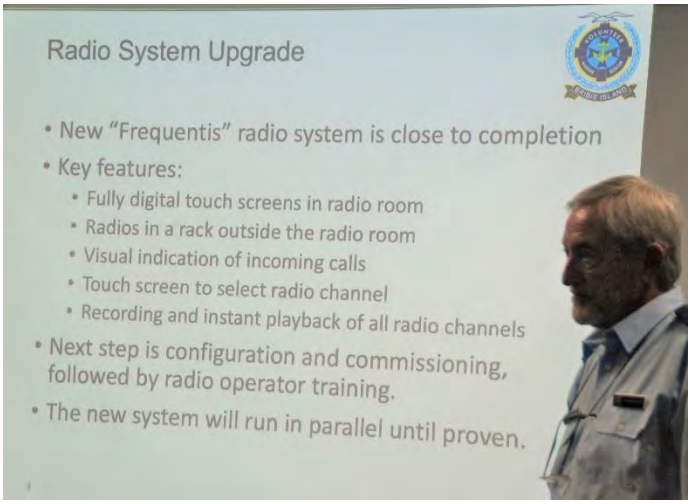
Above and below: Members at the meeting.

Commodore Liz Radajewski welcomes everyone and delivers her report.

VMR Secretary Gary Voss delivered an overview of the Blue Water Revue so far, and the required changes to our Constitution to retain our Registered Charity status.



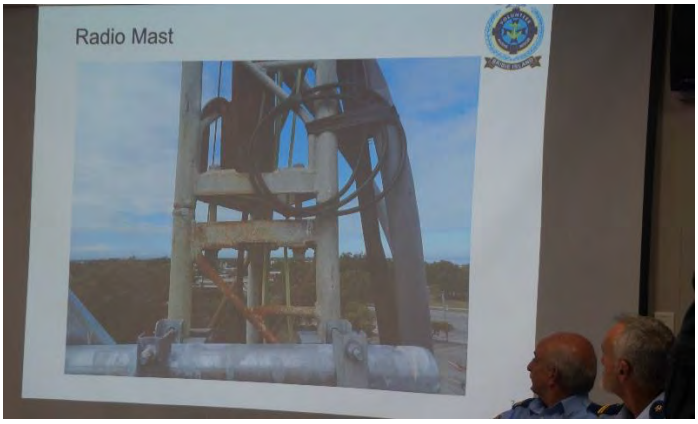




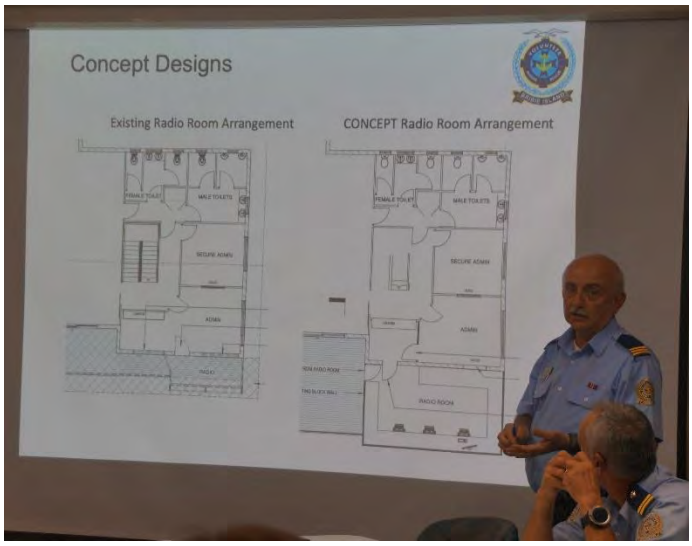
New Radio System Project Officer John Bodycombe delivered an update on the Radio System Upgrade.

John Bodycombe answered questions about the new radio system and its implementation.

Radio Officer Peter McNamara gave an update on the state of repair of our radio mast and options for its repair/replacement.



Above and below: The "wear and tear" on the top sections of our radio mast.



Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe briefed the meeting on concept designs for the Radio Room and Storage Area.

MISSING FREE DIVER

Missing free diver, North Stradbroke Island
From: - "myPolice" on Jun 24, 2021 @ 1:19pm
"A search and rescue operation continues today for a missing free diver in the waters off Point Lookout at North Stradbroke Island. Yesterday a 10.10am (June 23), four men were free diving 3-4 miles northeast of Point Lookout when one of the divers, a 26-year-old Norwegian National, failed to return to the boat.

Police were alerted at 10.45am and commenced a search and rescue operation. Yesterday's search included five helicopters and 6 vessels; however, the diver was not located. The search continues today, and police ask for anyone that may have been in the area and has any information to contact police."

"myPolice on Jun 25, 2021 @ 12:19pmToday's search, which began at first light this morning, includes a team of eight police divers, two water police vessels who will be assisted by two helicopters and a plane, as well as Dunwich Police conducting island patrols."

THU 24/06 0550am – Request to VMRBI from Water Police to commence SAR travelling via Cape Moreton to Point Lookout in search for missing diver.

Playful whales spotted by Bribie 1 enroute to SAR.

Unfortunately, the free diver's body has not been recovered.

Above and below: VMR and Police Vessels in the SAR.

SUNSET DRINKS

Friday 25 June 2021 -. Around 70 members and guests attended the June Sunset Drinks. All were required to sign in with the Check in Qld app in line with current Covid conditions. The usual raffles were held and the ladies of the Social Committee provided great hamburgers for only $5. The bar as usual was open with our great prices. It was great to see "things almost back to normal" and also some new members attending for the first time.

Our usual stalwarts and Life Members Brenda Allardyce and Betty Snell manned the door, sold raffle tickets and meal vouchers.

The Social Committee ladies were kept busy, from left: Leona Patrick, Janine Jaavuo and Sheryl Traill.

Peter Morton and Heather Pearson manned the bar.

Some of the great crowd present.

More of the crowd.

Allan and Shirley Ladru – first time at Sunset Drinks since joining in March 2020.

Commodore Liz Radajewski and Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe welcome all to Sunset Drinks. Commodore Liz identified and welcomed new members and thanked all that make this function so successful; the BBQ boys, the Social Committee ladies preparing the meals, the bar staff, and the ladies manning the door and selling tickets.

Nia Brice receives the raffle prize donated by Simone Wilson from Commodore Liz and Vice Commodore Ces.

The next raffle prize is drawn by one of our new members Mark Beasley.

Linda Skinner receives her raffle prize from Commodore Liz and Vice Commodore Ces.

Above and below: Glenn Jackson receives his raffle prize from Commodore Liz and Vice Commodore Ces.

Paul Morrow, Mike Pobar and Brian Marjoribanks.

Janice and Melissa.

Steve and Tom enjoy the evening.

Joylene Marjoribanks.

Mark and Michelle Beasley.

Brian Marjoribanks.

Paul Morrow.

Joylene Marjoribanks, Carolyn Pobar, and Beth Morrow.

Wendy and Ces Luscombe.

Peter Morton and Karen Darlington.

Michael and Lee Anne West enjoying their recent move from the UK.

Graham Parker tidies up!

Sheryl Traill and Gwen McNamara.

Pam and Ian Grimes.

John Burdinat, Bob Skinner and Noel Wendt.

Linda Burdinat, Lyn Wendt, and Val Jones.

Glenn Jackson and Uldis Baltars.

PARKING SANDSTONE POINT HOTEL

Sunday 27th June 2021

Sunday Raffle Team: Ces Luscombe, Mel Wall, Aamir Cao, and Craig McShane with Peter McNamara behind the lens.

STATE OF ORIGIN – Game II

Sunday 27th June 2021

14 Maroon supporters and 1 Blue supporter turned up to watch another disgraceful effort by the Maroons losing 26-0. The ladies of the Social Committee, Leona Patrick, Sheryl Traill & Betty Snell, served up pies, toasties, and hot dogs whilst Peter Morton manned the bar.

Mark Horsburgh was on the PM shift radio duty and was planning to attend the State of Origin function afterward, but as fate would have it, just prior to finishing he had a call from the Water Police that a boat was sinking just North of Donnybrook.

Mark Horsburgh already dressed for the State of Origin function takes another call from the Water Police. A man and a woman in their late sixties and their bird, were retrieved from the vessel. Our crew secured the vessel and located their missing dog, returned them to the base to be checked by QAS.

Adele Horsburgh, the only Blue present on the night, awaiting her husband Mark to finish the assist in the Radio Room.

Leona Patrick, Sheryl Traill and Betty Snell preparing the meals.

Above and below: The hopeful crowd!

Peter Morton serves Michael West.

Half Time score not looking promising!

The Full Time score.

Commercial Coxswain Ian Grimes dropped in after the assist and finalising the paperwork! Not sure where his allegiance lies, but I think the grin tells us!

Robbie Robinson and Garry Goullet with Annette and Phil Wormald.

Adele had a bigger smile at Full Time!

Staunch Maroon supporters Sheryl Traill, Betty Snell and Cheryl Robinson.

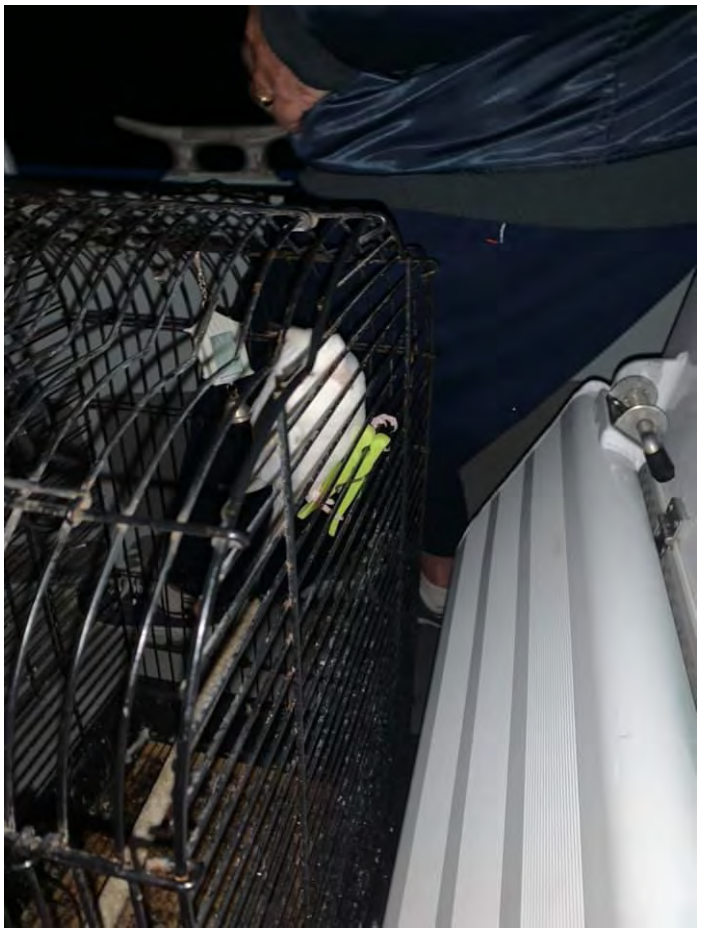
SINKING VESSEL ASSIST

Sunday night Callout Crew were activated by the Water Police to assist a sinking houseboat near Toorbul.

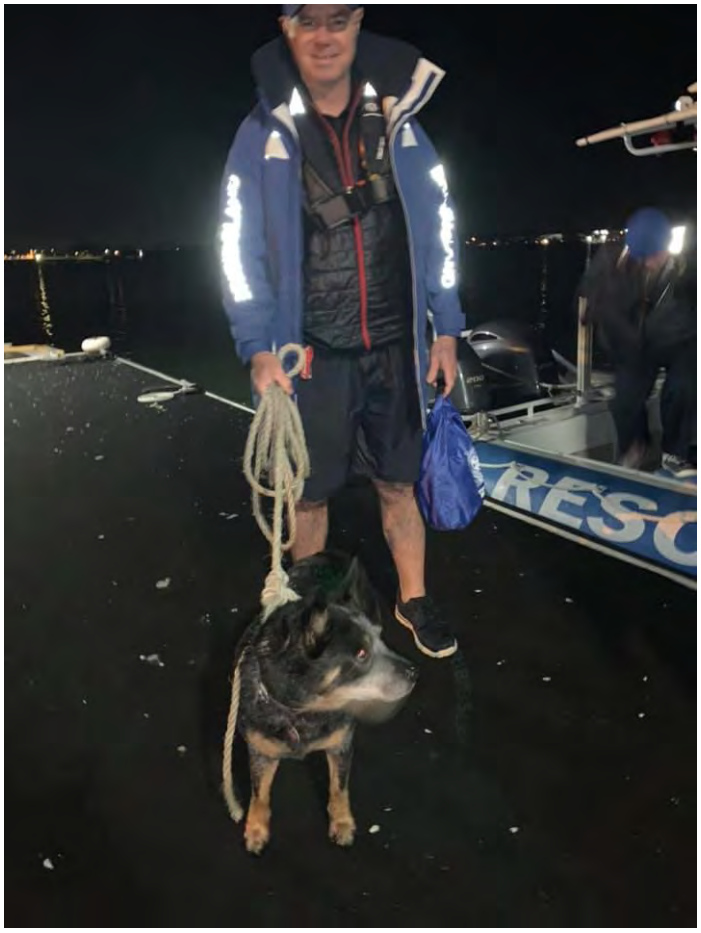
A helicopter was also sent to locate the vessel with 2 people on board a bird and a dog called River.

The vessel was located and by the time the crew arrived the vessel had listed and was well underwater. The 2 owners had managed to get in to their tinny with their bird in a cage, but this was also taking on water, so the crew quickly relocated them to Bribie 2 to be told the dog was missing and was still in the vessel. The crew desperately tried to locate the dog for 15 minutes while the owners were growing more upset and showing the signs of hyperthermia. So, they were rushed to the base where an ambulance assessed them.

The 14m Cruiser was home to the couple.


The couple's pet cockatiel although a little wet – but safe.

The crew headed back to try to locate River the dog, they called and called but nothing, so the crew boarded the vessel peering through windows trying to get a glimpse of the dog and nothing....But then Mike saw a glint of an eye with the torch, there she was, the window had to go and Mike went in there was at least 2.5 metres of water. They managed to rig up a rope and get her out of the vessel then the job of getting Mike out the vessel was next, some nifty rope work and Mike was out.



VMR Crewman Mike Looney with river the dog which he was able to locate and retrieve from the sinking vessel.

The owners and River were reunited and off they went in the ambulance.
Hats off to Mike who went in to save River.

FIRST AID COURSE

Monday 28th June 2021

Karen Llewellyn conducted the first of the new VMRAQ First Aid and CPR courses at the VMR Bribie Base this morning. Students were required to have done the theory exam on-line through the VMRAQ portal and have run through the training material on-line as well prior to attending this course.

First Aid Trainer & Assessor Karen Llewellyn demonstrates the elevated arm sling on Karen Darlington.

Nigel Blundell and Peter Morton provide CPR to infant mannequins under the guidance of Karen Llewellyn.

Gary Beros and Mike Looney practice CPR on the infant Mannequins.

Karen Llewellyn assesses Trevor Plant and Mike Looney in CPR and use of the defibrillator.

Karen Darlington and Lindsay Crompton are assessed by Karen Llewellyn in use of the defibrillator.

Nigel Blundell and Gary Beros practice in the use of the defibrillator watched by Lindsay Crompton, Karen Darlington, and Trainer Karen Llewellyn.

Lindsay Crompton applies a pressure bandage to the forearm of Gary Beros.

Commodore Liz Radajewski applies the elevated arm sling to Treasurer Doug Lythgo.

Lindsay Crompton applies the forearm sling to Gary Beros.

John Traill has his elevated arm sling checked by Karen Llewellyn.

Karen Llewellyn checks the head pressure bandage and sling covering on Lindsay Crompton!

Karen Darlington gets "all splinted up" by Peter Morton and Nigel Blundell, watched by Karen Llewellyn.

Karen Llewellyn demonstrates the use of the space blanket on Nigel Blundell.

ANOTHER COVID LOCKDOWN

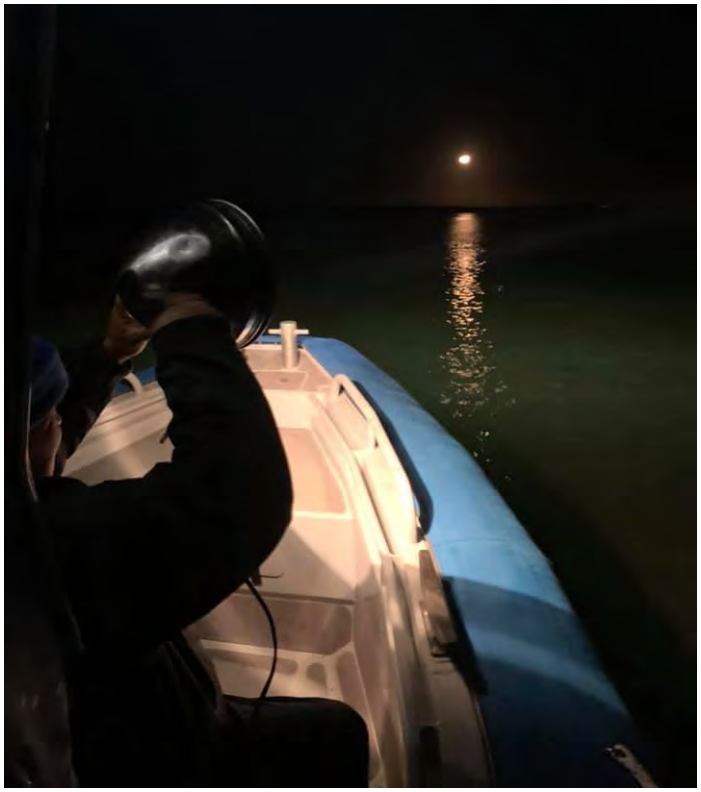
Be like Safety Dave wear your mask whenever you are outside the house.

As of 1am 29th June 2021, it will be mandatory to carry a facemask and to wear it whenever you are outside the house. You can remove the mask when you are in your car.

The front door to the VMR Bribie base at 4 Marine Parade, Bellara will be locked. You can communicate with the on-duty Radio Operator by pressing the intercom button on the wall to the right of the entry door.

You will gain access to the building ONLY if you are wearing a facemask which must remain on whilst you are in the building. It is also mandatory to use the Check In Qld app to sign in and then display the confirmation screen to the Radio Operator on duty. If it is not really necessary to come to the base, we ask that you communicate with us either via the telephone (3408 7596) or our website (vmrbribie.com).

CAPSIZED TINNY



VMR Bribie was tasked by QFS and VKR to retrieve a capsized tinny with a Person in the water at 1.10AM this morning so the night callout crew were scrambled and departed base in B1 with 3 firies to Bongaree, in between the drifting dinghy had become lodged in between the sponsons of a moored yacht and the police and firies on land could direct us straight to the target which saved a lot of time.

B1 tied up to the yacht and the firies pulled the man from under the yacht and around the outside to the stern which conveniently had stairs from the deck to the water.

The person had been in the water for about an hour and was pretty exhausted and cold needlessly to say. Onto B1 clothes off nice soft blanket and towels and back to VMR pontoon where the ambos were waiting. The police were concerned that the tinny would make its way later from under the yacht and spoke to the tinny owner who agreed to us retrieving it. So, after putting B1 to bed the crew prepared B2 and off we went. The tinny had indeed made its way out from under the yacht on the changing tide but luckily someone had had the foresight to tie the tinny to one of the mooring ropes of the yacht. The crew retrieved the tinny, attached a tow rope to it and towed it to Bongaree boat ramp where the owner was waiting. We left it on the sand and made it fast to the shore.

Our next task was to collect the owner's son from a yacht anchored just south of the Bongaree jetty, so off we went, rendezvoused with the yacht, transferred the son to B2 and went back to the boat ramp where all the family were reunited.

After thanks we departed for base, crew was debriefed who did a great job as always, and they were on their way to bed whilst the skipper sat down and completed all the paperwork, all in a day's or rather night's work with the bonus of a happy ending. Thanks to all crew and radio operators involved.

GO FUND ME – DRONE for VMR

Rescue Drone and extra Equipment for saving lives.

Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe is organising this fundraiser on behalf of Volunteer Marine Rescue Bribie Island Inc.

At VMR Bribie we rescue people and sometimes animals from all sorts of emergency situations. Sometimes we can't reach them, and we need to deploy lines, life jackets or simply water to help them. We are looking to purchase a water-deployable drone and also other rescue equipment to go with it and we would like your help. In some instances, it has been necessary for people to wait for the tide to change, up to 8 hours because we simply cannot reach them. We are hoping a drone will go a long way to eliminating this time they may need to wait. If they do have to wait, we can at least drop them some supplies to keep them hydrated and healthy.

More information about Volunteer Marine Rescue Bribie Island Inc: We maintain 365 day 24/7 marine radio surveillance, for the purpose of responding to emergency marine requirements of the public, police, ambulance and other emergency response services. We promote safe boating through the provision of information and training courses. We are 100% volunteers and a community organisation.

JULY 2021

JULY RADIO ROOM STATISTICS

1,120 Calls, 309 vessels logged on,
25 Vessel Assists, 148 Sitreps, 65 Requests,
6 Overdue vessels, 5 Vessel Tracking,
109 Radio Checks, 0 Weather Forecasts
1 Securite Broadcasts. 0 Pan Pan, 0 Mayday

VHF calls 67.9%, - 27MHz calls 7.5%

JULY VESSEL ASSISTS:

SAT 03/07 1209pm – 7m Cruiser member with moored vessel, check vessel as owner in hospital.
MON 05/07 1333pm – 5.35m Tinny non-member motor won't start, required a tow from South of Avon Wreck to Pacific Harbour.
WED 07/07 1148am – 5m Tinny member with ignition problems required a tow from White Patch to Spinnaker Sound Marina.
THU 08/07 0738am - 8.2m Sports Cruiser member with slow leak required a tow from Pacific Harbour canals to Spinnaker Sound Marina.
THU 08/07 1637pm – MOP phoned to advise men in trouble launching boat off Woorim Beach, investigated and stood down by QPS.
SAT 10/07 0948am – 3m Tinny non-member broken down, required a tow from Dunlop's Gutter to Toorbul Boat Ramp.
SAT 10/07 1220pm – 8m Yacht member, difficulty in strong wind, motor making no headway, required a tow from Moreton Bay to mooring at Bongaree.
SUN 11/07 1616pm – 5m Runabout non-member ran out of fuel required a tow from Pumicestone Passage into Bellara Pontoon.
SUN 11/07 1651pm – 4m Tinny non-member overdue from camping at Mission Point. Deployed B2 and received call that teenagers had arrived home safe.
TUE 13/07 0832am – 13.6m Houseboat non-member with engines broken down, relocated in Spinnaker Sound Marina with assistance of B2 and JB3.
TUE 13/07 1436pm – 4.2m Tinny member cannot start motor, required a tow from Toorbul to Bellara Boat Ramp.
TUE 13/07 1608pm – 7.6m Half Cabin member with engine failure, required a tow from Cape Moreton to Pacific Harbour.
TUE 13/07 1853pm – 4.8m Side Console member with a flat battery, required a tow from entrance to Pacific Harbour to Bellara Boat Ramp.
WED 14/07 1304pm – 4.2m Tinny member broken down near entrance to Pacific Harbour, required a tow to 13.5m Cruiser moored off White Patch.
THU 15/07 1724pm – 6m Sports Cruiser non-member with a flat battery required a tow from under Bribie bridge to Bellara Ramp.
THU 15/07 1906pm – 4m Tinny Redcliffe member out of fuel just North of Bridge, required a tow to Bellara Boat Ramp.
FRI 16/07 1140am – 9.5 Cruiser member broken down required a tow from Poverty Creek to Pacific Harbour.
SAT 17/07 0925am – Yacht aground near IGA Bongaree, investigate and advise Harbour Master.
SAT 17/07 1625pm – Trawler adrift near entrance to Spinnaker Sound Marina, investigate and secure.
TUE 20/07 0901am – 12.8m Yacht non-member has lost steering opposite entrance to Bongaree canals, required a tow to his mooring about 200m.
SAT 24/07 1316pm – 4m Inflatable non-member stuck on sandbank near White Patch, required a tow to Bellara Boat Ramp.
MON 26/07 1409pm – 4.8m Centre Console member out of fuel 300m South of South Point required a tow back to Bribie Gardens.
WED 28/07 1202pm – Member reported large floating object between Sandstone Point and Godwin Beach, recovered and towed to Bellara Ramp for disposal.
SAT 31/07 1341pm – 2.4m Jet Ski non-member with engine problems, required a tow from Bulwer to Scarborough Harbour.

SATURDAY 10th JULY 2021

A strong wind warning for today.
Issued by Bureau of Meteorology at 4:45 am EST on Saturday 10 July 2021.

Bribie 2 in the challenging conditions.

Saturday 10th July 2021 - Strong winds and huge seas presented the crew with a challenging assist from Moreton Bay to Bongaree. See photos below: -

Above and below: - In the rough seas and strong winds, Crew Paul Gilmour keeps look out for the assisted Yacht whilst she is towed by Bribie 1.

Tuesday 13th July 2021: -

Peter McNamara went over to the Spinnaker Marina this morning after his morning radio shift when Bribie 2 and Jonkers Bribie 3 were tasked to move the houseboat Emily Rose back to its proper berth. A very tricky exercise where both vessels were required to act as tugs as Emily Rose had no power and with a lot of help from all the marina residents and staff with additional ropes The Emily Rose was safely returned to its proper berth. While VMR was there Bribie Two also assisted another vessel as well to its berth.

Above and below: Bribie 2 also assists Emily Rose.

Jonkers Bribie 3 helping dock Emily Rose.

Second Vessel assisted back to berth.

Coxswain Allan Tranter talking to the crews of Bribie Two and Jonkers Bribie Three

Coxswain Gary Voss helping to make the Emily Rose secure.

NIGHT TRAINING.

Tuesday 13th July 2021 - Watch out the trainees are about! It is night training for the newbie crew members tonight heading up the passage in Bribie 2.

The tide was low.

Above and Below: - Preparing Bribie 2 for the exercise.

We found out what was happening to the vessel that sank recently north of Toorbul (see photo below). Tonight on our crew training exercise we came across the salvage crew lifting her back upright. Big Job!

STATE OF ORIGIN III

7pm Wednesday 14th July 2021

16 members attended this third State of Origin NRL function held at the VMRBI Base. Leona Patrick and Brenda Allardyce served up hot pies, toasties, and hot dogs, whilst Peter Morton manned the bar.

It was pleasing to see that the Maroons turned up to play this time! Maroons leading 8-6 at half time, went on to win 20-18 in an entertaining match. The Blues clearly missed the playmaking of Nathan Cleary!

The half time score, Maroons 8-6.

Wayne Sclater, John Burdinat and Mark Young at the bar.

Brenda Allardyce and Leona Patrick in the Busyfingers kitchen, served up pies, toasties, and hot dogs.

Some of the 16 attendees. Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe, Mike and Lee Anne West, Julie and Michael Truskett, with Mark Young attending his first function at VMR Bribie.

Blue stalwarts Sue Sclater and Graham Gibb.

Peter Morton chatting with Lee Prescott, Lee had just returned from a training exercise.

The final score, Maroons 20-18.

Wayne had earlier handed out "tissues" to all the Maroons present in anticipation!!!

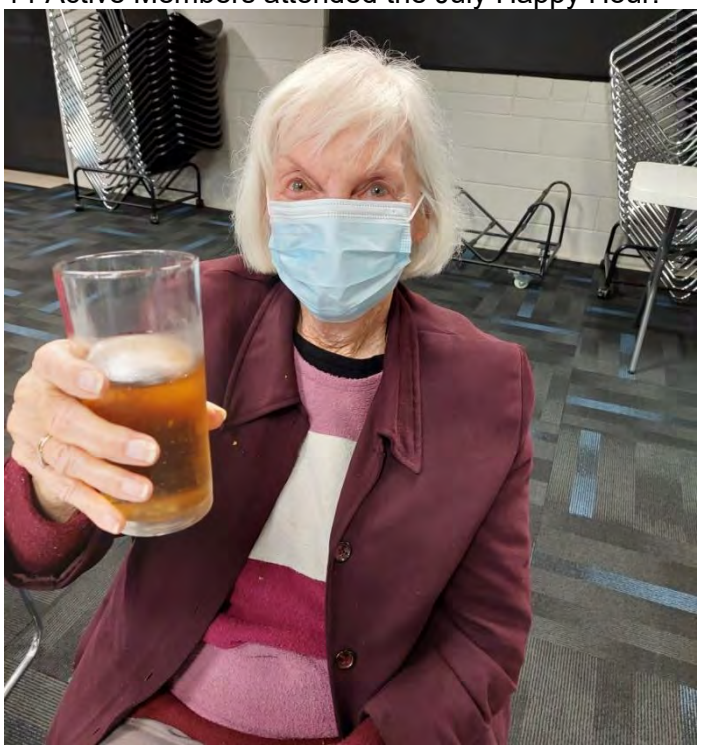
But we won the series!!!

Mark Young joined VMR earlier this year.

HAPPY HOUR

Friday 16th July 2021 -

14 Active Members attended the July Happy Hour.



Betty Snell enjoys a cold one!

Greg Jones, Noel Wendt, Lyn Wendt and Val Jones.

Wayne and Sue Sclater.

The bar staff: Peter Morton and Heather Pearson.

DRIFTING TRAWLER

Saturday 17th July 2021

As the sun was setting yesterday on a very windy day, the VMR Bribie team were still hard at work and went to the assistance of a trawler that had broken free from its mooring and ended up in the middle of the passage drifting towards the bridge. All correct protocols had to be taken before boarding the trawler and relocating it to a safer anchorage. Well done Green Saturday for a great job.

Above and below: Bribie 1 rafted up to the drifting trawler in an effort to reposition her.

Bribie 1 rafting up against the trawler.

The superstructure on the trawler.

Lindsay Crompton aboard the trawler and Noel Wendt on the bow of Bribie 1.

All good signals Lindsay Crompton and Karen Darlington.

10-YEAR SERVICE

Saturday 17th July 2021: -

A big surprise for VMRBI's David Smith one of our Radio Operators and one of our great maintenance team members when he was presented with his 10-year Service Medal by Senior Coxswain Ian Grimes while the rest of the Ian's crew watch on. David joined VMR Bribie Island from VMR Round Hill in February 2013.

David Smith with his 10-year Service Medal, standing behind are Lindsay Crompton, Noel Wendt, John Burdinat, Karen Darlington and Ian Grimes, in the Operations Room. David had been on duty in the Midday Radio Shift with Pater McNamara.

Picture was taken by VMRBI Radio Officer Peter McNamara who also congratulated David for his service to VMR Bribie Island.
Thanks, David, for your service

Sunday 18th July 2021: *- Green Sunday is your crew on the water today, Firstly, practicing their Knots with the rope master Skipper Ian Grimes.*

CPR and FIRST AID TRAINING

Sunday 18th July 2021: - Training never stops at VMR Bribie and today it was CPR and First Aid under the watchful eye of Karen Llewellyn.

CPR Practice underway under the watchful eye of Karen Llewellyn.

John O'Hagan practicing CPR on infant mannequin.

Lee Prescott receives CPR instruction from Karen Llewellyn.

Lloyd Clark watches as Leeton Shepherd performs CPR on infant mannequin.

Pauline Grooby practices CPR on an infant mannequin.

Lloyd Clark performs CPR on an infant mannequin watched by Leeton Shepherd and Gary Howell.

New Radio System Update

The Frequentis team are currently in lock down in NSW

Monday 19th of July, we had a Technical Alignment Meeting (TAM) with Frequentis in Vienna/ Sydney and also Matt from MSN ICT (our IT support company).

Next week Evan from the local Frequentis office will be onsite subject to any Covid restrictions and will be loading a disk into the server with the next stage of the build and we hope from there we will be able to move forward reasonably quickly.

The outstanding issues on our part are some cabling for the 27Mhz radios. Still waiting for them.

Also, we need to purchase three microphones and two sets of speakers.

Covid -- China supply issues raised.

It is important to remember that this has NO impact on how we currently use G-Log.

Short Term Parking for Members

Just a reminder that we no longer are able to offer our members short term storage in the VMR Compound for their trailers / vehicles or vessels.

This is due to the changes in our security system and also that we need to have the area available as it may be required for parking of other Emergencies Services.

Drifting Vessels

The old saying when it rains its pours. Well for something I said does not happen very often it has happened three times in the last two weeks. So I am going re publish it again just to make sure that we are all fully aware of the right procedure. I promise it will be the last time.

Important Update on how to handle Drifting Vessel See attached MSQ Procedure on the Management of Drifting Ships

IN SUMMARY

Radio room seeks to contact owner of a drifting vessel if on our database. (Crew may need to check rego etc) if vessel is on database contact owner and seek instructions.

If owner unknown or uncontactable contact Brisbane VTS on 3305 1701

Ensure that Brisbane VTS know it is a Sunshine Coast job, and that it is URGENT. They will refer to the Sunshine Coast on-call harbourmaster.

Sunshine Coast Harbourmaster will make the call on what to do next.

QPS is NOT an initial part of this process unless there is life or public property at immediate risk.

Skippers will have to make the call on urgency.

If the harbourmaster is not responding in a timely manner, perhaps call Ben Bosschieter (MSQ) on 0418 258 345, or perhaps call QPS and ask for instructions if very urgent.

Bribie Two

At this stage, Bribie Two will be out of action for all of this week. It is at Northside Marine having a major service. The Water Police have been advised.

If Bribie Two is returned while on your shift please check with the Coxswain who puts it back into the pen that it is ready to go. If given the OK contact the Water Police and the URC to advise them that it is back online.

Thursday 22nd July 2021 controlled burn on the Eastern side of Sunderland Road.

XMAS IN JULY

Friday 23rd July – The management and Social Committees put on a Xmas in July function for our great friends at Busyfingers to say thanks for the enormous support they have given VMR Bribie Island throughout the years. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we were limited with numbers, and everyone had to wear masks when not seated.

Master of Ceremonies, Peter McNamara welcomed all and went through the usual housekeeping and safety briefings and kept the attendees entertained, firstly introducing Mike Henson with his singing, both with and without his guitar.

Mike Henson warming up with MC Peter McNamara.

Whilst the meal of Baked Ham, Roast Chicken, Baked Potato Gratin, and vegetables was prepared Peter held the floor with Christmas trivia and prizes of chocolates in VMR Stubby Coolers. Mini pavlovas were also a great hit. Peter then arranged one person per table to compete in an air guitar “rock off” to AC/DC’s Highway to Hell and judged by our “resident rocker” Allan Tranter. As if this wasn’t enough, Peter then announced that Graham Patrick had placed envelopes on the undersides of selected chairs – these winners collected their prizes from the bar.

Finally, Commodore Liz Radajewski thanked President Pauline and Secretary Sandra for their ongoing support. Commodore Liz also thanked those who made this night a great night.

Both Pauline and Sandra responded and thanked VMR Bribie Island for their ongoing commitment to the safety of the boating community.

Social Committee Ladies served by Peter Morton.

Peter served drinks to guests as they arrived.

Stella and Marion (seated).

Busyfingers Secretary Sandra Tommy (centre).

Busyfingers guests.

Peter McNamara did a great job as MC for the evening.

Mike and Pauline.

Mike Henson entertained and when not singing even wore his mask to comply with Covid-19 restrictions.

Peter serving up the main course.

Allan Tranter provided waiter service to the tables!

Above and below: - Jamie Darlington on table service duty.

Single Ladies lined up for the "Shoe Toss" to determine if they would be lucky in love in the next year! Robyn (above tries her luck).

Table waiters lined up for table service, with Graham Patrick on baked ham carving duty, Gail Tranter, Janine Jaavuo, Betty Snell and Robyn Young dishing up meals.

Mike and Busyfingers President Pauline chat with Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe, Coxswain Allan Tranter and Commodore Liz Radajewski.

Busyfingers guests, Gloria (centre).

Busyfingers guests.

Busyfingers guests.

Table service was provided for both drinks and meals, Karen Darlington masked up for the task.

The Big Man in red also made an appearance!

Above and below: - Santa visited each table with best wishes

Social Committee Ladies with Santa: - Betty Snell, Brenda Allardyce, Leona Patrick, Gail Tranter, Santa, and Janine Jaavuo in our Busyfingers Kitchen.

Marion, runner-up and Stella winner of the Best Dressed Nautical Theme Competition.

Peter McNamara announces the Air Guitar Competition, but complained he been "unplugged"!

Above and below: - Participants get into the swing of the Air Guitar Competition.

Inaugural winners of the Busyfingers Air Guitar Competition: - Stella and Jude with Allan Tranter.

Betty Snell with Gloria, one of the lucky seat prize winners.

Commodore Liz thanks Busyfingers for their ongoing support of VMR Bribie Island.

Small presentations were made to President Pauline and Secretary Sandra.

Busyfingers President Pauline Hindle responds to Commodore Liz's welcome and Thank You.

Busyfingers Secretary Sandra Tommy responds to Commodore Liz's Thank You.

Commodore Liz thanked the Social Committee Ladies for their lovely meal, and each was provided a small box of chocolates in appreciation for their contribution to the evening.

Graham Patrick received a gift for his contribution in carving the baked ham for the main meal.

PROMOTIONS SAT 24TH JULY 2021

Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe receives his unrestricted Coxswain Certification from Commodore Liz Radajewski.

Mick Keating receives his Crew epaulettes from Commodore Liz and Vice Commodore Ces.

Graham Parker receives his Restricted Coxswain epaulettes from Commodore Liz and Vice Commodore Ces.

The Monday on call crew got a call to assist a vessel in the afternoon for one of our members, the vessel was towed from South point to Spinnaker marina.

The Trawler that was drifting last week back to where it was roughly anchored before - and now on the low tide it is aground.

DANGEROUS FLOATING OBJECT

WED 28/07 1202pm - Well, we had a bit of a different assist yesterday one of our eagle-eyed members Craig saw something floating off Godwin beach, it appears to be part of the old Brisbane floating walkway. Well spotted Craig, thanks heaps, this would have caused a lot of damage to anyone's vessel if they hit it.

Jonker's Bribie 3 towed it back very slowly to the Bellara boat ramp and council were informed to retrieve and dispose of it from there.

Great job everyone involved!

Above and below: - Jonkers Bribie 3 tows the floating object back to the Bellara Boat Ramp.

SUNSET DRINKS

Friday 30th July 2021 - This Friday's event was once again cancelled due to COVID-19 Restrictions.

AUGUST 2021

AUGUST RADIO ROOM STATISTICS

1,290 Calls, 411 vessels logged on,
18 Vessel Assists, 126 Sitreps, 68 Requests,
16 Overdue vessels, 0 Vessel Tracking,
103 Radio Checks, 0 Weather Forecasts
0 Securite Broadcasts. 0 Pan Pan, 0 Mayday

VHF calls 68.8%, - 27MHz calls 7.1%

AUGUST VESSEL ASSISTS:

MON 09/08 1023am – MOP reported a floating tree trunk off Charlotte Ave Bongaree – investigate and remove.

THU 12/08 1203pm – Member reported a floating log near the Entrance to Pacific Harbour – investigate and remove.

FRI 13/08 0556am – 7.6m Cruiser Member stuck on beach at Woorim required a tow off the beach and member continued fishing.

FRI 13/08 0932am – Non-Member fisherman reported a large floating log in the centre of The Cockle Banks - investigated and removed.

SAT 14/08 0555am – 7.2m Half Cabin non-member with engine problems, required a tow from Southpoint to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

SAT 14/08 0634am – 4.9m Runabout non-member with engine failure, required a tow from Moreton Island to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

SAT 14/08 1642pm – 5.5m Tri Hull non-member with engine failure required a tow from 500m off Cape Moreton Light House to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

SUN 15/08 0956am – 5.8m Half Cabin member with fuel problems required a tow from Bulwer Wrecks to Bellara Boat Ramp.

SUN 15/08 1625pm – 9.5m Cruiser non-member with engine problems required a tow from South Point to Pacific Harbour.

WED 18/08 0949am – Activated by Water Police to search for light plane wreckage vicinity of Long Island.

SAT 21/08 0912am – 3.4m Jet Ski member with motor problems, required a tow from Bulwer to Toorbul.

SAT 21/08 1331pm – 5.2 Cuddy Cabin member stuck on sandbar required a tow to deeper water near Poverty Point.

SAT 21/08 1443pm – 6m Half Cabin non-member out of fuel at Cape Moreton required a tow to Scarborough.

WED 25/08 1043am – 8m Sloop member aground required a tow to deeper water in Bongaree area.

FRI 27/08 0519am – 5m Side Console non-member stuck on reef near Scarborough, investigated and decided to wait and float off at hightide to lessen damage to vessel.

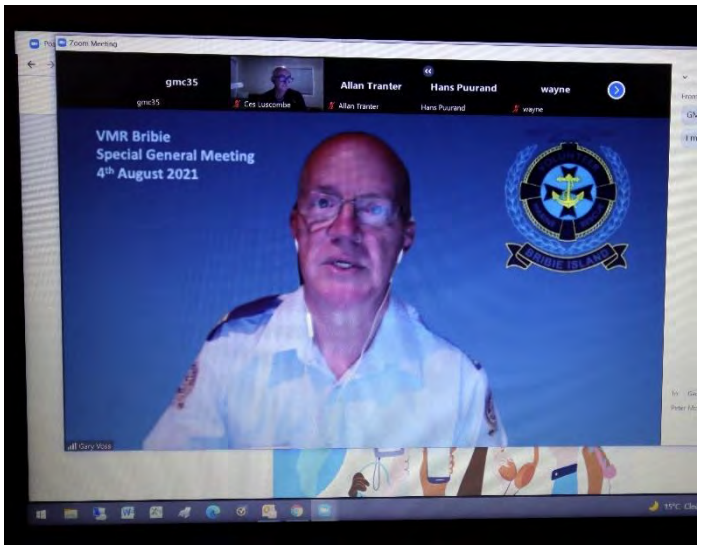
SAT 28/08 0646am – 11m Cruiser member leaking fluid oil, required a tow from off entrance to Pacific Harbour into canal at The Peninsula.

SAT 28/08 1402pm – 5.7m Half Cabin member with overheating engine required a tow from Flinders Reef to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

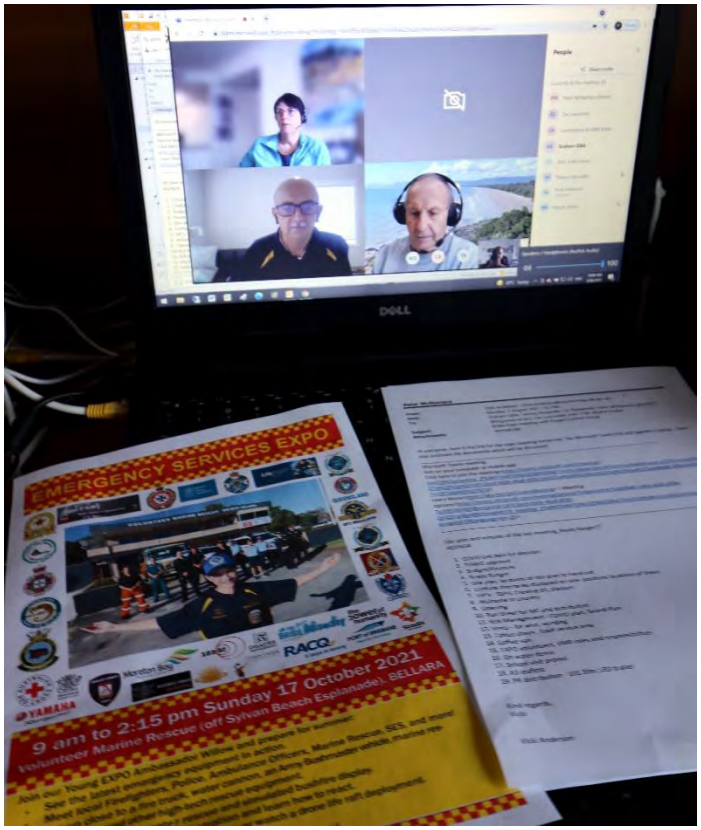
SUN 29/08 1215pm – 4.9m Runabout non-member with motor tilt problems required a tow from Tangalooma to Spinnaker Sound Marina.
Mon 30/08 1203pm – 14m Cruiser non-member with motor problems required a tow from Tangalooma Wrecks to Scarborough Harbour.

COVID-19 LOCKDOWN

Well we might all be in lockdown but VMR Bribie is still working hard behind the scenes holding a preliminary Zoom meeting for our Emergency Services Expo on the 17th of October and also holding a Zoom Special General Meeting conducted by our VMR Secretary Gary Voss for a required constitutional change.



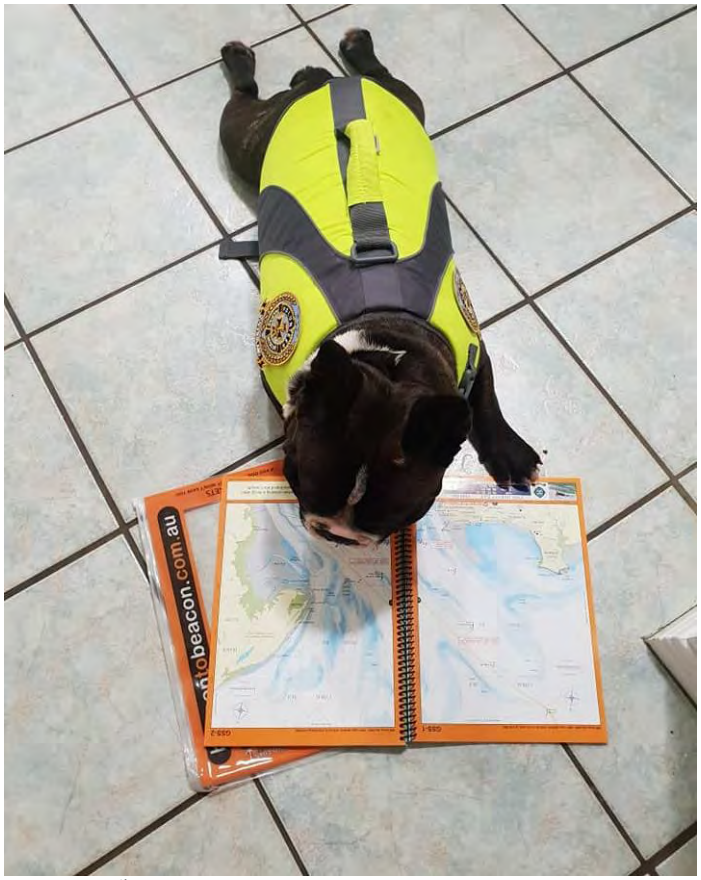
Special General Meeting via Zoom.



EXPO Meeting via Microsoft Teams.

Our Radio Room still is manned monitoring for emergency calls. Under the current lock down the advice from the Water Police YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO GO BOATING. So now is the time for some boating maintenance. Check the expiry date of your flares/ give your life jackets a wash and make sure that if they have been tested if required/check all your anchor ropes and shackles/steering cables/battery leads and terminals/make sur that your marine radio is working, no broken aerial or connections/ fuses/running lights/ make sure that you have all the required safety gear for your vessel and don't forget about your boat trailer/wheel bearing /rollers /winch cable /any signs of rust and all of your road lights are working. So when we are good to go your boat will be in top condition and we will be there waiting for your call to log on with us at Volunteer Marine Rescue Bribie Island. "The Home of Safe Boating"

LOCKDOWN CONTINUES



Sunday 8th August 2021 Safety Dave the Frenchie is going a little stir crazy today, he is studying where he can go when this lockdown is over. If he had hands/fingers he would be crossing them all right now for the lockdown to be lifted today.

For the safety of our volunteers and continuation of our rescue service, we will continue to keep our VMR base front door locked to the general public and non-active members from 4.00pm, 8th August 2021.

These restrictions will be kept in place at VMR Bribie until advised otherwise.
Please note that we will NOT be accepting Flares, EPIRBs or membership renewals over the counter during this lockdown.
If members wish to renew their membership, they may ring the base on 3408 7596 or please go to https://www.vmrbribie.com/how-to-renew/

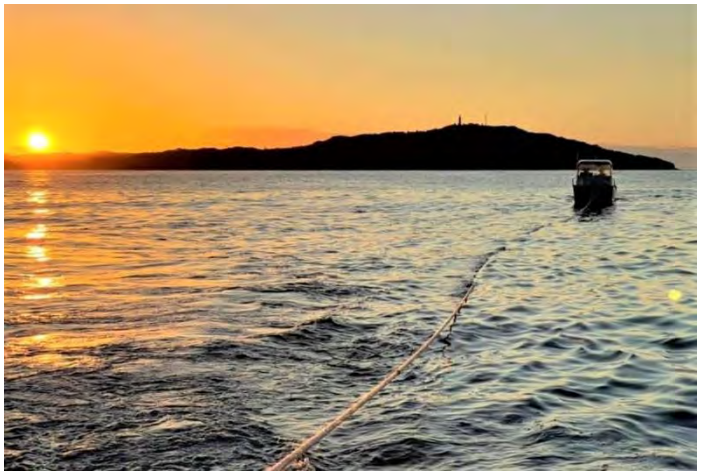
Thursday 12th August 2021 A crew was called in to assist in retrieving a large log, you can really only see the tip in the water. About 7 metres long with a big branch as well. Retrieved from outside pacific harbour and placed on the bushes above high tide mark at Turners camp area. This could have been a real issue if left in the water.

Beware of Logs in Deception Bay! Crew called out today to locate a dangerous log floating about in the bay. Steve Williams and Mel Wall dragged it out of the water onto Jonkers Bribie 3 and we took it safely back to the base. We took the log off the boat, and then took the boat off the log. (That was a crew joke. Not mine!)

Saturday 14th August 2021 - And Green Saturday is off ……

Above and below: And now on the way to number 2 assist - it's going to be a busy busy day.

Beautiful sail boats on the Bay today circling around the south cardinal and a poor unsuspecting man in a tinny.

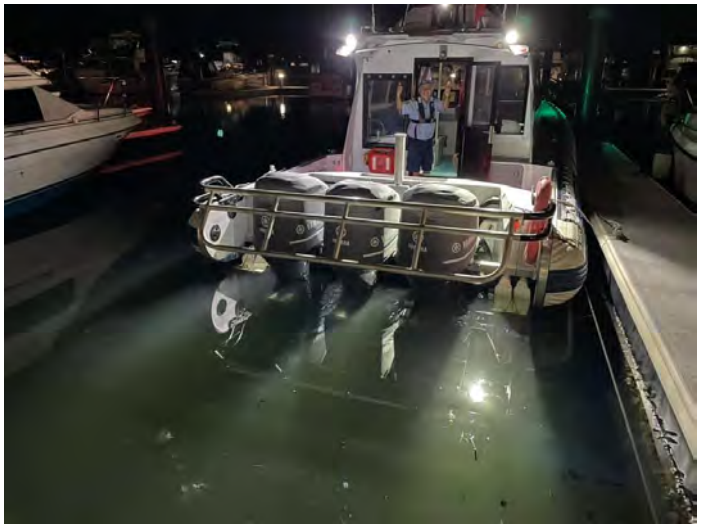


Green Saturday's last assist of the day off Cape Moreton.

2021 08 15 - Green Sunday

Green Sunday practicing their navigation skills

Above and below: Green Sunday crew where just about to head home after a busy day on the water, when they got the call to assist a vessel in trouble in the Bay.



DISPOSAL OF FLARES & EPIRBS

17th August 2021 Just reminder that the base is now open for you to bring in any out-of-date flares and EPIRB's to us to dispose of correctly.

Today we received over 100kg of flares and boxes of EPIRBS just disposed of in rubbish at our local tips.

We remind you that unwanted distress beacons and flares should never be put into household bins they should be handed in to local VMR, Coast Guard or to one of the organisations on this link:

https://www.msq.qld.gov.au/.../Flare-disposal-locations

Dispose of your EPIRBs correctly – not at the tip!

LIGHT AIRCRAFT CRASH
PUMICESTONE PASSAGE

Wednesday 18th August 2021 - Emergency services including VMR are responding to reports of an aircraft in "difficulty" near Bribie Island, with multiple helicopters heading to the site.

A man has died in an aircraft crash near Bribie Island today. It is believed the man's light aircraft took off from Caloundra at 7.20am today. At 9.20am, another pilot in the area noticed the aircraft in trouble and reported it to authorities.

Police were called to the scene at 9.25am where the aircraft had crashed in the Pumicestone Passage. The man was declared deceased at the scene. The Forensic Crash Unit and Scenes of Crime investigated the crash for the purposes of preparing a report for the Coroner. Investigations have now been handed over to the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB).

Wreckage of the Aircraft upside down in the mud at low tide in Pumicestone Passage.

TRIP TO THE SNOW

Radio Operator Glenn Jackson and his wife Fiona had been planning a snow trip for some time. Glenn was keen to “lose a few pounds” to get back into his gear for a well-earned holiday. Leaving by road on 8th July 2021, Glenn & Fiona were looking forward to 2 weeks of skiing, camping and exploring the alpine region between Jindabyne and Perisher at Sawpit Creek in the Kosciuszko National Park. Normally there are campers everywhere, but at the moment there are only 4 groups of campers.

Glenn said he had given some thought to a possible lockdown, but not a total State lockdown enacted so quickly!

Speaking this morning at a chilly minus 3 degrees, Glenn said they see the National Parks Ranger every day checking regos and passes but haven’t been stopped by Police as one of them travels 10 km to Jindabyne for supplies from Woolies. Glenn also commented he was lucky he bought a Telstra mobile phone booster which has enabled him to work remotely at his campsite, home now for 6 weeks!

Best wishes from your mates at VMR Glenn – you will possibly need retraining by the time Gladys lets you out and Anastasia lets you back in!!!

Glenn and Fiona’s “new home.”

SPRING CLEANING

The last weekend of Winter and with Summer around the corner it’s time to check all your safety gear on your vessel and make sure your marine radio is working and you know how to Log On with VMR Bribie, The Home of Safe Boating on VHF Channel 73 and 27 MHz on Channel 90. Peter McNamara Radio Officer and Radio Operator Uldis Baltars went around the boat ramps at Bellara, Bongaree and Spinnaker Sound giving our Log On information signs a good clean to remove the Pelican Poo that has built up over the winter months.

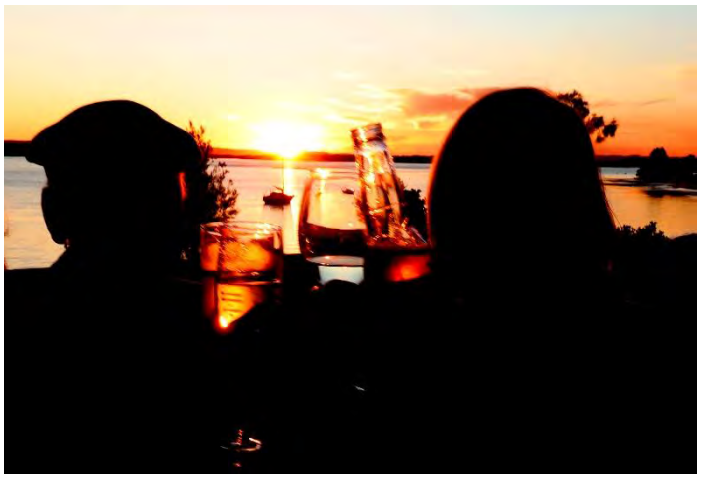
So, give us a call when you are going out boating this summer it will be the best call you make all day.

The “crappy” sign.

Above and below : Radio Operator Uldis Baltars mops the VMR sign clean at the Bellara Boat Ramp.

SUNSET DRINKS

Friday 27th August 2021 – 60 Members attend the August Sunset Drinks, the maximum allowed under current Covid-19 Restrictions. The Social Committee provided a meal of Sausages with Onion Gravy, Potato Gratin, Peas and Bread Sticks for a low $5.00. Peta Schrodter, Peter McNamara and Wayne Sclater manned the bar and performed the usual Management Committee tasks as well, due to both the Commodore and Vice Commodore both unavailable. Peter was also the photographer on the evening.



Sunset Drinks lives up to its name!

Nia & Jon Brice (front), toast Sunset Drinks on the balcony.

Trish and Chris Dale with friends.

Lee Anne and Michael West enjoy the return of Sunset Drinks.

Angela and Dale Mullins Left with friends.

More of the 60 members present.

Our BBQ Chefs Ron Burrett, Graham Patrick and Dave Smith.

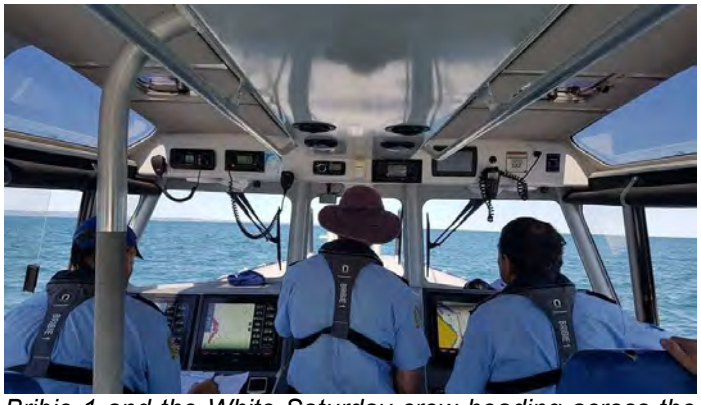
What a lucky night at the VMR Sunset Drinks for Paul and Beth Morrow who won 3 out of the four raffles

Some of our new members who attended VMR Sunset Drinks Simon and Raylee who won the fourth raffle. Just so happened to be Simon birthday as well.

Dave Smith with John, Brenda, and Kaye Hammond.

Ian Grimes, Bob and Linda Skinner, Pam Grimes and Gwen McNamara enjoy the evening.

Lyn and Noel Wendt with Greg and Val Jones.



Bribie 1 and the White Saturday crew heading across the bay on another spectacular day.

PROMOTION

Paul Gillmore receives his Competent Crew epaulettes from Commodore Liz Radajewski and Gary Bunker.

A massive congratulations to Paul Gillmore who received his second stripe Saturday.

The On-call crew today had a long slow tow from Tangalooma to Scarborough for this stunning 45 footer and its occupants.

QFES were at the base yesterday servicing the pumps that we hold on site in case of vessel fires.

We often hold training sessions for skippers and crews alongside QFES in the use of the equipment.

Spring is in the air and a bit of Spring cleaning is happening at the base keeping things sparkly clean.

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Don't forget to Log On and Log Off with VMR Bribie no matter how long or far your trip, it may be the best call you make all day!

The next Issue of Passage Ponderings is due mid December 2021, you can keep up to date on our facebook page https://www.facebook.com/Marine-Rescue-Bribie-Island-445