

PASSAGE PONDERINGS

Issue #4

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JUNE 2019

JUNE RADIO ROOM STATISTICS

1,128 Calls, 304 vessels logged on, 21 Vessel Assists, 120 Sitreps, 72 Requests, 6 Overdue vessels, 6 Vessel Tracking, 11 Securite Broadcasts. 154 Radio Checks

VHF calls 80.1%, - 27MHz calls 10.6%

JUNE VESSEL ASSISTS:

SAT 01/06 0730am – Tinny found floating in Pumicestone Passage, Water Police activated SAR, called off about 1030am person was located.

SUN 02/06 1111am – 13m Cruiser non-member with motor problems, required a tow from Bulwer wrecks to Bellara ramp.

WED 05/06 1436pm – 6.2m Centre Console non-member with motor problems, required a tow from White Patch to Pacific Harbour.

SUN 09/06 0434am – Activated by Water Police to attend SAR near Caloundra for overturned boat with 2 adults and 1 child in the water.

TUE 11/06 0653am – Member reported large metal object floating in North West Channel, investigated and towed back a large yellow metal buoy.

TUE 11/06 1319pm – Member of the public reported a boat north of Toorbul boat ramp requiring help, investigated he had lost his tinny and needed to get to shore.

WED 12/06 1234pm – 6.5m ½ Cabin member with engine problems required a tow from Curtain Artificial Reef to Sylvan Beach.

FRI 14/06 0939am – 4.7m Runabout non-member with motor problems required a tow from just South of the Bribie Bridge to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

FRI 14/06 1451pm – 4.3m Runabout member with a flat battery, required a tow from 300m off Bongaree ramp back to the ramp.

SAT 15/06 1003am – 12m Cruiser member with motor problems at Wild Banks required a tow back to Caboolture River.

SAT 15/06 1746pm – 4.2m Tinny non-member with motor problems, required a tow from 1km North of Donnybrook to the Donnybrook boat ramp.

SUN 16/06 0413am – Reported by Policelink, Large pontoon seen drifting 50m South of Bribie Bridge – investigate – nothing found.

SUN 16/06 0945am – 5m ½ Cabin non-member lost power, required a jump start 300m East of South Cardinal.

SUN 16/06 1523m – 7.3m Centre Console non-member has run out of 2 stroke oil, required a tow from 9 km from Mouth of Pumicestone Passage to Scarborough Harbour.

MON 17/06 1028am – 15m Cruiser member bilge pump is not working, requires a pump out opposite base.

TUE 18/06 0551am – 4.4m Side Console non-member with a flat battery, required a tow from Mouth of Pacific Harbour to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

SUN 23/06 0713am – 7.5m Bertram Cruiser non-member lost ignition key, required a tow from Pacific Harbour to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

SUN 23/06 1556pm – MOP reported canoe overturned with 6 people in water at Bongaree, investigated and assisted.

SUN 23/06 1826pm – MOP reported Sailing Vessel non-member adrift and aground at Bongaree, tasked by Water Police to investigate, there were anchor lines fore and aft, miscalculation of depth, VKR advised owner.

MON 24/06 1117am – 3m Tender upturned reported by Tug at Yellow Patch, tasked by Water Police for SAR, have secured Tender at VMRBI Base – VKR contacted owner to collect.

FRI 28/06 2134pm – MOP reported an injured turtle tangled in rope near Bongaree Jetty – Twinnies from Pelican & Seabird Rescue attended and investigated with us but could not locate.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE SEMINAR

Saturday 1st June 2019 2-5pm:

38 people attend this 3rd seminar with the aim of promoting marine safety awareness as well as familiarity with our local environment. Afternoon tea was supplied for a \$2 donation.

VMRBI Secretary and Commercial Coxswain Gary Voss ran the seminar giving boat owners helpful tips on understanding the channel markers in the local area and making sure they were aware of the Green and Yellow Zones and regulations that apply in these areas.

Gary had also further developed a "Beacon to Beacon" publication specific to The Pumicestone Passage and Moreton Bay, incorporating up to date local knowledge inclusions. These booklets are available for purchase from VMRBI.

STATE OF ORIGIN

GAME ONE Wednesday 5th June 2019

38 Members and guests attended this function displayed on the large screen in VMRBI Function Room. Of those attending 6 were of blue persuasion, and they were pretty cocky at half time with the Blues leading 8-0. However, that was short lived in the second half with the Maroons running away winners at 18-14. The ladies of the Social Committee served up traditional football fare of pies, hotdogs and toasted sandwiches.



Gary Voss addresses the seminar.



Gary explains VMRBI area of operations.



Gary talked about species, Green and Yellow zones and specific regulations within the marine park.



The attendees at the Local Knowledge Seminar.



Some of the 38 strong crowd.



More of the crowd.



Wayne and Sue Sclater happy with the Blues first half performance.



John and Sheryl Traill with Cheryl Robinson celebrate.



Wendy Smith, Ray Gibbs with Pete Smith after the final Siren.



Eric Holliday, Noel Wendt and Greg Jones happier with the second half performance of the Maroons.



Post match banter at the bar – Allan Tranter and Bob Skinner in the foreground.

SEARCH & RESCUE

Sunday 9th June 2019,

Coast Guard Mooloolaba received a MAYDAY call from a 5.2-metre vessel, rapidly taking on water at Caloundra 9 Mile, some 14km off the coast just after 1.30am Sunday morning and a major rescue operation was launched before dawn.

9 search vessels including VMR Bribie Island, Coast Guards Mooloolaba, Caloundra and Redcliffe, and the Water Police, Rescue helicopters and a search plane were scrambled. The search started off the coast of Caloundra before the sun came up and just before 8 am they were spotted by a tanker anchored off-shore and helped guide authorities to their location. The Rescue 500 Helicopter airlifted the young child and took him for medical assistance to the Sunshine Coast University Hospital and transferred to Queensland Children's Hospital, in an induced coma, for further treatment. The two men were taken to shore by vessel and subsequently to hospital and were treated for hypothermia and released on Monday.

Paramedics say help arrived just in time, but that the boy's helicopter rescue could have made his condition worse. "They were they're all very lucky," Queensland Ambulance Service supervisor Kristy MacAlister said.

The boy "was suffering from hypothermia because he had been in the water for quite some time. It is always a delicate operation when you're winching a patient that's potentially suffering from hypothermia because, as you winch them out of the water, the wind temperature can also decrease the body temperature further."

After their boat sank, the trio were forced to tread water for around six hours. Both adults took turns holding the boy out of the water in an attempt to save him from freezing conditions.

It is understood that no one was wearing a life jacket, and that they clung to buckets they grabbed as the vessel sank. There was also no EPIRB activated.



Above and below search vessels comb the area searching for the missing trio.



Grid search in progress.



This is the fluorescent dye marker called Orion that Rescue 500 Helicopter deployed to mark the rescue spot.



Bribie 1 heading to the search area.



Rescue 500 Helicopter lifts the child aboard.



GREEN SATURDAY TRAINING

Green Saturday had a busy day with assessments for 2 of the crew for their second stripe, log retrieval in and out of the water, knot practice, colregs and marker refresher, navigation training, MOB practice, boat control, paperwork, tow and be towed the list is endless and pumpkin soup for lunch as it was a pretty miserable day weather wise.



Training - towing techniques.



NAVIGATION HAZARD – MISSING GREEN LATERAL MARKER

A member of the public dropped off to our base, the top of a still flashing starboard channel marker. They came across it floating just off the jetty in the Pumicestone Passage. MSQ have been notified and are organising to pick it up and find out where in the passage it's come from.

Our message on Facebook: "Be AWARE there is a green channel marker missing from the area. Ensure you keep a close eye on your navigation instruments and use your maps as it could have come from anywhere and there is still a post where it was once attached. We will keep you updated.

If you see anything or know where the marker has come from please give us a call 07 3408 7596."



The green lateral marker, was dropped into our base.



Rafting up training.



Knot tying training at the pontoon.



12th June 2019 Bribie 1 was tasked to retrieve a 1.5m yellow buoy from the main channel in Moreton Bay. This could have been a real hazard if left to float around. If you see anything floating in the water that shouldn't be there, call your local Coast Guard or VMR.

EXERCISE PUMICESTONE 2019

Saturday 15th June 2019 0800 to 1300hrs.

The aim of Exercise PUMICESTONE was to practice and develop QPS, SES, VMR, and MBRC LDCC/DDCC capability to conduct a waterborne evacuation of vulnerable populations from MBR Coastal Communities using in-service water craft (for this exercise from SES and VMR).

This was a field exercise involving the deployment of personnel and resources to establish and operate an evacuation network between coastal settlements and Bribie Island VMR, namely the area of Toorbul, Donnybrook, Meldale and Bellara, incorporating the Pumicestone Passage.

The exercise involved key lead and support agencies as well as role players acting as evacuees from within the local community.

The exercise included the stand-up of a Forward Command Post to support and resource the command and control of an evacuation operation.

The Scenario: Isolation due to bushfire threatens the isolated coastal communities of Meldale, Toorbul and Donnybrook. After the completion of a QPS-led Search and Rescue (SAR) activity in each of the townships, several remaining residents have been located.

These residents are now isolated in these communities and require to be evacuated to a place of safety as the bushfire approaches. The conduct of an evacuation via watercraft of residents requires several complex actions to be conducted in coordination between multiple agencies to be safe and successful.

General information was provided to participants to establish the scenario followed by injects to address exercise objectives.

A tabletop exercise and rehearsal of concept of the exercise was conducted at the VMRBI Base on Friday 14th June 2019 which was led by QPS and MBRC Disaster management staff.



Pre exercise discussions at Exercise HQ.



Alan Peterson and Kris Conroy from SES keeping the exercise running sheets up to date so they know where all the operational personal are located.



VMR Bribie's Radio Officer John Bodycombe relaying instructions to Senior Radio Operator Peter Morton from the Command Centre to pass on To Bribie One and Bribie Two which were involved in picking up the evacuees from Toorbul and Donnybrook.



Alan Peterson from SES with VMR Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe checking on the number of evacuees being placed on Bribie One and Bribie Two.



Exercise Co-ordinators: LtoR Inspector John Hannan from Emergency Management Queensland, Carl Peterson from MBRC, Henk van den Ende from SES, Ces Luscombe Vice Commodore VMRBI, and Sergeant Jimmy Driver Bribie Qld Police.



Bribie 1 approaches Toorbul.



Exercise Director Chris Barnes briefing the "evacuees" prior to exercise start.



Bribie 2 docks opposite Bribie 1 at Toorbul pontoon.



SES watercraft taking part in the exercise.



Exercise halted briefly for Channel 7 to catch up



Bribie 1 heads for the exercise area.



VMR's Bill Stainton takes details from "evacuees".



Graham Parker ready to record details and issue life jackets to the "evacuees".



Jonkers Bribie 3 ferried the film crew from Channel 7 around the Pumicestone Passage.



"Evacuees" are helped aboard Bribie 1.



SES with a load of "evacuees" heading for White Patch.



Coxswain Ian Grimes checking the recorded details.



Bribie 2 head for White Patch with "evacuees".



Coxswain Ian Grimes briefing "evacuees".



Channel 7 camera crew filming at White Patch.



Ian Grimes holds Bribie 1 steady whilst "evacuees" climb through the front hatch to access the ladder to disembark at White Patch.



"Evacuees" climb down the ladder at the front of Bribie 1



Climbing through the hatch at front of Bribie 1.



Channel 7 filming "evacuees" disembark at White Patch.



Bribie 2 taking on "evacuees" at Donnybrook.



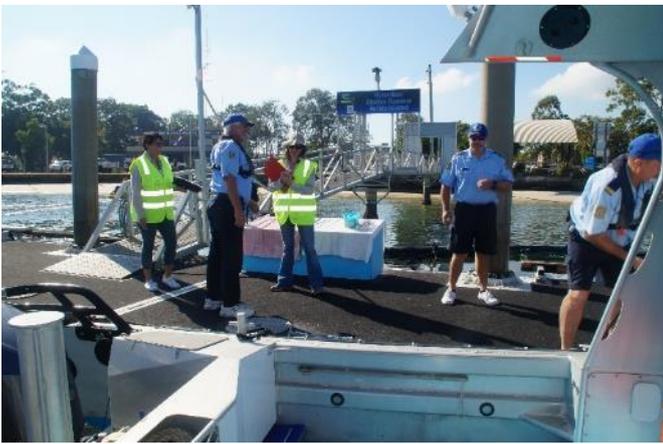
"Evacuees" clamber aboard Bribie 2 at Donnybrook.



Bribie 2 transfers "evacuees" to Bribie 1 off Donnybrook.



Graham Parker checks Donnybrook "evacuees" details aboard Bribie 1.



Evacuee reception on VMRBI Base Ramp.



Evacuees disembark Bribie 1 at VMRBI Pontoon.



SES stretcher injured evacuee onto VMRBI Pontoon.



Safely on VMRBI Pontoon SES evacuate the injured.



Some of the exercise participants pose for group photo.

ASSIST NORTH OF CAPE MORETON Saturday 15th June 2019.

During Exercise Pumicestone, a call for an assist was received about 10am, a 12m Cruiser with “a jammed motor” near Wild Banks, some 12km North-West of Cape Moreton. Conditions were extremely smooth with very little wind, but visibility was very hazy.

Bribie 1 skippered by Commercial Coxswain Ian Grimes and crewed by Don Tait, Graham Parker, with Public Relations Officer John Traill as an observer, unloaded the evacuees as per the exercise, took on another crewman, Scott Langham and set off to the rescue about 10:30am. Bribie 1 travelling at about 24 knots, and soon had the stricken vessel in sight. A line was tossed to the cruiser with the tow rope attached, the cruiser’s crew gathered in the line and attached their cruiser for the tow. It was a slow trip back at between 6 ½ to 8 ½ knots, using around 59 - 64 litres of fuel per hour to the Mouth of the Caboolture River, arriving around 1400. Bribie 2 was tasked to take the crew home (up the river) as low tide showed only about 300mm of water precluding Bribie 1 from safely navigating the river. The tow was completed Sunday morning near peak tide.



Commercial Coxswain Ian Grimes, whilst having a bite “on the run”, briefs the crew, Scott Langham (left) and Graham Parker, with Don Tait at the helm, about the task ahead of them.



Interesting watercraft at Woorim.



The cruiser's crew attach the tow line.



Heading out at 24 knots to the stricken cruiser.



Crewman Graham Parker attaches towline to the sampson post on Bribie 1, watched by Scott Langham.



The broken down cruiser displaying his "V Sheet"



The 12m cruiser in tow.



Crewman Don Tait throws the line to the cruiser so they can drag the tow line and attach it to their vessel.



Bribie 2 was called to ferry the cruiser's crew "up the river".



Bribie 2 joins Bribie 1 to pick up crew from the cruiser, near the Mouth to Caboolture River.



Heading back to Base.



The Cruiser anchored; its crew now release the towline.



Waiting at Spinnaker Sound Marina to refuel.



Crewman Scott Langham stows the retrieved towline, assisted by Don Tait.



Graham Parker fills up with unleaded petrol.



A yacht in the light conditions at Deception Bay Red.



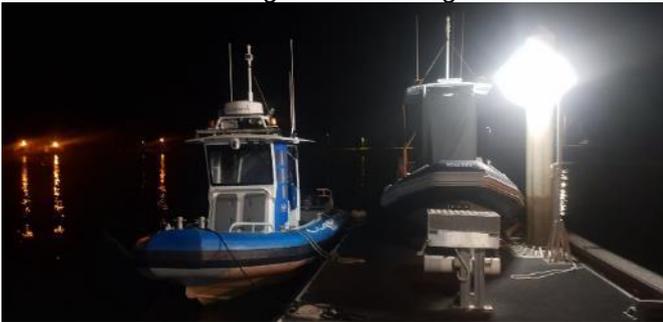
The fuel bill for Bribie 1 for the day.

ASSIST DRIFTING PONTOON:

Sunday 16th June 2019 – A call from POLICELINK at 4am to locate a floating pontoon in the Pumicestone Passage just South of the Bridge it has a solar light attached.



A beautiful still morning on the Passage.



Preparing Bribie 2 for the task.



Didn't locate the pontoon, but conditions were great



Safety Dave checking the safety gear.

STATE OF ORIGIN GAME 2

Sunday 23rd June 2019 – 30 members and guests turned out for the 2nd State of Origin rugby league game which was held at Perth's new Optus Stadium. The Ladies of the Social Committee provided pies, hot dogs and toasted sandwiches for the reasonable price of \$3. The bar was open from around 5:50pm at our usual low prices!

It was a very poor showing by the Maroons, being belted 38 – 6 by the superior Blues side, making it a game a piece heading to the decider on Wednesday 10th July at ANZ Stadium in Sydney.



One happy Blues table.



Allan Tranter and Peter Morton disappointed with proceedings.



John Burdinat with Eleanor Chew.



One happy John Burdinat!



The disappointed Maroons!



Managing Editor at Club Marine Magazine Chris Beattie, his son Jack (Videographer Club Marine), Matt Barritt and State Member for Pumicestone Simone Wilson MP.



Simone and Steve Wilson.



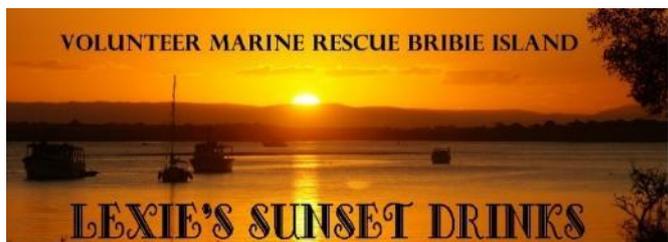
Where's Wally (read Wayney)? He had delight in pointing out the final score!



Wayne Sclater delighting in pointing out the score!



Wayne started the "trend", others followed.



Friday 28th June 2019

Around 60 members and guests attended the June Sunset Drinks. Trevor Botham once again provided the music and vocals for the evening, the Social Committee ladies provided Bribie's best hamburgers for only \$5, and reduced bar prices proved popular with everyone.



The sunset showing beneath the clouds was not as spectacular as last months.



Janine Jaavuo and Ray Christensen manned the door selling hamburger vouchers and raffle tickets.

New members were introduced by Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe who thanked everyone for making these nights a great highlight of the month. Commodore Liz Radajewski, having returned from her many weeks in Europe earlier in the day also attended. Two raffles of a voucher with a box of chocolates were also conducted.



Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe welcomed all, introduced new members, thanked everyone and proceeded to draw the raffles; accompanied by Commodore Liz Radajewski and Chairperson of the Social Committee Janine Jaavuo.



Peter Morton and Peter McNamara manned the bar and delivered the welcome news of reduced prices.



MBRC Division 1 Councillor Brooke Savige with her daughter attended with husband Michael (camera shy).



Some of the 60 strong crowd.



More of the 60 strong crowd.



New members Hanne and Keith Vanderee.



New Members Jacqui Walker (above), and her partner John Shearman (below).



John Shearman



Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe, Commodore Liz Radajewski, raffle winner Lynette Wendt and Social Committee Chairperson Janine Jaavuo.



Robyn Young had celebrated a birthday this week seen above with Ray Christensen.



Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe, Commodore Liz Radajewski with raffle winner Val Jones.



Wendy Luscombe with Sheryl Traill.



Gwen McNamara, Bec Gibb with Pam Grimes.



Linda Burdinat with grandson Jaxon.



Val and Greg Jones with Eric and Lorna Holliday.



Almost done for the night, Commodore Liz Radajewski, Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe chatting with Commercial Coxswain Ian Grimes & Wendy Luscombe.



Sheryl and John Traill.

DISTRESSED TURTLE:

FRIDAY 28th June 2019 –

Having just returned home after Sunset Drinks, Radio Officer John Bodycombe had a call that a distressed turtle was caught up in a crab pot rope and drifting near Bongaree Jetty. John then spoke to the Twinnies (from The Twinnies Pelican and Seabird Rescue) and they wanted to check it out, so he called in a crew to take them. The twins mother had driven them down from Landsborough, but unfortunately nothing was found, despite searching for an hour between the jetty and southern end of Bribie.



Graham Gibb up and about again after knee replacement surgery.



On the Base Pontoon



On Board Bribie 2 with Coxswain Allan Tranter.



VMRBI Radio Officer John Bodycombe with the twins, Paula and Brigette Powers from The Twinnies Pelican and Seabird Rescue.

John commented "They were lovely girls, but it was strange talking to them as they would finish each other's sentences!"

Committee Outcomes -- June 2019

The following is a summary of the outcomes of the meeting on 19th June, 2019.

1. The Acting Commodore reported that VMR participated in the successful Exercise Pumicestone, along with regional emergency services. This exercise simulated the evacuation of people from Toorbul, Donnybrook and Meldale under threat from fire. Bribie 1 and Bribie 2 were evacuation vessels, and Bribie 3 hosted the media for the event. All participants were very happy with the exercise and the learnings that came from it. They have already started planning a much bigger expanded exercise for next year.
2. The committee noted that a further communicate has been issued by the Blue Water Review working group, stating that the working group is continuing to work toward a single, rebranded marine rescue service across Queensland. There was no further definition of the way forward.
3. The committee progressed the review into the base building. Drawings and relevant approvals have been located for the original base and later upgrades, and review is underway of possibilities for upgrades to the base facilities. As previously reported, this will be a progressive review that will take some time, and we will keep members updated on progress.
4. The Committee noted that new lifejackets with integrated harnesses have been purchased using majority grant funding, and these lifejackets have been well received by the crew.
5. Procurement of new CPR mannikins is underway, while planning is underway for advanced

night training for skippers and crews -- both funded by grants. We continue to submit applications for essential items for the vessels, radio room and base buildings.

6. The Committee endorsed a new reduced bar price structure for members, as part of an ongoing commitment to offer real benefits to members of VMR Bribie.

7. The Committee agreed that the VMR Bribie golf day this year will be an opportunity for members and guests to relax and enjoy a round of golf unencumbered by the need to fundraise. More details are to follow shortly.

8. The committee endorsed the purchase of a mooring for exclusive emergency use by VMR in Pumicestone Passage.

9. The committee approved a request by VMRAQ to temporarily store a Noosa Cat owned by VMR North Stradbroke, pending its transfer to a new owner. This vessel will be stored in the corner of our yard.

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JULY VESSEL ASSISTS:

FRI 05/07 0627am – 14m Cruiser member had dragged anchor and was bumping into a Houseboat in the Pumicestone Passage opposite VMR. Houseboat owner contacted VMRBI indication he was receiving damage from the cruiser. VMRBI resecured Cruiser.

FRI 05/07 1212pm – 12m Riviera non-member dragging anchor at White Patch, towed to Pacific Harbour Marina and advised owner.

SAT 06/07 1015am – 9m ½ Cabin Southport VMR member with seized engine. Required a tow from Avon wreck to Base Ramp.

MON 08/07 1405pm – 3.35m Jet Ski member with tow rope caught in impeller, required a tow from South of Bribie Bridge to Osprey Island Pacific Harbour.

MON 08/07 1750 pm – 11m Cruiser MBA member with motor problems, 200m South of Bongaree Jetty required a tow back to the Bongaree Jetty.

TUE 09/07 1039am – 4.5m ½ Cabin non-member with line around propeller, required a tow from Kakadu Bird Hide to Pacific Harbour canals.

TUE 09/07 2226pm – A call from Fire Com, activated by VKR advising that 2 youths were stranded on a sand bank 1km North of Bribie Bridge. They had been fishing and the incoming tide had cut them off, picked them up and returned them to Base.

WED 10/07 1250pm – 5.6m Centre Console non-member with over heating motor, required a tow from Southern side of the Bribie Island Bridge to Banksia Beach.

WED 10/07 1309pm – 5.1m Runabout member with an overheating motor required a tow from Near water tower Bongaree to Banksia Beach.

SAT 13/07 1809pm – 5.8m Cruiser member, tilt on motor problem, required a tow from Tangalooma to Redcliffe Marina.

SUN 14/07 0943am – 6.2m Cuddy Cabin member with motor problems, required a tow from Cockle Banks to Bongaree Boat Ramp.

MON 15/07 0922am – 11m Sloop Non-member anchored off Bongaree and required to move, but needs help to raise the anchor.

TUE 16/07 1624pm – 6m Centre Console non-member out of fuel, required a tow from between Toorbul and White Patch to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

SAT 20/07 1002am – 6m non-member with motor problems required a tow from near Fish Caves to Scarborough Harbour.

SUN 21/07 1212pm – 5.1m ½ Cabin member stuck on sand North of Bulwer, required a tow to deeper water.

TUE 23/07 1133am – 4.5m Quintrex non-member with motor problems required a tow from just North of bridge to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

FRI 26/07 0848am – 5m Runabout non-member required a tow from Yellow Patch (near Cape Moreton) back to Bribie Island.

FRI 26/07 1121am – 8m Sports Cruiser member with motor problems required a tow from Pacific Harbour canal back to Osprey Island (Pacific Harbour).

MON 29/07 1059am – Member reported a dead turtle between Sandstone Point and South Cardinal.

TUE 30/07 1208pm – Bribie Island Police called us to search for sunken car near the Bellara Boat Ramp.

GRUMPY OLD MENS CLUB

Wednesday 3rd July 2019 - This week's meeting had a few surprise guests attend. Attending with usual members Arthur Brown, Ross Jones, Peter McNamara and Dennis O'Neil, were Dennis' 2 sisters, Bonnie from Calgary and Sue from Ottawa, along with Bob Skinner, Commodore Liz Radajewski (fresh from her lengthy European holiday), Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe and Public Relations Officer John Traill. Scones were aplenty with Peter McNamara bringing along Gwen's pumpkin and ginger scones and John Traill bringing Sheryl's cheese and chives, and date scones.



Dennis O'Neil (seated), from left: Peter McNamara, Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe, Commodore Liz Radajewski, Radio Operator Arthur Brown, Coxswain Bob Skinner, Dennis' 2 sisters Bonnie and Sue, and Radio Operator Ross Jones.

Stories were aplenty with a smidgen of truth to them all! Dennis reminisced about training a rookie Liz, and especially teaching her the three most important nots; not me, not you, and not us! Dennis has both served on crew and with the radios, with most of today's radio operators either being trained by, or examined by Dennis. Peter McNamara showed Sue and Bonnie through the radio room, with the best view of Bribie Island, Dennis then gave his sisters a tour of the base. Dennis has been battling leukaemia, it was great share some stories with his sisters from Canada. A pleasant morning was had by all.

ASSIST 6th JULY 2019

The first assist of the day, an inboard engine that had issues. We got to meet Buddy the cat, probably the coolest cat we ever have met on the water, who kept a good eye on us while we took them and the boat back to the boat ramp.



Buddy the cat takes safety seriously.



Safely aboard Bribie 1.



The disabled vessel safely back at the pontoon.

TERRY YOUNG VISIT: Tuesday 9th July 2019 –



Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe with Terry Young aboard Bribie 1.

Federal Member for Longman Terry Young MP visited VMRBI and met with our Commodore and Vice Commodore. Terry commented "I had a great meeting with Liz and Ces from Marine Rescue Bribie Island VMR445 where they shared with me their vision for this vital service to the community. I look forward to working with them to assist in whatever way I can."



Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe shows MP Terry Young around the base pontoon.



Commodore Liz Radajewski, Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe and MP Terry Young.

BOYS RESCUED FROM SANDBANK Tuesday Night 9th July 2019

A call came through at 10.26pm advising two people stranded on a sandbank approximately 1km north of Bribie Bridge, and 400m offshore. They had called '000' from a phone with no sim card (allowing emergency calls only), so no number to contact them on. They had walked out on a sand bank at low tide to fish and were cut off by the incoming tide, so quite urgent.

Bribie 2 left the pontoon within 15 mins of the initial call. The two were located at around 11.15pm and were brought back to the base pontoon.

The 2 boys aged 13, and 14 were both safe and sound although a bit shaken, as they claimed to have seen a shark when they attempted to wade ashore, hence the '000' call for help.



The sand bank at low tide

STATE OF ORIGIN GAME 3

Wednesday 10th July 2019: – 24 members and guests turned out to watch the 3rd State of Origin rugby league game on the big screen at the VMRBI function room. The ladies of the Social Committee provided pies, hot dogs and toasted sandwiches for \$3 and the bar was open from around 6pm.

The game was a decider for the series and was held at ANZ Stadium in Sydney. With the game evenly poised at half time at 8 to 8, the Blues lead quickly ballooned out to 20 to 8 until the last few minutes, when the Maroons pegged it back to 20 – 20 with only 30 seconds left looked like going into extra time. But Blake Ferguson and James Tedesco teamed up for a miraculous try late in the 79th minute to win both the game and the series.



Some of the 24 strong crowd.



Leona Patrick and Sheryl Traill prepare "Footy Fare" in the Busy Fingers Kitchen.



A happy Cockroach (Graham Gibb) chews on the Maroons flag, "watched" by Barman Peter McNamara.

EMERGENCY SERVICES EXPO 2019

The Countdown is on to this year's Combined Emergency Services EXPO, to be held at Volunteer Marine Rescue Bribie Island's Base on Sunday 13th October 2019 from 10.00am to 2.PM. There is something for all the family and its FREE. A great way for parents to start educating their children and for children to start educating their parents, that everyone needs to know what to do in an Emergency. A great way to meet all of your Emergency Services Personal in one place and view all their equipment.



Pic LtoR: back row Senior Fire Fighter Paul Klingner, VMR Bribie Island Emergency Services Liaison Officer Graham Gibb, Henk van den Ende from SES ,Front Row LtoR: Jarrod Thorne from QAS, Tahnee Gordon our Emergency Services Young Ambassador and Sgt Duncan Price from Bribie Police, all have taken time out of their busy schedules to come together to promote this important event.



Paul Klingner QFES, Henk van den Ende SES, Graham Gibb VMR, Duncan Price QPS, Jarrod Thorne QAS, and Tahnee Gordon (front).



Tahnee on Bribie 1.

XMAS IN JULY

FRIDAY 19TH July 2019: Volunteer Marine Rescue Bribie Island held a Christmas in July function for the Volunteers from Busy Fingers.



Ladies of the Social Committee begin preparation. From left: Brenda Allardyce, Sharon Giles, Robyn Young, Leona Patrick, and Janine Jaavuo.

Busy Fingers has been a long-time supporter of VMR Bribie by helping each month with its fuel bill. VMR Bribie's Commodore Liz Radajewski said "It is one way of showing our sincere appreciation to

our fellow volunteers at Busy Fingers for their tremendous ongoing support".

Over sixty volunteers attended from Busy Fingers and VMR, and all were treated to a Christmas in July feast prepared by the VMRBI Social Committee lead by Janine Jaavuo.

Santa Claus (alias VMR Radio Operator Peter McNamara) made a guest appearance; but had trouble with his reindeer so he had to call on VMRBI for assistance. Our newest recruit "SAFETY DAVE THE FRENCHIE" leapt into action getting Santa to the function on time.



Safety Dave The Frenchie.

Christmas Carols Karaoke was led by our resident musician VMR Skipper Ray Gibbs. There were prizes given for the best dressed in a nautical theme, as well as some lucky door prizes.

Karen Highlands, the president of Busy Fingers thanked VMR on behalf of the volunteers from Busy Fingers who attended.

Everyone had a Jolly Good Time. Especially "Safety Dave The Frenchie" who was last seen trying to have a snooze on the carpet.



Santa & Commodore Liz give out one of the many prizes.



Christmas carols karaoke was led by Ray Gibbs.



Above and below words for the karaoke were displayed on the screen.



The Committee joined in the carols.



More prizes.



Barmen for the night Peter Morton and Wayne Sclater.



Yet more prizes.



Santa with Safety Dave and his owner Karen Darlington.



A Prize was given for best nautical themed outfit, seen here presented by Santa and Commodore Liz Radajewski.



Commodore Liz Radajewski gives Safety Dave The Frenchie a hug for his part in making the evening a success.



Commodore Liz Radajewski and Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe give Santa (a.k.a. Peter McNamara) a hug.



An exhausted Safety Dave has a well-earned rest.

PROMOTIONS TO CREW



Phil Holmes and Nigel Cleminson place crew epaulettes on Mike Looney.



Commodore Liz Radajewski hands Paul Gillmore his crew epaulettes.

Committee Outcomes -- July 2019

The following is a summary of the outcomes of the meeting on 17th July 2019:

1. The committee noted that a further meeting has been held of the Blue Water Review working group, a summary of which has already been distributed to members. Members will be kept up to date with any developments.
2. The committee progressed the review into the base building. Plans are underway to update drawings and to develop options for development. As previously reported, this will be a progressive review that will take some time, and we will keep members updated on progress.
3. New CPR mannikins have been delivered and used in first aid training. We continue to submit applications for grants for essential items for the vessels, radio room and base buildings, with mixed success. The committee agreed to submit a grant application for upgrades to the base radio system.
4. The Committee noted that the VMR Bribie golf day this year is scheduled for 8th November. As previously agreed, this will be an opportunity for members and guests to relax and enjoy a round of golf unencumbered by the need to fundraise. More details will be provided separately.
5. VMR Bribie is now the owner of a mooring for our exclusive use, which will be a great help to our members and the public when we are attempting to secure drifting and breakaway vessels in the southern passage.
6. The committee noted that the radio room handled over 1000 calls for the month, with 21 assists provided to members and other vessels.
7. The committee noted that five new trainee crew have been appointed, bringing the total boat crew to 50, with another 4 crew on leave.

8. The executive met with Terry Young MP, the newly elected federal member for Longman, who expressed strong support for VMR Bribie and offered to assist in accessing federal funding where available.

BEACHMERE LIONS DONATION

Friday 28th July 2019:

Peter McNamara did the 0500am radio shift and was relieved by Jeff Kidner at 1000am. Jeff then presented me with a cheque for \$2000 which was a donation from the Lions Club of Beachmere.

Jeff is on the committee there, when they were allocating funds for various organizations Jeff put VMR Bribie Island's name forward and we were successful.

This is not the first time Jeff has done this, previously we received a donation from the Lions Club towards the new aerials on the radio tower when it was last upgraded.

BRIBIE 2 REPAIRS: Mon 29th July 2019

This morning at 5.30am Bribie 2 and a crew of 4 started the long journey to Southport to get Bribie 2 some urgent repairs at Swift Marine. During the journey 2 of our competent crew were able to complete their navigation assignment practical and also get to enjoy the perfect conditions and scenery. We also dropped in to Volunteer Marine Rescue Southport who gave us a tour of their base.



Bribie 2 ready to embark on the journey to Swift Marine for repairs.



Doug Lythgo and Lindsay Crompton check their position.

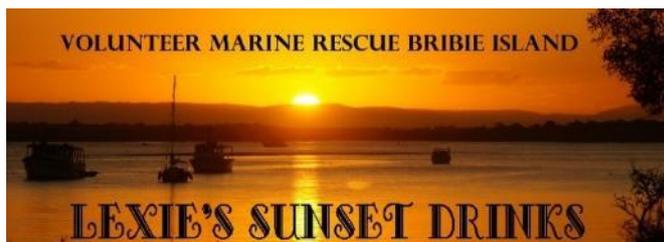


Loading Bribie 2 for the journey to Swift Marine.



VMR Southport Rescue vessel at the pontoon.

Bribie 2 made the return trip on Wednesday 7th August 2019, leaving around 0950am and returning some 4 hours later (after refuelling at Spinnaker Sound Marina).



Friday 26th July 2019

Around 50 members and guests attended Sunset Drinks, hamburgers were served by the Social Committee and Trevor Botham once gain provided the music and vocals. The usual raffles were also held. Our Youth Ambassador, for our Emergency Services EXPO Tahnee Gordon was also present and was introduced to all present.



Tahnee popped in to ensure the hamburger patties were under way, even turned a few in the process.



Tahnee with VMRBI Patron and State Member for Pumicestone Simone Wilson MP.



Brenda Allardyce and Ray Christensen manned the door selling meal and raffle tickets.



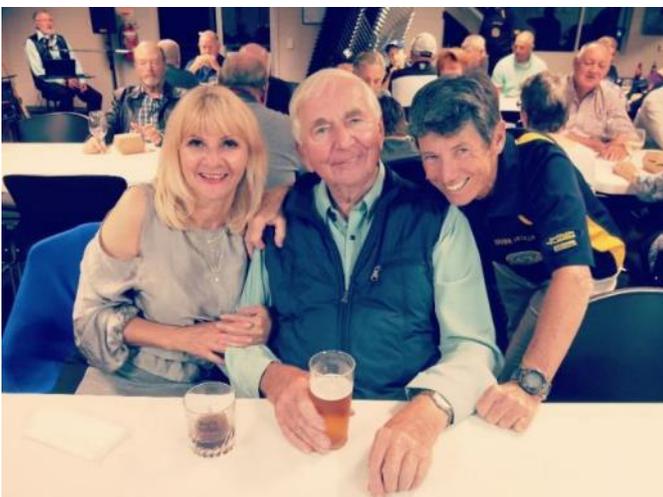
Kaye and Brenda Hammond.



Bec Gibb, Gwen McNamara with Pam Grimes.



Jamie and Karen Darlington with Peter Morton at the bar.



Henryk and Liz Radajewski with friend.



Leona Patrick, Robyn Young and Janine Jaavuo.



BBQ Specialists Ron Burrett and Graham Patrick.



Linda Middap with Wendy Luscombe.



Linda Burdinat and John Hammond with Noel Wendt.



Commodore Liz Radajewski and Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe with Tahnee Gordon.



John Burdinat with his brother Bob.



Some of the 50 strong members and guests.



Mike and Margaret Phillips.



Tahnee draws the raffle whilst Commodore Liz, Vice Commodore Ces and Graham Gibb supervise.



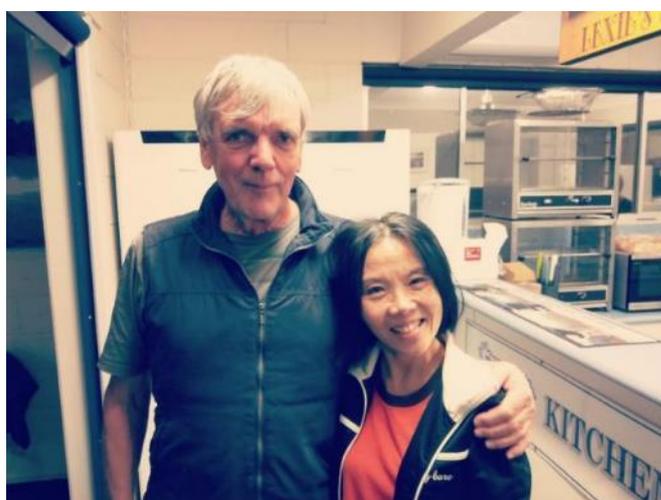
Winner of the second raffle.



Winner of the first raffle Lorna Holliday.



Commodore Liz presented Vice Commodore Ces with a "cake" and candle to celebrate his birthday yesterday!



Andy and Mei enjoy the evening.



Ces impersonates a beacon with his birthday candle.

AUGUST 2019

AUGUST RADIO ROOM STATISTICS

1,083 Calls, 319 vessels logged on, 9 Vessel Assists, 102 Sitreps, 47 Requests, 8 Overdue vessels, 3 Vessel Tracking, 0 Securite Broadcasts. 139 Radio Checks

VHF calls 78.7%, - 27MHz calls 9.0%.

AUGUST VESSEL ASSISTS:

TUE 14/08 2120pm - member of the public called in a yacht moored in the passage near IGA was very low at the front, investigated and found the bow sprit was broken, mooring chains and ropes were tangled. Owner was on board and assisted with cutting ropes and re-attaching a mooring line.

WED 14/06 1409pm - A passing boatie reported an upturned partially submerged kayak off Tangalooma, VMRBI relayed this to Water Police, who in turn activated VMRBI and CG Redcliffe to perform an SAR mission in the vicinity of Spitfire Channel and the North West coast of Moreton Island, checking the area between Pearl Channel and Gilligan's Island on the way back to base. Nothing was found and the SAR was stood down about 2130pm.

THU 15/08 1030am – 6.8m ½ Cabin non-member with motor problems, required a tow from Curtain Artificial Reef to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

SUN 18/08 0822am – 3m Tinny sitting on sandbar, no one aboard – investigate.

SUN 18/08 1024am – 5m ½ Cabin non-member with fuel leak and motor won't start. Required a tow to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

SUN 18/08 1542pm – 3m Jet Ski non-member stuck on sand bank near Mission Point, required a tow back to the channel.

MON 19/08 1300pm – 10m Yacht member with flat batteries required a tow from mooring at Bongaree to Scarborough Harbour.

FRI 23/08 1247pm – 15m Cruiser non-member taking on water at mooring. Required pumping out near Turners Camp.

SAT 24/08 0805am – 15m Cruiser non-member still taking on water – required pumping out.

FRI 30/08 1909pm – Tasked by Water Police to investigate Rubber Ducky sighted on mud bank in Elimbah Creek and bring back to VMRBI Base.

FINAL PLANNING MEETING COMBINED EMERGENCY SERVICES EXPO

Thursday 1st August 2019 – 10am. Most of the Participating organisations were present to finalise this year's plans, all systems are now go for the EXPO to be held on Sunday 13th October 2019 between 0945am and 1415pm.



Come along and join Tahnee Gordon, our Emergency Services Young Ambassador pictured above with Sgt Duncan Price from Bribie Police.

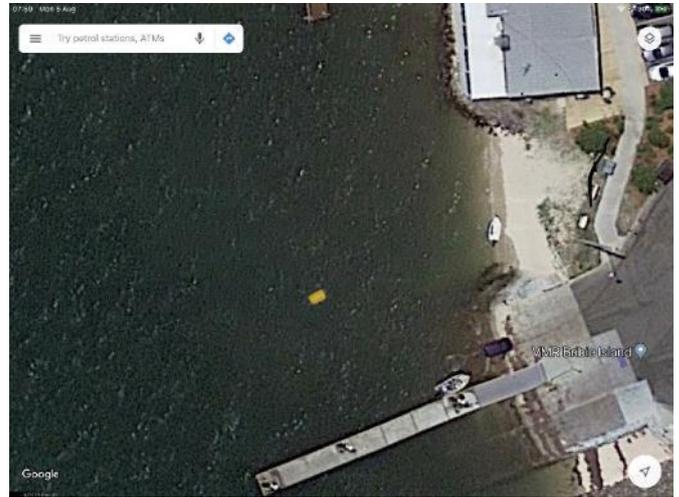


Most of the participating organisations were present for the last planning meeting for the 2019 EXPO.

SUNKEN VEHICLE

Monday 5th August 2019 - We were alerted by Police to a sunken vehicle just off of the Bellara Boat Ramp, Bribie Island.

Police divers have advised it has been in the water quite a while and is not a recent incident, it has been moved recently by the tides.



The vehicle is marked on the map approximately as a yellow rectangle so if visiting this area please take care in and around the boat ramp.

All the relevant authorities have been informed. MSQ will decide what to do with the vehicle.

10M YACHT BREAKS BOWSPRIT



The broken bowsprit.

On the evening of the 13th August 2019, a member of the public alerted VMRBI that a 10m yacht near IGA Bongaree was very low in the water at the bow. On investigation the mooring ropes and chains (below water line) were found to be hopelessly tangled and twisted (thus shortening the mooring), hence dragging the front of the boat down as the

tide came in. Our callout crew, skippered by Coxswain Nigel Cleminson assisted by Coxswain Simon Middap and crewmen Jon Brice and Peter Paschke with the help of the owner (onboard) managed to cut the rope, untangle the mooring chains and reattach another rope as a temporary fix.



The 10m yacht the following day

CREW PROMOTIONS



Lindsay Crompton receives his Competent Crew Stripes from Coxswains Ian Grimes and John Burdinat.



Wayne Sclater receives his Competent Crew Stripes from Commodore Liz Radajewski and Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe. (Wayne had to be retested for his CC status due to a prolonged absence from duty).

GREEN SATURDAY 3rd August 2019

Green Saturday had a day of new stripes, ropes, COLREGS, training and a visit from Raby Bay VMR's RBIII Medivac Vessel.



VMR Raby Bay's RBIII at VMRBI Pontoon.



COLREGS practice in the crew room.



Knot tying practice with the "Guru" Ian Grimes.



Wayne Sclater practicing 2 stripe vacuuming.

RADIO OPERATORS MEETING Wednesday 7th August 2019 1830pm:

24 Radio Operators attended plus the Commodore and Vice Commodore. John Bodycombe, VMRBI's Radio Officer outlined areas of concern and briefed the meeting on future plans for the Radio Room, including the acquisition of appropriate commercial marine radios to replace the current boat radios we have installed in our Radio Room. He also discussed changing the roster times; and will put any changes to vote by email to all radio operators. There was limited interest in increasing the radio watch to 24 hours.



Radio Officer John Bodycombe addresses the meeting.

Graham Gibb, VMRBI's Emergency Services Liaison Officer outlined the impending service contracts with Emergency Services organisations which will be able to task VMRBI directly, saving valuable time in our role of preservation of life in our community.

Peter Morton outlined the use of the events button on the G-Log to be used for courses such as the LROCP Course in November. Peter and John Bodycombe reiterated the procedure if the G-Log locks up, DO NOT switch the computer off at the power button as it further impacts the data-base.



Just over half of the radio operators attended the meeting.

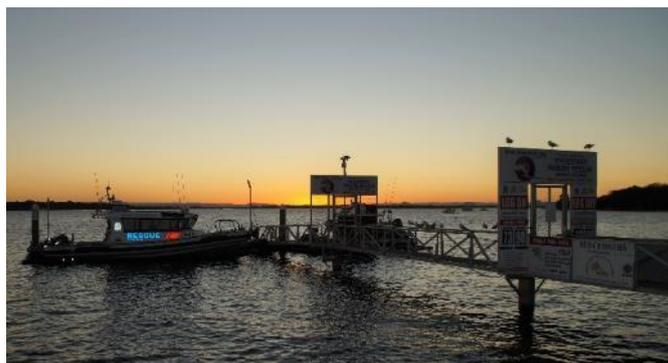
Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe addressed the meeting on the importance of our fundraising efforts. Ces advised that the cost of upgrading the radio room would be in the vicinity of \$70,000. Ces also outlined the current position with respect to the Blue Water Review.



John Traill receives his Senior Radio operator insignia from Radio Officer John Bodycombe.

HAPPY HOUR Friday 9th August 2019

27 members and guests attended the Happy Hour to enjoy the new bar prices and bar nibbles prepared and served by Peter Morton.



Sunset at the Base Pontoon.



Commodore Liz Radajewski and Allan Tranter and others at the bar.



Graham and Kerrie Parker with friends.



Sheryl Trull with Graham and Leona Patrick.



VMRBI Secretary Gary Voss, Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe and Ron Burrett.



Phil Enright, Alan Gough, Hanna Nupponen and Allison Heywood.



Peter Morton chats with Lee Clark.



Peter Morton manned the bar.



Betty Snell with Robyn Young.



VJ and Mikey.

2019 E.S. EXPO

Monday 12th August 2019 - Peter McNamara met with Graham Gibb this morning to catch up on latest Expo Plans he had arranged for Tahnee Gordon our Emergency Services Expo Youth Ambassador to come in and collect her new VMR T-Shirt, and to take some photos.



Tahnee with their years EXPO Poster.



Tahnee Gordon, our Emergency Services Youth Ambassador sporting her new VMR polo shirt.

BLUECARE VISIT:

Wednesday 14th August 2019 – VMRBI hosted some guys and gals from Bluecare for a quick visit as part of their Men's Program, Moreton Bay Integrated Services, Bluecare Caboolture.



Radio Operator Arthur Brown introduces our visitors to the radio room and its function.



The Bluecare visitors look over the boats on the pontoon with Jamie Darlington there to answer questions.



Commodore Liz Radajewski with the Bluecare group on the VMRBI Pontoon.

Arriving around 11am. We had a wonderful time showing off our boats and base to everyone

involved, we heard lots of interesting stories and had a few laughs along the way.



Above and below, the vessels were a great hit.



ESS TRAINING:

Sunday 18th August 2019 - Ian, Craig, David and Steve, along with Cameron from VMR Brisbane were all put through their paces taking part in ELEMENTS of SHIPBOARD SAFETY (ESS). They got the chance to experience the cool water of the passage, going through an abandon vessel drill, assisting a person in the water put on a life vest and experiencing the fun of an upturned life raft. On dry land, they used fire extinguishers and flares. All crew passed with flying colours, albeit a bit cold.



Treading water in the cool Pumicestone Passage.



Climbing aboard the life raft.



That's one way to exit a life raft!



Above and below fire extinguisher familiarisation.



CREW PROMOTION



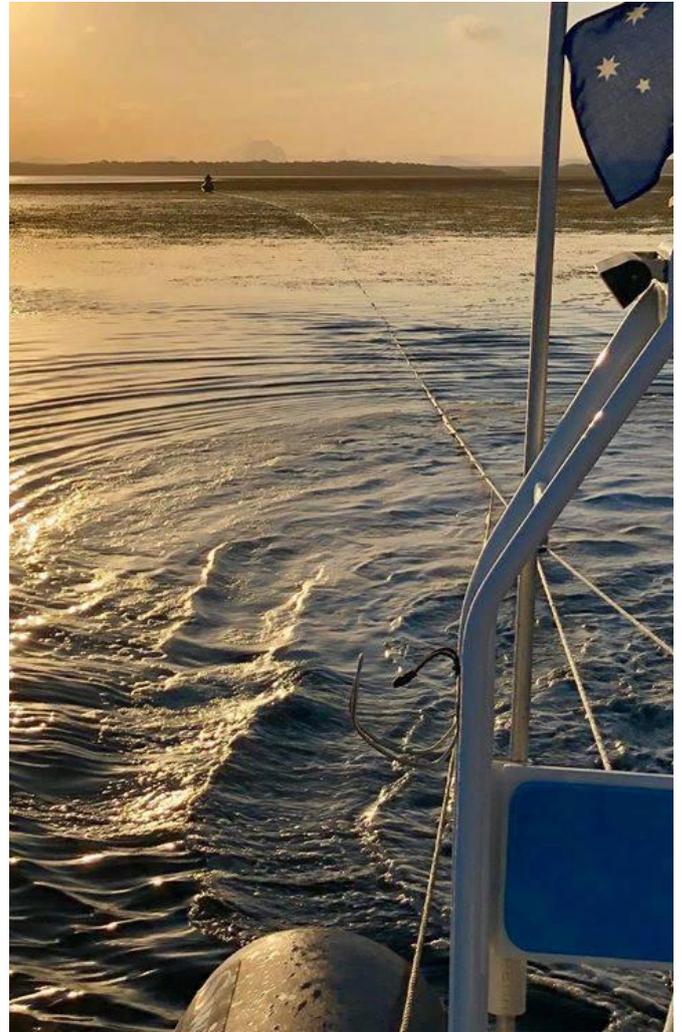
Commodore Liz Radajewski presents Michael Henson with his Crew epaulettes.

SUNDAY ASSISTS 18th August 2019 -

White Sunday was tasked to retrieve a tinny at lunch time and the final call of the day was a stranded jet ski, as you can see from the picture they were along way out the crew used all the rope they had on board Jonkers Bribie 3 to bring them home safely.



The Tinny is towed back to our pontoon.



The Jet Ski stuck on mud flats near Mission Point.

ANACONDA VIP FISHING NIGHT

Wednesday 21st August 2019 6pm - Safety Dave The Frenchie was accompanied by Commodore Liz Radajewski, Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe, Gary Voss, Peter McNamara, Wayne Sclater, Jon Brice, Karen Darlington, Graham Gibb and John Traill. There were lots of pats, cuddles and photos with Safety Dave The Frenchie, chats with crew, skippers and radio operators, and of course Jonkers Bribie 3 and our amazing new vehicle Jonkers Bribie 4 (HiLux 4X4) and so much to see and do on the night.

Anaconda gave away 100 x \$10 gift cards, there were lucky door prizes and more, PLUS a BBQ thanks to the Caboolture River Fishing & Boating Club and a Coffee Stall.

An exciting line-up was arranged, with appearances from Tweed Bait, Frogley's Offshore, Dorcy, Lowrance, Yak Hunters Australia, Lifegear and the team from Pro Throw Cast Nets taking us through live cast net demonstrations throughout the night. And of course, the highlight of the night a safety presentation by VMRBI Secretary and Commercial Coxswain Gary Voss.

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Karen mentioned: "I have received a lovely message from Anaconda saying thanks for attending and thanks for being a real stand out in

the crowd with Info and people power. A huge thanks to Gary for the great talk and demo on lifejackets they would like us back in November if we can be available, the head honcho for Anaconda QLD was there and was also suitably impressed. We have been asked to attend a fishing workshop in aid of men's mental health I will get to you with dates."



With Jonkers Bribie 3 in front of the Anaconda Store Morayfield are: Karen Darlington, Wayne Sclater, John Trill, Commodore Liz Radajewski holding Safety Dave The Frenchie, Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe and Jon Brice.



Karen Darlington with Safety Dave The Frenchie.



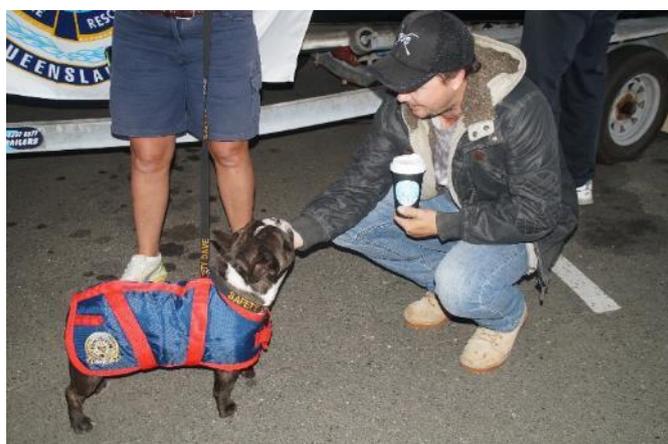
Peter McNamara with Safety Dave The Frenchie proving dogs don't always look like their owners!!!



Gary Voss about to set up his water safety presentation.



Safety Dave The Frenchie attracts as much interest as the static display of Jonkers Bribie 3 & Bribie 4.



Our star attraction at work!



Wayne's grandkids pose on Jonkers Bribie 3.



Gary Voss gave a presentation on water safety.



Ces and Peter manned our information booth.



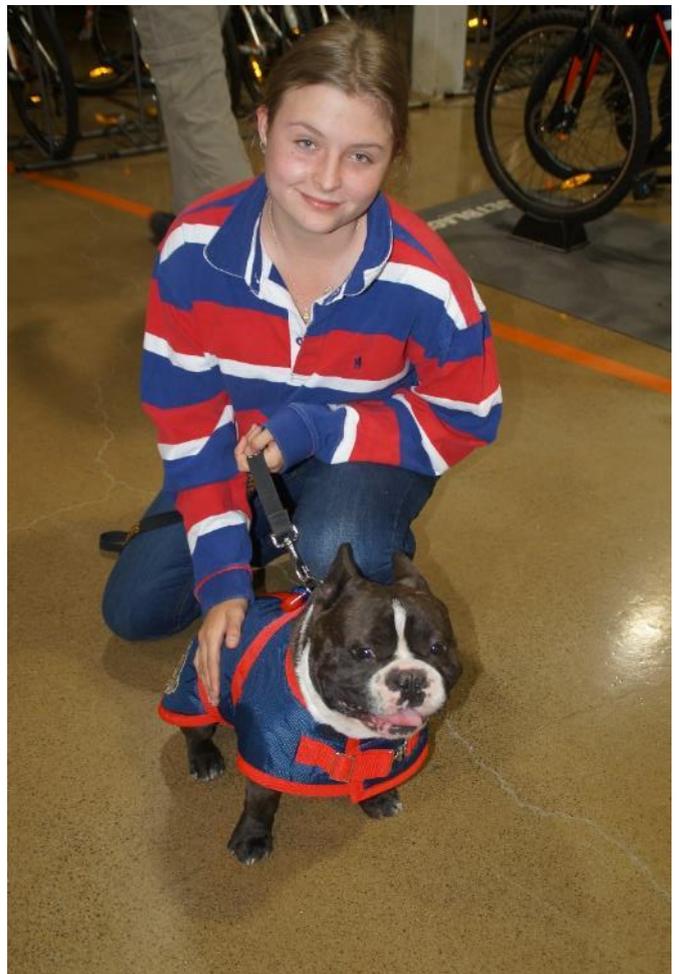
Ces had hand outs for the kids as well.



2 of Wayne's grandkids pose with Safety Dave The Frenchie.



Wayne's granddaughter took part in the casting competition, her brother also won a prize.



Safety Dave The Frenchie met a young girl with a matching outfit.

BLUECARE VISIT

Thursday 22nd August 2019 –

Bluecare dropped in today to have a look around the base and vessels. The wind was blowing but it didn't put off some of the visitors who ventured down to the pontoon. It was a fun filled morning with singing, stories, cake and lots of smiles all round. THANKS for dropping in.



Windy but worth the effort.



Morning tea was served under the patio at VMRBI.



Peter McNamara handing out freebie wristbands.



Michael Henson outlines our role at VMR.



Michael Henson sings Italian songs for the visitors.



Ian Grimes chats to the visitors in front of the North Stradbroke Rescue Vessel (which is for sale).

RED SATURDAY 24TH August 2019 -

Red Saturday had a big crew on board today 6 crew and 2 trainee crew. First up they had to pump water out of a sinking vessel in the Passage.



Bribie 2 rafts up against the vessel taking on water.



Skipper Simon Middap starts the pump to get rid of the water from the vessels bilge.

But then it was cake time for Jim's birthday and presentation of his Competent Crew epaulettes. Then on to COLREGS for some crew and some local knowledge for our new crew members. Lunch was curry then straight into a rafting exercise near the South Cardinal. On the way back to base we collected a log and an information buoy that was

picked up in the bay by a member of the public never a dull moment.



Bribie 2 and Jonkers Bribie 3 rafted up to the vessel taking on water.



Jim Brown receives his Competent Crew epaulettes from Commodore Liz Radajewski and Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe.



Jim's Birthday cake.



COLREGS training.



Rafting exercises near the South Cardinal.



Phil Couper & Karen Darlington with the retrieved beacon.

NEW FIRE FIGHTING PUMP

Tuesday 27th August 2019 1830pm - Bribie Island QFES Station Officer Wayne Brown and his crew of fire fighters were at the VMRBI Base to test out the new fire fighting pump and procedures which were trialled on Bribie 1. Also present were a number of VMRBI Coxswains, who initially consulted on procedures and later demonstrated their abilities to keep the vessel in the vicinity of the target, as well as light up the target with search lights to assist the fire fighters.

All the fire crew had previously been inducted with basic safety for the VMRBI vessels in readiness for any emergency callout.

It was a successful training session, which will enable SOP's to be adequately produced in improve both performance and response times.



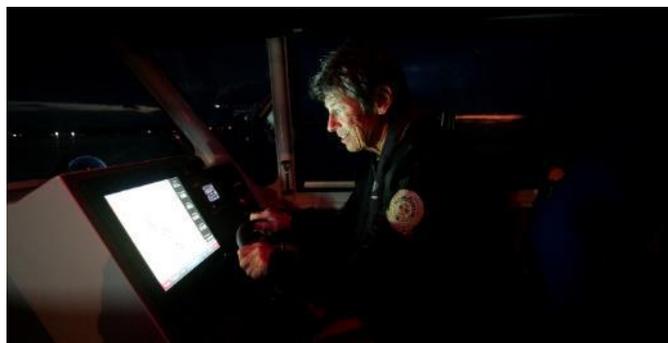
QFES Officers Wayne Brown and Josh Clare run through a draft procedure for callout and use of the fire pump.



Bribie 1 is manoeuvred from its sea pen for the exercise.



Manoeuvring the new pump on its trolley to the pontoon.



Commodore Liz Radajewski above checks the course on the chart plotter, is nearing the end of her first year as Commodore. Pic Peter McNamara.



Wayne Brown checks his fire fighters know the process for choosing the right gear to load onto Bribie 1.



Fire fighters are familiarised with the new pump.



Loading the pump onto Bribie 1.



Coxswain Gary Voss demonstrates to Fireman Dave how to attach the harness from the life jacket to the vessel, for the trip around the outside of Bribie 1 to safely position the fire hose to the front of the vessel.



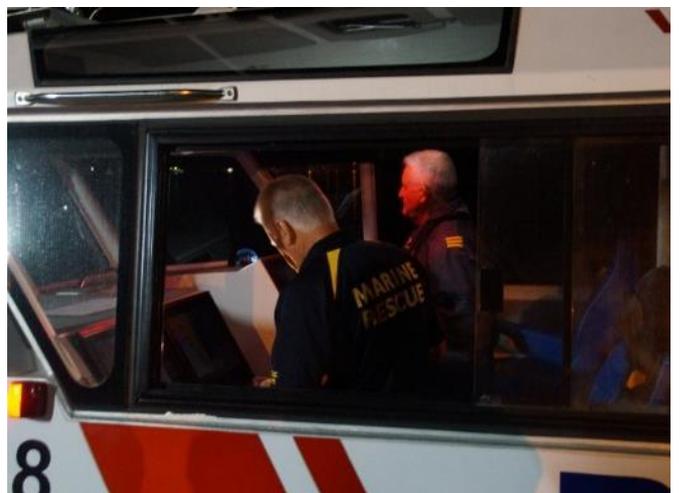
Fire fighters practice the art of flaking the fire hose, to safely carry it leaving both hands free to climb.



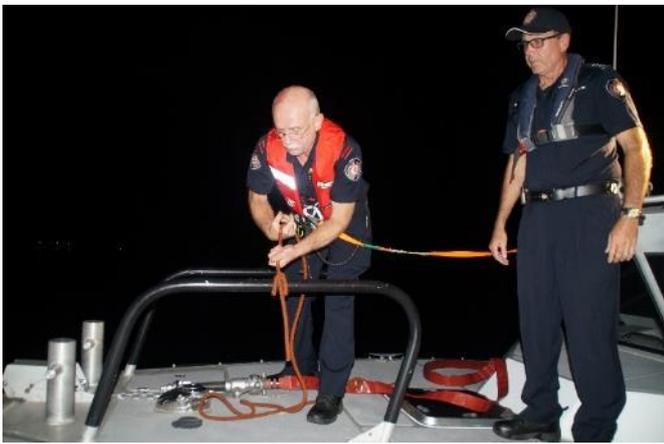
Fire Fighter Dave with flaked hose ready to climb around to the front of Bribie 1.



Vessel and fire crews gather around Bribie 1, to participate in or to observe the procedures.



Coxswains Ray Gibbs and Bob Skinner ready to take the fire fighters to the fire.



Fire Fighter Dave lashes the nozzle to the rails at the front of Bribie 1 for the journey to the fire, watched closely by Station Officer Wayne Brown.



Pump is lashed into position on Bribie 1.



Pump is primed in readiness in the cool zone.



Nearing the warm zone the pump and flow is tested.



Fireman Dave directs water onto the target.



Fire Crew and Coxswains rotate to train everyone, in all 3 separate runs were made.



Coxswain discussion on progress between rotations, from left: Ray Gibbs, Commodore Liz Radajewski and Ian Grimes.



Coxswain "Father" (a.k.a. Bob Skinner) directs proceedings.



Fireman Eric checks for the search light.



Another approach to the target.



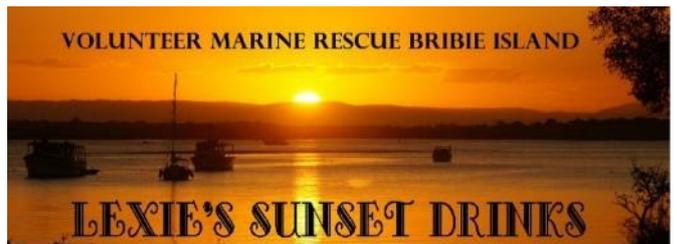
Pouring water onto the target.



Water hits the target with full force.



Emergency Services Expo Youth Ambassador Tahnee Gordon enlisted the help of her classmates at The Bribie Island State Primary School to help promote the Emergency Services Expo Sunday 13th October 2019.



SUNSET DRINKS

Friday 30th August 2019

A large 100+ crowd attended for this month's Sunset Drinks. We even had to send out for more hamburgers for our new chefs to cook. Committee Member Extraordinaire Wayne Sclater (Overseer of the Bar) had Special Certificates for prizes from the bar issued and were also drawn as part of our raffles. Ever reliable Trevor Botham once again provided the vocals and music.



Sunset at the VMRBI Base.



George and Karen Dellicompagni toasting another magic Bribie sunset.



Glenison Matthys, Aamir Cao, Jon and Nia Brice.



Wendy Luscombe receiving her special prize which entitles her to something at the bar seen here with Commodore Liz Radajewski and Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe.



BBQ Master Chefs. Charles Williams and Gary Bunker.



Michael Limb receives his bar prize from Commodore Liz Radajewski and Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe.



Some of the large 100+ crowd.



Nia Brice receiving her special prize which entitles her to something at the bar seen here with Commodore Liz Radajewski and Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe.



Frieda Wydeveld receives her bar prize from Commodore Liz Radajewski and Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe.



Lyn Wendt one of the raffle winners seen here with Commodore Liz Radajewski and Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe.



Copy of Special Bar Prize Certificates.



MBRC Division 1 Councillor Brooke Savage and her daughter Mackenzie one of the raffle winners seen here with Commodore Liz Radajewski and Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe.



Radio Operator Wayne Beaton and wife Kerry at Sunset Drinks, with Trevor Botham providing the music and vocals in the background.



Sue and Wayne Slater enjoy the evening!

Committee Outcomes -- August 2019

The following is a summary of the outcomes of the meeting on 22nd August, 2019.

The Commodore reported that the Commodore and Vice Commodore are conducting personal interviews with Active Members to gain insight into the views of the Active Members on the direction of the squadron. This is starting with the crew and will be an ongoing process.

The Commodore advised that Bribie 2 has returned from its maintenance trip to Swift Marine in Southport where it was fitted with new covers and canopy.

The Committee noted that detailed planning is underway for the VMR Bribie golf day on 8th November. As previously agreed, this will be an opportunity for members and guests to relax and enjoy a round of golf largely unencumbered by the need to fundraise. More details will be provided separately.

The Committee is progressing the review into the base building. Design drafts are currently being prepared for consideration, including possible extensions to the verandah, a larger radio room, and additional storage areas at the rear of the

building. As previously reported, this will be a progressive review that will take some time, and we will keep members updated on progress.

The Committee noted that the radio room handled over 1000 calls for the month, with 20 assists provided to members and other vessels.

The Committee endorsed the preparation of a design and cost estimate for a "slip trailer" for Bribie 1 and 2. A slip trailer will allow the vessels to be taken from the water at the base ramp for engine services and other maintenance.

The Committee noted that total membership now exceeds 1500.

GREEN SATURDAY 31st August 2019 -



Skipper Ian Grimes conducts navigation training.

Green Saturday had a pretty quiet day APART FROM a new crew member joining us, training MOB, 3 point fix, navigation, boat handling, pump training, knots revision, a lovely lunch cooked by the skipper Ian, indulgent desert from Lindsay then off to a simulated boat accident with two people with broken limbs (all pretend) rafted up to them and took them back to base, a little more boating handling then fuelled up the vessels cleaned them all down then the day was done phew.....



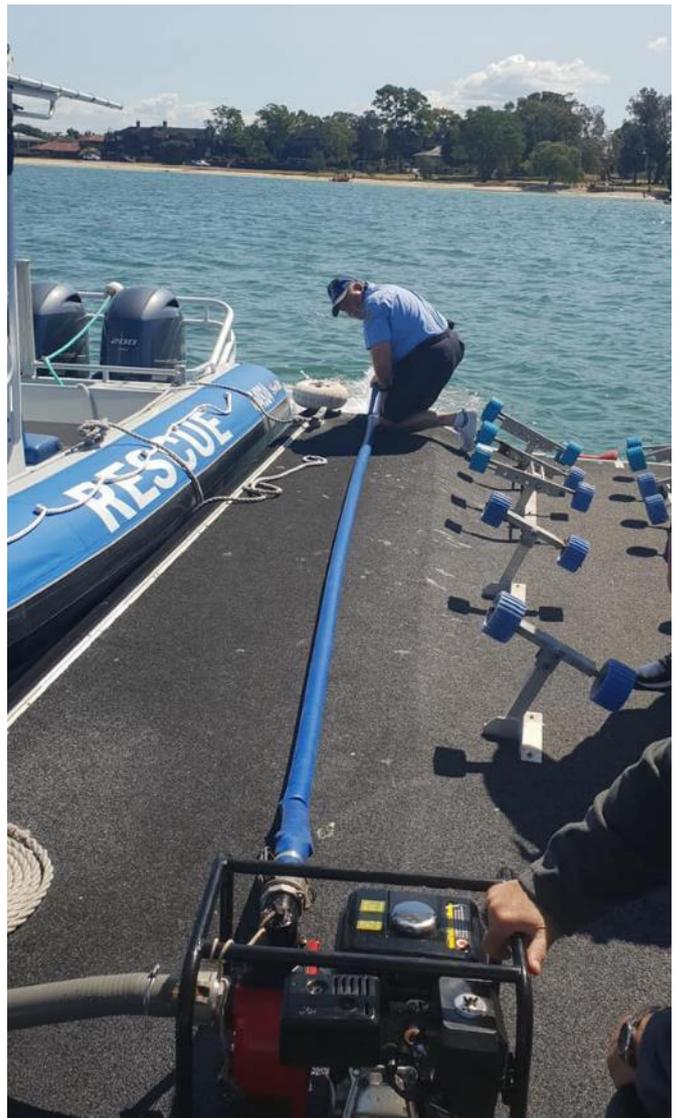
Radio Operator Eric Holliday "is taken for a ride" aboard Bribie 1.



A hive of activity on the pontoon.



I wonder where this goes.



Testing the pump on the pontoon.



Applying WD40 to ensure the pump and connections remain in top condition.



Checking Nav Points.



Navigation training put into practice.



Lunch.



Our vessels rafted up at the pontoon.



Leaving our pontoon heading toward the Bribie Bridge.



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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 2019, you can keep up to date on our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Marine-Rescue-Bribie-Island-445>