



Boat Talk

VMR Brisbane's Monthly Rescue Newsletter



Around the Rigging

Whale Rescue, Emergency & Community Services Expo and Open Day, Food Trucks & Boutique Beers, AGM and more...

VMR Brisbane had a big September! Not only did we host a successful Emergency & Community Services Expo and Open Day with approximately 3000 people attending on the day, we hosted another great Park Food Truck and Boutique Beer night which saw at least 1500 people visit at various times to pull up a rug and chill with their family, friends and fur babies as they watched the fireworks on our big screen.

To see the the results of who was elected for our management team, keep reading!

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ACTIVE CREW

Mike Henwood
David Casey
Matthew Bugler
Neil Chapman
Annette Will
Rhys Forbes

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FULL MEMBERS

Peter Walker
Douglas McClurg
Rob Real
Mariska Intelisano

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WATERSIDE ASSIST

Chris Munck
Denis Hurley
Russel Boyd
Andrea Abate
Darryn McGregor

UPCOMING EVENTS



TANGO BBQ

28 October
6:00pm - 9:00pm



FOOD TRUCKS

5 November
4:00pm - 8:00pm



PVOCC BBQ

25 November
6:00pm - 9:00pm

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President's Report

Another Management year is now behind us. We should be all very proud of what we have achieved this year. Last

Management year (14-15) was about clarifying who we are, why we are here, what we can do and where would we like to go. But nothing really changed.

The Management team is made up of Members who either have their own business or had been in a supervisory role in their recent working life. This newer style of Management has certainly benefited the Association and helped set the course for this year.

This does not mean previous Management did a bad job, in fact I thank each and every Member of previous Management teams for their amazing efforts in keeping this Association running and setting the ground work to allow us to achieve what we have.

We have just done things a little differently this year and invite each and every Member to tell us if this is the right thing for your Association or not.

This year has been all about what is possible. I believe the year speaks for itself as you will see and hear.

While we did concentrate on the rescue squadron this year I'm looking forward to talking with the affiliate groups about what else is possible to make each club stronger so that we all thrive within our local community.

Some things worked, some things didn't. But at least we tried and learnt. Through exploring what is possible we have attracted:

106 new Waterside Assist Members. This is worth over \$6,000 to the Association. Not bad for an \$80 investment and some encouragement and time from our Active crew.

25 new Full Members 4 of which are ladies.

28 New Active Crew Members with the following breakdown:

2 Men in the over 60 bracket
 9 Men and 4 ladies in the 45 to 60 age bracket
 8 Men in the 30 to 45 age bracket
 4 Men and 1 lady under 30

These Members are invaluable to the Association and the future of this Association. I look forward to engaging with these new Members to see where they believe the Association should be heading and the possibilities around that.

“We can't direct the wind but we can adjust the sails.”

I would like to welcome our new Management Committee for 2016/17. You can find contact details of the new Management and Support team on our website under the [‘Contact Us’](#) page.

Senior Vice President - David Davis

Junior Vice President - Karl Nast

Secretary - David Massam

Treasurer - Col Neilsen

Members Reps - Les Pascoe & Rick Secombe

I wish to thank our members who took on support roles to help our organisation to keep moving smoothly. I would also like to thank last year's Management and Support team for a fantastic year. We raised the bar high and this year the bar is being raised higher still.

It is amazing what people with a common vision and direction can achieve especially when personal agendas are put to one side for the benefit of the Association as they should be. Because of this we have built an amazing Association and very strong brand both within our community and abroad that is the envy of many.

I personally thank all the Members for allowing me the opportunity to represent such an incredible group of diverse people who share the vision of making VMR Brisbane the place to volunteer your time, the place to spend some quality time with friends and being a very self-sufficient Association.

I firmly believe we have an Association that we should all be very proud of that has the ability to be here for another 100 years and beyond.

Safe Boating

Thomas Grice
President



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

Activation Report

SEPTEMBER

3rd - Energex Sandgate 1 was requested to assist a 65 foot sail boat with 1 POB living onboard which was dragging it's anchor and drifting on the Brisbane River.

4th - Energex Sandgate 1 assisted a broken down vessel from Mud Island. The vessel had 2 POB and was towed to Manly Harbour.

10th - Energex Sandgate 1 was requested to assist a 60 foot converted trawler which was on route to PNG.

11th - Energex Sandgate 1 assisted a broken down vessel off Mud Island and towed the vessel back to Cabbage Tree Creek. The vessel has 2 POB. The vessel with 10 POB did not require a tow.

20th - Energex Sandgate 1 assisted a Marine Parks vessel to help a distressed Humpback Whale which beached itself at Cabbage Tree Creek.

25th - Energex Sandgate 1 assisted a 19 foot Bowrider which broke down at the Tangalooma wrecks due to a faulty starter motor. The vessel had 6 POB and was towed to the South West Spit where Redcliffe Coast Guard took over the tow.

28th - Energex Sandgate 1 towed a 5.4m vessel with 3 POB which experienced fuel problems. The vessel was picked up from Venus Banks and towed to the Port of Brisbane.



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES EXPO

The 2016 Emergency & Community Services Expo is over for another year. There were over 30 Emergency Services (both land and water) and Community Groups who attended to talk to the public, provide demonstrations and answer questions.

There were simulated fire demonstrations and talks from the Police Forensic Accident Unit.

ACTIVE CREW ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations and thank you to the following crew members who have volunteered over 5 years of service and who joined in September.

Alan Crawford - 14 years
Allan Eustace - 7 years
Anthony Pamplin - 6 years

Story Continued....

Kids marvelled at the all terrain vehicle, had a chance to climb inside an ambulance and on top of a fire engine and have their faces painted.

VMR Brisbane would like to thank all of the Emergency Services personnel and volunteers from local community groups who attended our Expo.

We would sincerely like to thank our members for volunteering on the day to make the Expo a success and hi-lighting just how great our rescue organisation is.

We also thank all of the public who attended and hope that everyone have an enjoyable time.



NAMING OF OUR ALLAN EUSTACE RADIO ROOM

VMR Brisbane recently named our Radio Room after a member who has been a constant source of support for our organisation, helping out other crews with radio duties, teaching and giving pointers to Active Crew members who wanted to learn.

When Allan decided to stop going out on the rescue vessels due to ill health, he stepped up and continued to help VMR Brisbane with what he was able to do...radios!

You can see Allan on the radios for our [Creek to Coast](#) segment which was aired last year by clicking on the link.



PARK FOOD TRUCKS AND BOUTIQUE BEER

On the 24th of September, VMR Brisbane organised a [Park Food Truck](#) afternoon night with seven trucks making their way to our base and supplying local residents (and not so local) an arrangement of food such as Italian and Vietnamese.

The Food Trucks which participated were [The Bone Lorry](#), [The Dapper and Chic](#), [Ruby the Little Red Ice Cream Van](#), [Rolls Pho Mi](#), [Micasa Food Truck](#), [Mangia Mangia Italian Street Goods](#), [Jaffle Shmaffle](#), [Bruce the Food Truck](#).

Let us know which was your favourite so that we can make sure they are invited back with your favourite food!

We also had [All Inn Brewing](#) participate with a few of their most popular crafted beers such as Lucy, Ruby, Penny and Consequences. We are still trying to figure out the consequences of having too many 'Consequences'.

We had local busker/musician Serena Stanger belt out some soul and blues music.

To top off the evening, we showed the River Fire fireworks on our big screen. Stay tuned for more Food Truck afternoon/nights heading into Summer!



Upcoming Events

FOOD TRUCKS AND LOCAL CRAFTED BEER

VMR Brisbane is planning on holding a Food Truck and Boutique Beer afternoon/night on the 5th of November starting at 4pm until 8pm.

Updates on this event will be posted on social media such as Facebook with updates linking to the website. Final updates will be posted on the website under the [`News`](#) page.

PVOCC CELEBRATION BBQ

To celebrate the first Birthday of the Polynesian Va'a-alo Outrigger Canoe Club, they will be holding a night of feasting and celebrating on the 25th of November. Updates will be posted on the website under the [`News`](#) page.

In the Media



WHALE RESCUE IN CABBAGE TREE CREEK

On the 20th of September, residents in Shorncliffe heard the haunting call of a beached whale in Cabbage Tree Creek. Soon afterwards, a Marine Parks vessel and Energex Sandgate 1 was out on the water to help the disoriented whale. Marine Parks successfully cut the fish netting off the whales tail and both vessels tried to direct the distressed whale back into deeper waters.

Rescuers became concerned when the whale changed course towards Clontarf coming as close as 5 metres to the shoreline before heading in the direction of Cape Moreton. This story was televised throughout Australia and even made it to countries such as the US and Pakistan.

If you missed the news, click on the below link which feature Energex Sandgate 1 and President Thomas Grice talking to [Channel 9 News](#).



AGM 2016

On the evening of Tuesday, 27th September, our AGM was held to present Operational Reports for 2015/16 and elect the Management Committee and Support Teams for 2016/17. Welcome and congratulations to our following members:

Management Committee

President - Thomas Grice

Snr Vice President - David Davis

Jnr Vice President - Karl Nast

Secretary - David Massam

Treasurer - Col Neilsen

Members Reps - Les Pascoe & Rick Secombe

Immediate Past President - Neil Sheppard

Advisors to Management

Unit Training Coordinator - Dean Steinback

WH&S Representative - David Massam

Welcome to David Davis, Karl Nast and Rick Secombe. We are looking forward to working with you to progress our Association to the benefit of all members.

Support Positions

Membership Officer - Les Pascoe

Waterside Assist Membership - Les Pascoe

IT and Communications - Thomas Grice

Publicity - Linda Frankland

Administration and Newsletter - Kelly Williams

Website and Social Media - Kelly Williams

Venue Hire - Lizzie Morrisey

Vessel & Equipment Officer - Tony Lloyd

Buildings & Grounds Officer - Greg Henderson

Squadron Historian - Kelly Williams

Zone Delegate - Thomas Grice

Zone Delegate - TBA

SYC Delegate - Andrew Pearson

SCC Delegate - Andrew Blackwell

PVOCC Delegate - Nese Saili and Pili Saili

We would like to thank our members who put their hands up for Support roles to help Management ensure the smooth running of VMR Brisbane. You can keep up to date with the new team by going to our [Contact Us](#) page of our website.

Awards for the 2015/16 Year went to:

Clubman of the Year - David Massam was chosen not because of his dedication to his Secretary role but for his dedication in organising the Community & Services Expo over the past two years. David was also chosen due to his positivity in doing what is right for the Association and constantly putting the club first. Well done David!

Life Member - Allan Eustace was awarded Life Member due to he's dedication in stepping up and helping out other crews with radio duties over the past 5 years when they were low on crew members. We think it goes without saying, Allan has always been such a positive force at VMR Brisbane and his positivity and commitment is highly observed and respected. Well done Allan!

Our Management team did an amazing job last year and we would like to thank each and everyone of you for your dedication. The bar was set high and we are aiming even higher this year!

Unfortunately, not all positions on the Support Team were able to be filled. We are seeking volunteers for the following position:

Editor Members Magazine

Crew Liaison Officer

Social Events Organiser

If you would like to enquire about assisting with these positions or know someone who may be interested in assisting, please feel free to contact [President](#) Thomas Grice or one of the [Members Representatives](#) to discuss further.

If you have some spare time on a Tuesday and have a particular area of expertise which you feel will benefit VMR Brisbane or you would like to assist with small jobs, you will always be welcomed at the Tuesday Mid-Week Crew. Just drop in and make yourself known.

To view the [AGM Presentation](#) on the night, click on the link.

