



Boat Talk

VMR Brisbane's Monthly Newsletter



VMR Bribie and VMR Brisbane during filming of Channel 9's BrainBuzz episode – see the President's Report on page 2 for more details.

Around the Rigging

Welcome to our new members (below). We look forward to seeing you around the base.

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ACTIVE CREW

No new crew this month but we're always happy to talk to people about the benefits of joining an Active Crew.

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FULL MEMBERS

Kirk Ellis
Peter Hackett
Glen Maynard
Mark Mustchin
Paul Phillips
Dallas Young
Paul Young

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WATERSIDE ASSIST

George Bookallil
Tim Bosgra
Andrew Clarke
Andrew Cronin
Mark Dixon
Mark Intelisano
Martin Kingston
Henry Lancaster
Craig Lines
Jordan McKay
Stuart McLean
Bradley O'Neill
Sean Thomas
Alan Traves
Rudi Van Varendorff
Shaun Young

DATES TO REMEMBER

EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES EXPO

10th Sept from 8 a.m -2.30 p.m

FOOD TRUCK EVENT

Hosted by Alpha Crew on
Sunday, 17th September, 2017
12 noon – 4.00 pm *Still to be confirmed*

VMRB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, 26th September at 7.30 p.m.

David Massam, who is the 2017 Expo Convenor for our Emergency & Community Services Expo advises that, on Sunday, 10th September, 2017, there will be very limited access to the hardstand and Members' launch ramp from 0600 to 1430 hours due to the Emergency and Community Services Expo and Opening of the 2017/2018 Yachting season.

The Expo will run from 0800 to 1430 hours with something for everyone, some 35 promotional and information displays by Community and Recreational Groups as well as attendance by various suppliers and all Land and Water-based Emergency services with live displays, plenty of food to choose from, and even an area for the kids to enjoy. For more details see page 4.

Another reminder that the AGM of VMR Brisbane is to be held on 26th September. The Notice of Meeting is on page 4 and the Nomination and Proxy Forms are on page 5.

PLEASE NOTE: All outstanding fee payments now mean that access to the Club is unavailable as swipe cards will have been disconnected. So the last reminder is to check that you have paid your membership fee for the coming year.

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President's Report

Our annual Emergency and Community Services Expo is just around the corner on Sunday 10th September from 08:00 to 14:30. Once again a very big thank you to our

Secretary, David Massam, for pretty much single handedly putting all this together and thank you to all the Members who have been involved in the planning of the day. And a thank you in advance for those Members who offered their time to help on the day. It is very much appreciated. If you can help on the day, even if it is only for an hour, please let David or myself know asap.

Please like and share the Event on Facebook to get the word out to all your friends and family.

You can find this annual Event by clicking [here](#) or going to our Facebook Page [VMRBrisbane](#).

We encourage all Active Crew Members to attend in uniform for the official part of the day starting at 08:00 as a show of strength to our visiting Dignitaries.

For those of you who prefer a sleep in on a Sunday morning, please come and pay us a visit later in the day. There will be lots to see and do for kids of all ages, food trucks and water activities to come and try as well as all the rescue equipment and crews.

We had an interesting event in August and visit from one of Australia's celebrities in Gretel Killeen. Gretel has been doing an interesting show to help community groups such as ours to raise much needed funds called "This Is Who I Am". A very big thank you to one of our new Members, Chris Mangan, for putting this together in a very short time frame. Hopefully we can do it again next year.

We had an opportunity to highlight our Rescue Squadron with Channel 9's new children's show, BrainBuzz, in an episode set to air in March 2018. Thank you to Glenn Philip for organising this and Les Pascoe, Noel Luxton, Tony Lloyd, Col Neilsen, Greg Henderson and the crew from VMRB Brisbane for giving up a Tuesday afternoon to help out.

We have the pleasure of welcoming another water-based group to our Association in the Xiang Shorncliffe Dragon Boat Club. Bruce and team will have their dragon boat available for a come and try on the Sunday, 10th September.

Another Management year is coming to end and as such I and all of Management would like to thank all

the Members that volunteer their time to help make VMR Brisbane the fantastic Association it is.

With the upcoming Annual General Meeting I urge all Members to think about taking on a more active role in your Association. Every little bit helps and there are heaps of roles to fill to keep VMR Brisbane ticking along.

Have you considered hiring your Venue for a Christmas function?

As Lizzie does such an awesome job looking after our Venue, I would suggest looking seriously at making a booking sooner rather than later by contacting Lizzie at hallhire@vmbrbrisbane.com.au and getting a date locked in.

Safe Boating

Best Regards

Thomas Grice

President, VMRB

Xiang Shorncliffe Dragon Boat Club

Following an approach from the Xiang Shorncliffe Dragon Boat Club, Management is pleased to welcome them to our VMRB Family as an Associate Club. They will be meeting and training from our base within the next few months, so if you come across them, please make yourself known and help make them welcome. As a matter of interest, a Dragon Boat is about 12.4m long, weighs 250kg, carries 20 paddlers in pairs facing the bow, a drummer or caller facing the paddlers and a sweep (or steerer) at rear, so you can't miss one on the water.



Above is a dragon boat to give you an idea of what to look out for.

Our Association is made up of the following clubs. Please click on the logo to find out more details.



Activation Report

AUGUST

At the last Management meeting, the names of our Rescue Vessels were simplified to the easily recalled Sandgate 1, Sandgate 2 and Sandgate 3.

5th – An after-hours crew on Sandgate 1 assisted a 4.75m Cruise Craft Spirit with 1 POB which experienced electrical failure. The vessel was towed from Jeays Reef back to the Whyte Island Boat Ramp.



6th - Sandgate 1 assisted a 19ft speed boat with 1 POB which was experiencing fuel problems. The vessel was located 3 nm from Cabbage Tree Creek and was towed back to QCYC.

19th - Sandgate 1 was tasked by Brisbane VTS and the Brisbane Water Police to relocate a 28 foot sailing vessel that had dragged its anchor and had become a navigational hazard in the New Farm Reach of the Brisbane River. This is a reminder to anyone who has a vessel to please check your moorings before and after high winds.

30th – Tow of 4.8m powerboat with fuel issues and 3 POB from Kooper Channel to Nudgee Boat Ramp.

Thank you to all the crews who assisted with any activations. We really appreciate receiving activation details and photos to help promote VMR Brisbane. Please email any information through to editor@vmrbrisbane.com.au and also to admin@vmrbrisbane.com.au

Management News

We finally have a formally accepted lease agreement with TMR. Replacement of the members' Launch Ramp has been a priority for some time but the hold-up has been the issue of a lease. A Sub Committee of management and a representative of each Associate Club will be formed to ensure any repair or replacement is to the benefit of all Members.

Work continues on modernising the Functions Centre with wine barrel tables and new chairs, and horizontal timber railing to be replaced with glass panelling.

Coxswains appointed with authority to operate vessel in daylight hours and smooth waters only are C Nielsen, T. Lloyd and N Luxton. G Henderson is now licenced to conduct training of crew without the necessity of a Master on board.

ACTIVE CREW ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations and thank you to the crew members who have volunteered 5 years or more of service and who joined in August.

Dean Steinback	2005
Tony Lloyd	2009
Noel Luxton	2012
Ben Gillespie	2012
Jamie Piggot	2012

September Crew Roster

Sat 2	Bravo	Sun 3	Sierra
Sat 9	Foxtrot	Sun 10	Tango
Sat 16	Alpha	Sun 17	November
Sat 23	Charlie	Sun 24	Papa
Sat 30	Foxtrot		

Inaugural Laurie Jeays Memorial Lecture 2017

This lecture was held at Sandgate Town Hall on 25th August. Emeritus Professor Ian Lowe who wrote about *OUR place, OUR responsibility - Living Sustainably for OUR Children's Future* was an excellent guest speaker. About 100 people were in attendance and there was a spirited question and answer session afterwards. It will be a hard act to follow for the next lecture in 2018.

This lecture honoured Laurie Jeays who was a dedicated advocate for this area and its beautiful bay and wetlands and who contributed to many community organisations in the area.

Farewell to Allan

We farewelled our much loved Life Member Allan Eustace on 10th August. VMR Brisbane would like to thank Allan's family and Brisbane Funeral Care for arranging for Allan to come back to his second home one last time.



Food Truck Event

On Sunday 20th August a number of Food Trucks supplied food to their customers with November Crew manning the bar. Although it was a fairly quiet day, those who attended enjoyed themselves.

On Food Truck Days, food is on sale from the vans from 12 noon and drinks on sale from our Club until 4 pm. It is great that the public attend in such numbers and bar sales including boutique beers from the [All Inn Brewing Co](#) are very good but Club members are invited to stay later and it is a wonderful chance to catch up with fellow members; you can meet upstairs if you like. *Because the Food Trucks will be at our Expo, you will need to check our Facebook page to see if they will be held the next week as well, on Sunday, 17th September.*

Emergency & Community Services Expo

10th September, 2017 from 8.00 am to 2.30 pm.

As in any event, the key to success is publicity in any form. We have undertaken heavy publicity in the media and our thanks to the Sandgate Guide for publicising our event.

A jumping castle, face painting and craft activities will be on site for the kids at no charge, these were very popular last year.

It's a great relaxed and FREE day for the whole family to enjoy whilst learning about Emergency Services and what to do in an emergency situation.

For any further information on this event, please contact VMRB Secretary David Massam at secretary@vmrbrisbane.com.au.

This Is Who I Am

40 people attended a different sort of fundraiser on 26th August. Gretel Killeen flew to Brisbane to host the show. She has hosted similar shows around the country for a variety of local charities and causes and was more than happy to assist the VMR. The show's performers shared a story or two of importance to them and we heard some fabulous yarns from Kerry Millard, Des Warnock & Dean Gibson while Gretel entertained us all. The functions room was a perfect setting for the show with the sun glistening on Cabbage Tree Creek with boats of all sorts adding to the backdrop.



Notice of Annual General Meeting of Members

Financial Members of Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane Inc are hereby notified that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association shall be held on **26 September 2017** commencing at 1930hrs at our Operations Base, 95 Allpass Parade, Shorncliffe Qld 4017 to receive various reports as per the agenda and elect the Management and Support Teams for the 2017/18 operating year. Associate and Supporting Members are welcome to attend, but under the Constitution may not vote.

Nominations for Management positions of President, Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two (2) Members' Representatives must be submitted to the Secretary on the Nomination Form **no less than 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting**, signed by the nominator, seconded, with the signature of the nominee to indicate acceptance. **Financial Members only may nominate for positions or nominate another Financial Member for a position.**

In the event of no nominations being received for a Management position by the closing date, nominations will be called from the floor on the meeting night.

In the event of single nominations for a Management position, voting shall not take place on the meeting night, the nominees shall be deemed elected as per the Constitution, and a notice placed on the Members' Notice Board 7 days prior to the meeting as per **Rules of Association Clause 11 (3) (c)**.

In the event of dual nominations for any Management position, a Returning Officer and Scrutineer shall be elected on the night of the meeting and voting for that position shall take place in line with our Rules of Association.

Should a Financial Member be unable to attend, a Proxy Voter may be appointed as per the form, this must be signed by the Member appointing the Proxy, and the Proxy Voter, and must indicate in which way the Absent Member wishes to vote. As per **Rule 24 Section 6 of the Rules of Association**, Members present at the meeting may only hold and cast one (1) Proxy Vote.

Notices of business relating to the Annual General Meeting must be received in writing by the Secretary no less than 14 days prior to the meeting.

By requisition of the Secretary

David L Massam JP Com. Dec

Nomination for Management Position and Proxy Form

This form must be forwarded to Secretary and received no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

I being a current "Full Financial Member" of Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane Inc. hereby nominate for the position of at the "Annual General Meeting" to be held on

Signature **Date**

Nomination seconded by (a current Full Financial Member)

Signature **Date**

Nomination accepted (a current Full Financial Member)

Signature **Date**

Proxy Voter Appointment

This form may be forwarded to Secretary or handed in prior to meeting commencement. As per clause 24 section 6 of the "Rules of Association", a Member present may only cast one (1) Proxy Vote on behalf of one (1) absent Member.

I being a "Full Financial Member" of Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane Inc request an apology be registered on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting to be held and appoint to vote on my behalf and instruct him/her to vote as below:

Election of: **for the Position of:**

For **Against** **Abstain**

This form is to be used **In Favour of the Resolution** **Against the Resolution**

Resolution

Signed **Date**

Signature of Proxy Voter **Date**

Witness Name **Witness Signature**