



BOAT TALK

May/June 2016



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Front Cover



The Sandgate Fires and Foxtrot Crew testing a new water pump which will be used to help battle fires on boats. This water pump once approved will remain at the VMR Brisbane base should the need arise.



Welcome Aboard

Welcome aboard to our newest members! Thank you for joining our volunteer organisation and helping our local community. We look forward to seeing you around the base and social events soon.

Join us with your family and friends at our Crew BBQ's held on the last Friday of each month.

**Marcus Upton, Calvin Traversari, James Maskell,
Damien Flux, Cristian Iacob, Paul Richardson,
Stuart Cox**

Congratulations

Congratulations and thank you to the following people who joined VMR Brisbane in the months of May and June and have volunteered over 5 years of service. We value your dedication!

We apologise if we have left anyone off these lists.

Bob Moritz 17 years
Thomas Grice 12 years
Paul Harris 6 years

Apologies to Nino Aceto who last issue was advise that he had only served 5 years instead of 15 years.



Order Your Club Shirts Now—Take Two

We apologise for having to start this process again. If you have not placed your order over the last two weeks and missed the email sent through, please email admin@vmrbrisbane and advise whether you want Mens or Womens, Quantity and Size. (Men S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL) Women (S, M, L and also include normal sizing 8, 10, 12).

The shirts are lightweight fabric that allows the shirt to breath and wicks away moisture so that it is cool and comfortable to wear. Orders close at the end of June.

Once all orders have been collected, an invoice will be sent out with the correct price which will depend on how many shirts are ordered.

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Activations Report

MAY

16th - Energex Sandgate 1 assisted a broken down 4.5m tinny with engine failure. The vessel with 3 POB was located at St Helena and was towed back to Whyte Island.

17th - Sandgate Rescue 2 assisted a jetski which had broken down at Newstead and towed it back to Colmslie Boat Ramp.

20th - Energex Sandgate 1 assisted a 5.2m fiberglass vessel with a fuel leak. The vessel with 2 POB was located near Fishermans Island and towed back to Pinkenba Boat Ramp.

22nd - Sandgate 2 was activated when requested for assistance to act as a safety vessel for the Sandgate Canoe Club 'Wetlands Wanderers' Race.

30th - Energex Sandgate 1 assisted a broken down vessel which was located near Southbank. The vessel with 1 POB was towed back to the Comslie Boat Ramp.

JUNE

5th - Energex Sandgate 1 assisted a sailing vessel located near the Aquarium Passage with its anchor dragging. The vessel had 1 POB.

11th - Energex Sandgate 1 was tasked by the Brisbane Water Police to search for a person who was reported missing off the coast of Brighton. Energex Sandgate 1 was stood down after the person was located safe and well.



Keep up to date with Facebook

We are now over 1600 Likes and gaining ground of the only squadron now in the lead, Jacobs Well. If you are a new member, please like us to keep up to date with what is happening around the base, tow jobs and Search and Rescues we perform, competitions and other cool things happening on the bay and our local area? Get the stories firsthand by 'liking' us on Facebook.

What's Coming Up

JULY

State of Origin Final Match - 13th

Come down and watch the final match of the State of Origin 2016 on the big screen. This is a free event. Family and friends of members welcome.

Emergency & Community Expo Meeting - 13th starting at 2:30pm

A meeting will be held at our base for participants and anyone wishing to volunteer on the day or to participate in the planning of this Community Event.

Epic Life Activity Day - 16th starting at 9am

A fun filled day for people who are in a rut, who want to get out of the house and meet new people and maybe try something new! To book, click on epiclifene.net.au.

PVOCC Hangi BBQ - Friday 26th starting at 6pm

The PVOCCC will be holding a very special night for their BBQ. Come down and see how a hangi is cooked.

Einbunpin Festival - Saturday 31st (Full Day)

Come down and support VMR Brisbane as we man a tent at this years Einbunpin Festival. Please email admin@vmrbrisbane.com.au if you can help out!

AUGUST

November BBQ - Friday 29th starting at 6pm

Join us for the November BBQ. Menu will be advised closer to the date. Family and friends welcome if accompanied by a member. The cost is \$12.50 pp.

SEPTEMBER

Emergency & Community Services Expo and Open Day - Sunday 11 starting at 9am

The Expo will be an action packed and fun day providing the community with information on Emergency Services and how you can plan, prepare and protect your family with storm and fire seasons. This day also incorporates the Sandgate Yacht Club Open Day which marks the start of sailing season. Come down and watch the Blessing of the Fleet and the Sail Past.

There will be plenty of stalls, demonstrations and kids activities. Updates will be posted over the upcoming months. Place this in your calendar for a great day out!

AGM - Tuesday 27th starting at 7:30pm

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 27 September 2016 commencing at 1930 hrs at our Operations Base, 95 Allpass Parade, Shorncliffe Qld 4017. You will receive paperwork by email so make sure you are subscribed to receive our monthly 'What's Coming Up'.

THE FUTURE OF BOAT TALK

We are calling on all members to ensure you receive our monthly email called 'What's Coming Up'. As we are uncertain of the future of Boat Talk, this may be the only way of communicating Important Information and Social Events. Please email admin@vmrbrisbane.com.au if you do not receive these emails.



President's Report

Thomas Grice

Hopefully everyone has seen some positive changes around the base recently and if not I encourage to drop in and have a look at some of the works that have been

completed.

We were able to take advantage of the Skilling Queenslanders For Work program run by one of the local community groups, Sandbag, who do great work in supporting the local community. This program has allowed us to give some job seekers a valuable opportunity in gaining on the job skills to help them find a job and also get some projects completed around the place to give the base a lift at very little cost to us.

Some of the projects completed are: New pathway at the entry way to the Hall, replacement of an internal wall upstairs in the Hall, new paint upstairs in the Hall and a fantastic new garden around the entry way (which we can see photos and a story on Page 9)

We will be continuing in the next round of works with hopefully a refurbishment of the amenities upstairs and maybe the Western Wall project.

If you can think of anything to help spruce the place up a bit please let us know. All of this gives our base a facelift and I think much more attractive to potential hirers which is a great source of funds for us.

It has been decided by management to not increase membership fees this year. We hope to continue this for more years to come if we can continue to manage our facilities to the benefit of all members.

On Hall Hire I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Lizzie who has taken over the role of Hall Hire. Lizzie is doing some great things already which we have received positive feedback from the groups that have hired the hall under Lizzie's watch already. Lizzie also has some good ideas to advertise the Hall and present it in the best possible way to attract more hirers.

Planning is well underway for the Community Services Expo and Open day for the 11th of September. If you would like to help out on the day or helping organize the day please let us know, even if it is just getting some flyers out around your workplace and local area.

We will be participating in Einbunpin Festival at Sandgate again this year and any help with manning the stand even for just an hour would be greatly appreciated. Sign-up sheets for both events will be in the Radio Room shortly.

Welcome to our new members and I look forward to meeting you around the base and hopefully at some of the Social events Angie is organising for us.

Our membership is growing both in Active Crew and Waterside Assist which is fantastic to see.

We will have some new flyers shortly and I encourage everyone to get them out as far and wide as they can. Remember this is your club, I and everyone on Management encourage you to let us know any ideas you may have for your Association.

We are sending out an email advising everyone on what is going on and what is coming up once a month. If you are not receiving these please let us know please let us know so we can get you on the mailing list.

Once again it never ceases to amaze me what a wonderful place VMR Brisbane is to spend some time from the view we enjoy over Moreton Bay and the fantastic members who are always very welcoming. Something we should all be very proud of.

Safe Boating

Thomas Grice

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Our Tuesday Crew was 'shorely' working hard in early May after a long serving member kindly donated sand for the shoreline between our new pontoon and boat ramp. VMR Brisbane 'shell' thank Ray, Les and Tony (pictured) for a job well done and also to our mystery sand donator.



With Einbunpin Festival just around the corner, we are looking for a few members who would like to help out at the stall, promoting VMR Brisbane and engaging with the Community of who we are and what we do. We will be focusing on trying to get some new members and Waterside Assist members. If you would like to help out, please send an email to admin@vmrbrisbane.com.au or put your name down on the Sign Up Sheet which you will find in the Radio Room.



Snr Vice President's Report Glenn Philip

On a cold and wet Sunday over the long weekend in may VMR Brisbane was involved in an Emergency Services Expo organised by SES metro unit.

The day started out early with Tony, Nino and Angie setting up our display and marquee. We were involved with doing radio calls between flood boats and our portable radio.

Despite the rain the day was very well attended by emergency service and support groups. This expo was based around the ideal of storm readiness and recovery. It was great to see all the different community service groups from Search and Rescue dogs to GIVIT and Red Cross there. SES had demonstrations all day and all the visitors left with the knowledge of what organisations were out there for them in the case of a major storm event.

Our stand was well attended and we gave out a lot of promotional product and information about what we do and where we are. I would like to think this has bought all the groups together and forged bonds that will never be broken.

Well done to the organisers at SES Metro for the short timeframe they had to organise this.

Many thanks to Tony Lloyd, Nino and Angie Aceto for giving their time up and braving the elements to make this another successful community engagement event.

Glenn Philip
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**GET
EXCITED
IT'S
COMPETITION
TIME**

VMR Brisbane is holding a Competition to name our Hall's upstairs bar. Be in the running to win a

\$50 Bar Tab

To enter, please email admin@vmrbrisbane.com.au.

Terms and Conditions
Get your entries in by 31st July 2016.
Only members can apply.
Winner will be announced if Management decides to use the name of the bar entered by that person.

VACANCIES

VMR Brisbane would like to call on people who are interested in volunteering with us in the following positions:

- Jnr Vice President** (Management Position)
- Administration** (Support Position)
- Marketing/Publicity** (Support Position)
- Editor/Social Media** (Support Position)
- Fishing and Cruising** (Support Position)

These positions are now advertised on Seek Volunteer.

If you would like to find out more about these positions, please email admin@vmrbrisbane.com.au.





Unit Training Co-ordinator's Report

Dean Steinback

Firstly welcome to our new Active Crew Members. I hope that by now you have attended your Safety Induction. From here, your next step will be your Elements of Shipboard Safety Course

which is an important part of your training as it forms the minimum requirements for crewing on a commercial vessel. VMR units offer this course at various times throughout the year and when a course is offered (either at VMR Brisbane or another unit) we will advise you with the information.

With the year half over, planning for future training is on-going as is the need for me to ensure that we have suitably experienced and qualified personnel for our crews. The Senior Crew working towards their VMRAQ Coxswain should complete their course by the end of August and from this group, there is potential for future Duty Masters'.

I have also conducted a *Training Needs Analysis* and identified some current Crew (who are close to becoming Senior Crew) and will be implementing an appropriate process whereby they can also complete the required modules for their VMRAQ Coxswain. However, due to the nature of the modules in this course, these crew members will need to be supported during the course of their training.

There still needs to be a better understanding of the process involved and the requirements for training. Crew members and Duty Masters' need to understand that the course progression is structured in a specific way for a reason and therefore the modules need to be completed in the correct order.

1 Stripe (Trainee Crew) and 2 Stripe (Competent Crew) members will attend a Theory Session in which you should fully participate. 3 Stripe (Coxswain) members will revise the theory prior to and then attend a Workshop in which you will be guided through key elements of the module, have any questions answered and it will also give me the chance to test your understanding of the content.

After attendance at the Theory/Workshop, you need to

ensure that your Task Book is completed only for the module in which you are currently enrolled and not others. Only then can you complete the Assignment followed by the Exam and Prac. Crew members who have not provided me with their USI will not be eligible to participate in training. Your USI is an important number which is required for completing any nationally recognised training.

CPR refreshers and a First Aid Course will be scheduled for July and thank-you to one of our crew members who has offered to run these for us. These courses are only open to Full Active Crew members and will be in-house training which is recognised by VMRAQ only. When dates are confirmed with the trainer, email invites will be sent out to eligible crew and you must indicate your preference and attend that day. **You must attend your allocated day and not just show up.**

The training schedule located in the radio room is the best point of reference for training. It will be up-dated as required and eligible crew members will receive an email invite for Theory/Exam sessions. You need to respond to this invite and not just show up to the session. You are also required to wear full uniform to any Training session as required by VMRAQ.

You will find Certificates located in crew folders under the front of the chart table, ensure you check.

Dean Steinback
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Answer to Last Months' Question

Cape Moreton – Fl(4)20s 122m 15M – Flash 4 times every 20 seconds; 122m above sea level; Visible for 15 Nautical Miles.

North Point – Q WR 25m 9/8M – Quick White Red; 25m above sea level; Visible for 9/8 Nautical Miles.

This Months' Question

A speed at which you can take proper and effective action to avoid collision depends on what?

 <p>CREW ROSTER</p>	<p>JULY Sat 2nd - Bravo Sun 3rd - Sierra Sat 9th - Foxtrot Sun 10th - Quebec Sat 16th - Charlie Sun 17th - Papa Sat 23rd - Alpha Sun 24th - Tango Fri 29th - PVOCC BBQ Sat 30th - Bravo Sun 31st - November</p>	<p>AUGUST Sat 6th - Foxtrot Sun 7th - Sierra Wed 10th - Charlie Sat 13th - Alpha Sun 14th - Quebec Sat 20th - Bravo Sun 21st - Papa Fri 26th - November BBQ Sat 27th - Foxtrot Sun 28th - Tango</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER Sat 3rd - Charlie Sun 4th - November Sat 10th - Alpha Sun 11th - Sierra Sat 17th - Bravo Sun 18th - Quebec Sat 24th - Foxtrot Sun 25th - Papa Fri 30th - Sierra BBQ</p>
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Secretary's Report

David Massam

On 11 September 2016, Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane will again host the Emergency & Community Services Expo at our Shorncliffe Headquarters, commencing at 0900 hrs with

the march in, flag raising and anthem, and continuing until 14.30hrs with participation by all Emergency Services on land and water and other invited bodies. It is also the big day for the Sandgate Yacht Club with the opening of the 16/17 Sailing Season. This day is steeped in tradition which the 'Blessing of the Fleet' and the 'Sail Past'.

The 2015 event was well patronised with some 25 Community Groups and Emergency Services providing displays on their activities as well as promoting safety on land and water.

On behalf of the Management Team, I would like to extend a personal invitation to all Masters and Crew to take part in the official opening ceremonies, and Masters to be our Guests for a following morning tea at 10am, it would be appreciated if all attending please wear **full dress uniform**, and all Masters **encourage Crew Members to promote and attend the event in full VMR Brisbane uniform**.

This year promises to be bigger and better, with to date some 35 Community Groups and Service Providers expressing interest in participating for promotional and / or fund raising activities, and once again all land and Water Based Emergency Services will also be in attendance as well as Energex, Port of Brisbane, and Brisbane City Council Disaster Management Division has also been invited through our Councilor.

An invitation has been extended to Minister for Emergency Services Hon. Mr Bill Byrne to officially open the day and, Police Commissioner Ian Stewart (Patron Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane and Hon Mr Stirling Hinchliffe Minister for Transport & Member for Sandgate, with Cr. Jared Cassidy Brisbane City Councillor for Deagon Ward also in attendance to officially open the 2016 water activities season.

This is our opportunity to showcase VMR Brisbane to our sponsors, parliamentarians, Emergency Services Qld Management and the Community as a whole, but it will only be a success if there is a heavy presence of VMR Brisbane personnel, and we put a lot of work into publicity. Any offers of assistance will be looked upon kindly.

I look forward to your attendance, should you wish to discuss any aspect, please feel free to contact me on 0421 158 136

David Massam
secretary@vmrbrisbane.com.au



Our Secretary David Massam recently became grandparents to a brand spanking new grandson! David's daughter Emily and husband Brenton welcomed Daniel Steven Frank Heslehurst at 0757 hrs on the 3rd of June.

Daniel is the first grandchild for Joan and Bevan and the first grandson for David and Joy. VMR Brisbane congratulates the Heslehurst and Massam families and wishes lots of joy and happy memories.

Spot the difference



This is a game all members can play. How many can you spot the difference? Please be considerate and clean the BBQ after you finish ready for the next member.



Treasurer's Report Col Neilsen

The clubs finances are travelling very well membership renewals have been forward to all members most via email which is a cost saving in postage for the club. I would also like to extend my

thanks Glenn for his great help in the roll out of the 2016/2017 membership renewals as this is a large job for one person to execute.

Our next big project will be the western wall we have a grant pending for this but if we are unsuccessful we have the funds to cover this project. Hall hire is increasing which I have always said is another great income stream for the club. As the treasurer of VMR I am very happy with the direction the club is heading.

Col Neilsen

treasurer@vmrbrisbane.com.au

SANDBAG are seeking suitably skilled volunteers to fill a range of positions. Phone 38693244 or 3269 0277 for more information or email info@sandbag.org.au



The SANDBAGers designed the gardens and watched their project come to life.



The finished walkway and gardens.



SANDBAG Helps VMR Brisbane

Some of the lads from SANDBAG were building up their skills by painting our hall walls and paving their way to a bright new future.

Not only does it help the boys to learn new skills but it helps VMR Brisbane enormously to keep our costs down whilst we do some sprucing up around the hall.

All of the plants which were supplied by The Garden Gate are all grown in the Brisbane area.

The Garden Gate

Why not check out The Garden Gate when you need plants or gardening products? You will not only get great advice but all profits from The Garden Gate go to helping support the many services SANDBAG offers.

You can take your time and even enjoy an organic coffee and locally made cakes and snacks at The Café.

For more information on how SANDBAG can help you, your family or friends who are in need, go to their website or click on <http://www.sandbag.org.au/>.



Graduation Day for lads who helped VMR Brisbane. Well done and congratulations guys!

This is Bill.

Bill is a responsible skipper.

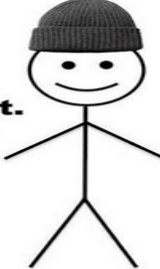
He checks the weather.

He wears a life jacket.

He knows the rules.

Bill is smart.

Be like Bill.





Sandgate Yacht Club Report

The **Annual General Meeting** was held June 6 and the management committee for the upcoming season is as follows:

Commodore - Lindsay Gilbert
Vice Commodore - Andrew Pearson
Rear Commodore - John Mitchell
Secretary - David Larter
Treasurer - Graeme Dobson

Fees for the season were elected to remain unchanged.

Wivenhoe Winter Marathon 2016 - report courtesy of BVSC.

What a difference one week makes, with the South East turning on some excellent weather for a great weekend of sailing and camping. Once again the turnout was great with 71 entrants and 17 in the junior fleet. People travelled from as far as Bundaberg and Northern Rivers, even attracting a good number from the F18 fleet for the first time. The weather conditions were excellent for sailing and camping, with mild temperatures making for very comfortable conditions.

A big thank you goes out the sponsors LROne Sails, Brisbane Cat Centre, Magic Marine and Boating and RV, also the volunteers and everyone that attended to make the 2016 Wivenhoe Winter Marathon such a great event.

Robbie Lees' Sailing Academy was here again in force with seventeen juniors and supportive parents, really adding to the regatta, a much needed junior fleet presence.

The Flinders Scouts once again did a great job of

providing meals for Saturday and Sunday. This was very much appreciated, helping to keep the sailors fueled up for the on water activities. The SES was there to lend a hand if and when it was needed

The change of venue to the SEQ Lakeside Escape/ Captain Logans Camp grounds was overall a good change with positive feedback .

On behalf of the BVSC we hope you had a good time and wish to see you all again next year...

Frostbite Regatta held at Leslie Dam near Warwick. Each year Warwick and SYC jointly run an event over a weekend at Leslie Dam. This year the participant numbers were down probably due to there being other a number of other events being held around SE Queensland. The conditions on Saturday were very light at about 5 knots and Sundays racing was called off due to be very light. There were boats from all over the area - a Nacra from Toowoomba, a 420 from Warwick, a Tasar and a 12' Skiff. Many SYC members were present - John Mitchell took his caravan and enjoyed the weekend, Tom Begbie, David Wood, outgoing Commodore Andrew Pearson, Graeme Dobson and past Commodore Laurie Williamson. Gerry and the WSC team have secured grants which have allowed for the club to add a number 420's and Sabots to their fleet as well as a shed for storage. Next years event I planned to be held the 1st weekend in June.

With the cold weather comes the off-season and although the activities at SYC enter hibernation, our members are still sailing at various events around the area. One event that is being contested by many SYC members is the QCYC winter series. Boats from SYC include Matrix, Skeddadle, Imp (Malibu), F-Bomb and Suzanne.



Sandgate Canoe Club Report

Paddling, paddling, paddling. The dedicated members of Sandgate Canoe Club thought of little else these past few months. As Summer ebbed away, our intrepid Sea Kayakers, speedy racing group and cruisy "Creekies" spent countless happy hours on the water doing what we love most.

Kayak Adventures on the High Seas

As part of their regular Tuesday and Saturday paddles, our Seakayakers ventured far and wide exploring local bays, rivers and waterways of Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast. Here are just a few of their epic outings:

Brisbane River: A 30km paddle down the Brisbane River took in Barellan Point (near where the Brisbane River and Bremer River meet), Woogaroo Ck and Moggill, finally ending at Jindalee.

Anzac Weekend Camp on the Noosa River

From Lake Cootharaba, a fearless band of SCC

"Vikings" set off upstream. Past Kinaba, through fields of waterlilies and beyond Harry's Hut the group reached Camp 3 and set up their base. From there, a series of land and water-based adventures took place including: sunset paddles, amateur ornithology, a 3hr quest to find the ice-cream man on the beach, paddle to Camp 15 and nearby tributaries, altercations with marauding local native mice and wild pigs, and regular opportunities to enjoy red and white beverages (in moderation). We are pleased to report that three days later, all Vikings returned home accounted for and unscathed.

Wynnum to Mud Island

Despite its somewhat uninspiring name, Mud Island is a beautiful spot and well-kept secret, according to the Sea Kayakers who visited the island as part of a 33km round trip from Wynnum. Crossing paths with pods of dolphins and a fleet of sailing boats made for an exciting trip - one of the great benefits of getting beyond the

Sandgate Propellers Racing Group

Our racing group is hard at work, with the Polar Bears taking to the cold dark waters at 5.30 each Tuesday and Thursday morning. Our not-so-early groups go out at 7am on those days, and all of the Sandgate Propellers get together for training sessions and time trials on Saturday and Sunday – Look out for them running along the VMR path as part of the new monthly biathlon races!

King Billy Time Trial Series

The King Billy time trial series wound up just after our last Boat Talk instalment went to print. This race series is a fun, lively and social annual event that attracts paddlers from other clubs and disciplines (Outriggers, Skis and SUPS) – in fact all paddlers and volunteers are welcome. The prize winners for 2015/16 were: Michelle Fraser took home the crown for overall point score winner, Gavin Cook again won the title for fastest time, and the Handicapper's pick went to Lachlan Carkeet. Twenty-five racers, officials and Propellers supporters turned out for a successful Gala Dinner and presentation Ceremony at QCYC on Thursday 28 April.

The Wetlands Wander

On Sunday, 22 May over 120 competitors descended upon VMR for the Wetlands Wander – the famous annual paddle race hosted by Sandgate Canoe Club. By competing in the Wetlands Wander, paddlers can accrue points toward the season's three major marathon race series, so the competition is always fierce.

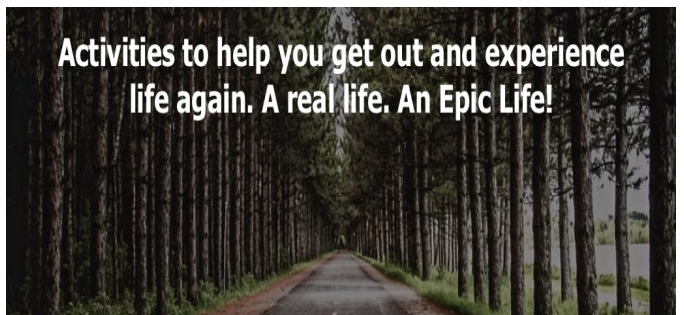
This year we hosted paddlers in all age categories (from under 12 to Vintage Vets 65+), both men and women, hailing from 24 clubs throughout SE QLD and Northern NSW.

The day unfolded very successfully with favorable weather conditions and some excellent performances. Many thanks to our friends at VMR who assisted on the day.



Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane
EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES EXPO
9:00am - 2:30pm Sunday 11th September 2016
 95 Allpass Parade, Shorncliffe (short walk from Shorncliffe Train Station)
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Notice to Members
 Please be advised that due to the Expo being held at the base on Sunday, 11th September there will be limited access to the hardstand and boat ramp from 07:30 to 16:00 hrs.



Activities to help you get out and experience life again. A real life. An Epic Life!
EPIC LIFE: LIFE STRATEGIES
 A day to get your life back on track
 Activities include: fishing clinic and cooking fish demo

Your Epic Life could begin at our next Activity starting 16th July at the VMR Brisbane base at 95 Allpass Parade, Shorncliffe.

Start with a one day Activity, easy! Finish off the day with excitement and a sense of worth. Whether it be a fishing adventure, visiting the Motorcycle Museum and Burt Munro Café or a walk in a rain forest feel supported through community resources and help, then book another cool activity from our list on offer.

These activity days are designed for anyone needing help in Finances, Spiritual, Emotional and Suicidal issues.

EPIC LIFE: LIFE STRATEGIES
 Discover who you are.
 Where you are heading.

If you want to be part of this experience, click on the link <http://www.epiclife.net.au/>

Bookings are limited so don't miss out!

ACTIVE CREW

We are calling on our Duty Crews to nominate a member or two to report activations while on Duty. You can connect with our Admin on Facebook, email admin@vmrbrisbane.com.au or SMS photos by mobile to send a brief outline and any photos of the activation including:

- * Which vessel assisted
- * What type of vessel and reason for assistance
- * Pickup and drop-off points
- * How many people onboard (POB)

If anything interesting is happening out on the bay on duty, please send a short email or SMS to Admin.

Feel free to email admin@vmrbrisbane.com.au for more information on how you can contribute. Please email admin@vmrbrisbane.com.au for further information.

The Macabre History of Surgery at Sea

According to official records when Lord Horatio Nelson had his right arm lopped off aboard HMS Theseus he was apparently back in command giving out orders within half an hour.



Others didn't fare quite as well. At the time of his procedure the death rate from amputation, which took on average about four minutes to perform, was 33 percent according to *Rough Medicine*, an exhibition which featured at the Australian National Maritime Museum earlier this year.

John Woodall's *The Surgeon's Mate*, first published in 1653 and arguably the first guide to medicine at sea, encouraged surgeons to avoid amputation where possible. He described it as a most lamentable part of surgery and advised: 'Consult patient and hide sharp instruments from eyes of the patient'.

From the mid-eighteenth century, an enema of tobacco smoke was considered one of the most effective means of restoring life to someone who had almost drowned. Whether it achieved much is debatable but the phrase "blowing smoke up the proverbial" survives as a figure of speech to this day.

The ship's records and surgeon's logs on show in *Rough Medicine* seem to indicate that the tragedy of death was never far away.

One poor migrant woman on passage to Australia in 1838 writes: "At 10 minutes past seven in the morning, our dear boy breathed his last on my lap. Soon after his body was consigned to the deep about 90 miles from Oporto."

Syringe used to inject mercury for the treatment of venereal disease. On that same day Sarah Brunskill also lost her daughter to an acute attack of measles... "in less than 24 hours our darlings were both in the bosom of God" she recorded.

Scurvy was the "spoyle of mariners" with symptoms appearing after about six weeks on a diet of salt meat and biscuit, devoid of fresh food. Sufferers smelt of rot and suffered deep depression.

The *Surgeon's Mate* recommended dosing sailors with citrus juice to combat the disease but did not understand that scurvy was caused by a lack of vitamin C. When Lieutenant, as he then was, James Cook left England in 1768 he carried a smorgasbord of rations to prevent scurvy: malt, vinegar, mustard, citrus rob

(syrup), spruce beer and pickled cabbage. He loaded fresh foods whenever he could.

A circular saw or trepan used to cut a hole in the skull to relieve pressure. To Cook's credit not one of his crew perished from scurvy, yet he wrongly attributed his success to malt.

Cases of venereal disease were among the most common on the naval surgeon's sick list, despite the fact that surgeons fined suffering sailors up to 15 shillings for a "cure".

Syphilis if untreated caused rashes, fever and tumours that attacked the bones. Gonorrhoea rarely revealed its symptoms until things had gone horribly wrong. Injections of mercury were frequently administered of which the side effects were often more acute than the disease itself.

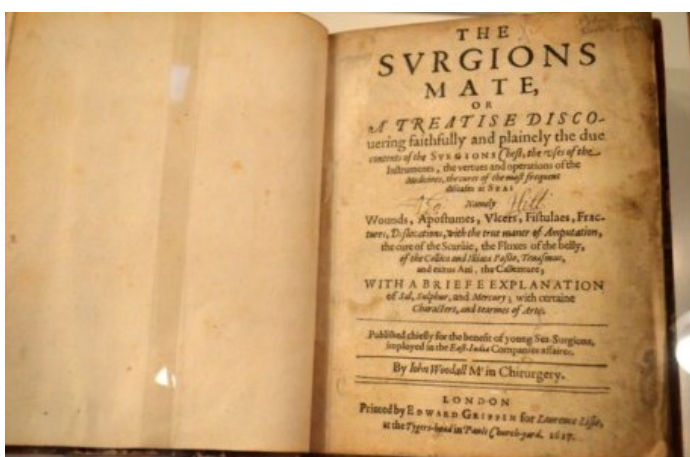
Another report states: "Their convict cargo was decimated by disease when the *Surrey*, General Hewitt and *Three Bees* docked in Sydney in 1814. Fifty one had perished from typhus on the *Surrey*, including the surgeon and master. William Redfern, the Assistant Colonial Surgeon, was appointed to investigate."

Redfern's report emphasised prevention setting rigorous standards for ventilation and cleanliness, diet and clothing and regimes for convicts to wash and take air on deck. His regulations worked. After 1815 death rates for convicts at sea fell from 11.3 per 1000 to 2.4 and in the 1850s to one per 1000.

In the event of death it seems burial at sea contradicted Christian beliefs of a "good death" and left no memorial where relatives could grieve.

Returning to Lord Nelson, he apparently expressed the wish to be buried in his native soil, rather than simply being thrown in the sea like other mariners of the time. His surgeon William Beatty had to preserve the admiral's body for the voyage back to Britain and decided to place it in a barrel of brandy. Beatty relates how gases from the corpse caused the barrel lid to open on October 28, 1805, alarming the posted marine guard.

<http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/the-macabre-history-of-surgery-at-sea-20160203-gmkp0h.html>





○ Awaiting Induction	④ Senior VMRAQ Coxswain (3 Stripes + Anchor)
● New Crew Member (Clean Slide)	⑤ Duty Master (3 Stripes + Anchor + Rank on Name Badge)
① Trainee Crew (1 Stripe)	⑥ Commercial Coxswain (4 Stripes)
② Crew (2 Stripes)	⑦ Radio Operator
③ VMRAQ Coxswain (3 Stripes)	⑧ Designated Radio Operator (1 Stripe + Lightning Bolt)

ALPHA		
Joe McCoy	0418 879 677	○○○○○⑤⑥⑦
Alan Crawford	0407 562 625	○○②○○○○⑦
Garry Wylie	0400 007 432	○①○○○○○○⑦
Joanna Jones	0402 433 404	○①○○○○○○○
Paul Harris	0407 630 865	○①○○○○○○⑦
Judd McCann	0488 442 019	●○○○○○○○
Victor Kussrow	0419 658 834	●○○○○○○○
BRAVO		
Ian McCartney	0408 779 823	○○○○○⑤○○⑦
Ross Lind	0447 268 100	○○○○④○○⑦
Col Neilsen	0407 181 965	○○②○○○○⑦
Allan Eustace	07 3269 4072	○①○○○○○○⑦
James Mathieson	07 3269 2642	○①○○○○○○⑦
Noel Peinke	0431 992 346	○①○○○○○○○
Warwick Byrne	0408 886 109	○①○○○○○○○
Clive Oldfield	0417 076 394	●○○○○○○○
Anthony Lawrence		●○○○○○○○
Alan Le May		○○○○○○○○○
CHARLIE		
Nino Aceto	0418 982 504	○○○○④○○⑦
Joe Myatt	0413 543 072	○○○○④○○⑦
Bill Hirn	0418 723 414	○○○○○⑤⑥⑦
Robin Young	0413 336 504	○○○○④○○⑦
John Lemon	0438 138 265	○○②○○○○○
Daniel Aceto	0410 020 515	○①○○○○○○○
Paul Hollingdale	0416 276 995	○○②○○○○⑦
Shane Traversari	0409 479 024	○①○○○○○○⑦
FOXTROT		
Thomas Grice	0413 200 271	○○○○○⑤○○⑦
Greg Henderson	0438 713 433	○○②○○○○⑦
Kelly Williams		○○②○○○○⑦
Michael Overend		○○②○○○○⑦
Troy Sauer	0421 369 627	○○②○○○○⑦
Anthony Pamplin	0416 183 708	○○②○○○○⑦
Linda Frankland	0422 628 106	○①○○○○○○⑦
Ian Black	0438 178 659	○①○○○○○○⑦
Ryan Massingham	0422 553 952	●○○○○○○○
Katie Kaiser	0405 083 500	●○○○○○○○
NOVEMBER		
Glenn Philip	0433 154 105	○○○○○⑤⑥⑦
Cameron Pegler	0418 711 900	○○○○④○○⑦
John White	0430 044 708	○○②○○○○⑦
Meelit Shah	0406 631 428	○○②○○○○⑦
Jamie Piggot	0468 843 370	○①○○○○○○○
Roger West	0401 024 992	○①○○○○○○⑦
Bryan Davies	0418 452 772	●○○○○○○○
Sue Davies	0438 690 608	●○○○○○○○
Wayne Thompson	0418 151 133	●○○○○○○○
Jack Farlow		○○○○○○○○○

PAPA		
Nigel Turner	0417 002 174	○○○○○⑤○○⑦
Chris Brown	0407 692 784	○①○○○○○○⑦
Kerry Kyle-Little		○①○○○○○○⑦
Garry Maher	0411 236 669	○①○○○○○○⑦
QUEBEC		
Les Pascoe	0418 191 428	○○○○○⑤○○⑦
Dean Steinback		○○○○④○○⑦
Noel Luxton	0404 905 798	○○②○○○○⑦
Tony Lloyd	07 3359 4736	○○②○○○○⑦
Greg Keough		○①○○○○○○⑧
Rick Secombe	0418 789 278	○①○○○○○○⑦
Wayne Wright	0407 916 388	○①○○○○○○⑦
SIERRA		
Callum Baird	0438 156 915	○○○○○⑤○○⑦
Neil Sheppard	0417 499 326	○○○○○○⑥⑦
Bill McCord	0430 025 470	○○②○○○○⑦
Chris Hillyard	0422 356 661	○○②○○○○⑦
Graham Makin	0427 870 769	○○②○○○○⑧
Steven Norday	0438 571 168	○①○○○○○○⑦
John-Paul Cardoso	0449 002 904	●○○○○○○○
John Paynter	0400 915 522	●○○○○○○○
TANGO		
Karl Nast	0404 892 155	○○○○○⑤○○⑦
Shane Clark	0448 795 898	○○○○○⑤○○⑦
Ben Gillespie	0402 065 751	○○②○○○○⑦
Michael Gill Bailey	0412 904 326	○①○○○○○○⑦
Mick Read	0409 642 776	○①○○○○○○○
Ray Henery	07 3266 5454	○①○○○○○○⑧
Jacob Read	0426 961 147	●○○○○○○○
Ian Robertson		●○○○○○○○
FLOATING CREW		
Rob Wood	0428 562 845	●○○○○○○○
ON ROTATION		
Allan Taylor		●○○○○○○○
Alan Le May		○○○○○○○○○
Steve Gruebner		○○○○○○○○○
NEW MEMBERS		
Paulo De Morais		●○○○○○○○
Damien Lynch		○○○○○○○○○
Lynne Coulsen		○○○○○○○○○
Callum Cherry		○○○○○○○○○
Jeff Ikin		○○○○○○○○○
Nick Cusack		○○○○○○○○○
Marcus Upton		○○○○○○○○○
Paul Richardson		○○○○○○○○○
Lindsay Gair		○○○○○○○○○
Vivianne Hillier		○○○○○○○○○
Hugh Ferrar		○○○○○○○○○



Notice of Annual General Meeting of Members

Full Financial Members of Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane Inc are hereby notified that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on **Tuesday, 27 September 2016** commencing at 1930 hrs at our Operations Base, 95 Allpass Parade, Shorncliffe Qld 4017.

Meeting Format: By votes in writing, appointed proxy or from the floor on the night. Please note this meeting is open to all members to attend, however, under the Constitution, Associate Members may speak but are not entitle to vote.

Correspondence Relating to this Meeting: To be received by Tuesday, 13 September 2016.

Proxy Votes in Writing: May be received by post, emailed to the Secretary or registered on the night.

Address for Service of Notices: The Secretary, Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane Inc
PO Box 201, Sandgate Qld 4017 or secretary@vmrbrisbane.com.au

Nomination and Proxy Forms: Printed below and can be copied or will be made available from the Secretary.

NB: This form must be filled in correctly otherwise will be deemed null and void.

Nomination for Position 2016/2017 Operating Year

We, the undersigned, being voting members of Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane Inc hereby:

Nominate: **for the position of:**

Proposed by: **Signature:**

Seconded by: **Signature:**

Date:

I, accept the role and responsibilities which I have been nominated for.

Signature of Nominee: **Date:**

Proxy Form

I,, being a financial voting member of Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane Inc, hereby appoint as my proxy for the Annual General Meeting of Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane Inc to be held on and at any adjournment thereof.

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

For **Against** **Abstain**

This form is to be used **In favour** **Against the Resolution**

Signature: **Date:**

Witness Name: **Witness Signature:**

Notice of Annual General Meeting of Members

Agenda Item		Position Responsible	Position Holder
1	Meeting opens, welcome Guests & Members apologies tabled	President	
2	Table minutes of Annual General Meeting held Motion to accept minutes Business arising from minutes	Secretary	
3	Table summary of correspondence relating to this AGM only Motion to accept inwards & outwards correspondence Summary of proxy nominations received	Secretary	
4	Presentation of reports for the operating year Overall management of Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane Inc. Summary of Rescue Operations including Vessels & Rescue Equipment Rescue Crews training & development Asset Management Buildings, Grounds and Support Team Financial Management Members or Guests are invited to speak to the reports	President Senior Vice UTC Junior Vice Treasurer President	
5	Election of the Management Team and Support Positions for theyear Under the Constitution, all nominations must be received signed by the nominator and a seconder and the nominee 14 days prior to the AGM. Management positions Seven plus Immediate Past President who shall be automatically re-elected to Management) President Senior Vice President Junior Vice President Secretary Treasurer Members Representative to Management (Two positions) All positions declared vacant and chair taken by a Guest or person approved by the meeting In the event of unopposed nominations , Secretary shall have placed a notice on the Members Board 7 days prior to the AGM, advising that nominees are duly elected, and no further actions are required In the event of no nominations for a position , this shall be called from the floor In the event of dual nominations for a position , a Returning Officer & Scrutineer shall be appointed, and a secret ballot held. Declaration of voting (if required) Motion to destroy ballot papers (if required) Advisors to Management (as recommended by Management) Unit Training Coordinator Workplace Health & Safety Representative These positions require qualifications, appointees report to Management meetings but under the Constitution may only move motions or vote upon matters relating to their positions. Support positions to Management Administration Officer Duty Master Leader Publicity & Community Relations Officer Editor Members Magazine Website, Social Media Business Relations Officer Social Organiser Delegates to VMR Moreton Bay Zone (2) Crew Liaison Officer Vessel & Rescue Equipment Maintenance Officer Membership Officer IT & Communications Officer Venue Manager Building & Grounds Maintenance Officer Delegate Sandgate Yacht Club Delegate Sandgate Canoe Club Delegate Polynesian Outrigger Club These positions do not require nomination, may be recommended by Management or volunteer, participate in management Team meetings, but may only move a motion or vote upon matters related to their area of responsibility.	President Secretary Acting Chairperson Returning Officer Secretary Newly Elected President As recommended by Management, or volunteers called from floor. Zone delegates must be Management Members	

Notice of Annual General Meeting of Members (continued)

6	Motion to appoint Patrons for the year (honorary position)	Secretary	
7	Motion to appoint Unit Chaplin for theyear (honorary position)	Secretary	
8	Motion to appoint Honorary Members for the year	President	
9	Motion to appoint one (1) Life Member for the year	President	
1	Motion to appoint Auditor for theyear (paid position)	Treasurer	
1	Motion to set number of Associate Members for the..... year	President	
1	General business relative to this AGM Must be notified to Secretary in	President	
1	Presentation of awards	President	
1	Advise date of next Management Team meeting	Secretary	
1	Meeting close and invitation to members & Guests to remain for social refreshments	President	

Around the Rigging

Foxtrot BBQ

On the 27th of May, Foxtrot took to the kitchen sporting their State of Origin accessories to whip up a BBQ fit for any football player.

Between the finger food and the first course, three of our guests left to assist a broken down vessel at the Port of Brisbane. The Foxtrot Crew continued with their night but hung around to make sure the crew members were served with a meal when they returned.

The winner of the prizes were:

- Lucky Door Prize—Polly Henderson
- Goose Club—Robyn Young
- 1st Prize—Terry & Deslea Grice
- 2nd Prize—Nichole Sutcliffe
- 3rd Prize—Terry & Deslea Grice
- Best/Worst Dressed - Ian Black

Thank you to the following businesses who donated the prizes—[Deagon Bulk Meats](#), [Kedron & Wavell Services Club](#) and [Suzuki](#).

We would like to thank our member Vic Kussrow for being super kind and donating a \$400 tab for behind the bar. We really do have fantastic members at VMR Brisbane!



Above: The Foxtrot Crew celebrating State of Origin whilst 'trying' to serve up a 3 course meal for our members.

Charlie BBQ

On the 24th of June, Charlie Crew served up a feed to whet any appetite of a State of Origin player. Everyone was treated to Angie's famous Tiramisu for afters.

Samantha Walk was drawn for the Goose Prize but as she was not in attendance, this prize will roll over to next month.

The winners who were grinners for the night were:

- Lucky Door Prize** - Angie Aceto
- 1st Prize** - Lyn
- 2nd Prize** - Col Neilsen



Above and Below: Some of the helpers serving our members for the Charlie Crew BBQ.

