



Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane Inc

Providing a Safer Marine Environment for Our Community

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Application for Membership

Thank you for your membership enquiry. To become a member of Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane (VMR Brisbane) and enjoy all of its benefits, a prospective member must first complete an application form and send it, together with the appropriate fee, to the above address or email address.

The next few pages provides an overview of our organisation, the history, membership types and fees.

Please read these pages carefully to assist in completing the appropriate forms.

Your application will be presented at the next monthly Management Meeting (held the fourth Tuesday of each month) for approval.

Please scan and email your application back to secretary@vmrbrisbane.com.au or post to:

Secretary
VMR Brisbane
PO Box 201
Sandgate Qld 4017

We look forward to you becoming a valued member of VMR Brisbane. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Les Pascoe
Membership Officer
e: membership@vmrbrisbane.com.au

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About VMR Brisbane

VMR Brisbane is a volunteer organisation whose primary purpose is to preserving life at sea and creating a safer marine environment for anyone enjoying fishing or watersports in Moreton Bay and surrounding areas. Affiliated with VMR Brisbane are the Sandgate Yacht Club, Sandgate Canoe Club and the Polynesian Outriggers Club.

Further, we provide facilities and assistance to various local volunteer organisations, clubs and schools. Our base is strategically located at Shorncliffe, adjacent to Brisbane Airport and the Port of Brisbane.

Our history can be traced to the foundation of the Sandgate Yacht Club in 1912 where of course, wind-powered sailing was king. It was after a sailing accident in Moreton Bay that it was decided that a group should be formed to help provide safety on the water. After fifty years of success, membership was opened to owners of power vessels. Shortly after 1969, the Sandgate Yacht Club Search and Rescue Squad was formed. The organisations name changed in 1977 and again in 1990 and we are now known as Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane.

As a volunteer marine rescue organisation we provide a "first response" emergency service 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Volunteer Duty Crews maintain a vessel monitoring service every weekend and public holiday. After hours calls are attended to by our Emergency Standby crew. We work closely with other emergency services organisations including Water Police, Ambulance and SES.

We currently operate three purpose-built rescue vessels. Our primary rescue vessel is a Kevlacat 3000 powered by twin 250hp Suzuki four-stroke outboards. Our most recent acquisition is a 5.9m Swift inflatable RIB powered by a 175hp Suzuki. Our third vessel is a 4.59m Stabicraft which is now primarily used for training an inshore work. The Stabicraft is powered by a 60hp Yamaha four-stroke outboard. All vessels are fitted with all the required safety equipment, radios and additional equipment necessary for operations in our area.

VMR Brisbane is predominately a self-funded organisation. We receive financial support from the State Government to cover some operational costs and capital expenditure. This financial support, although greatly appreciated, represents only a fraction of the capital requirements and operational costs required for the effective running of our Squadron. We attempt to address the funding gap through prudent financial management, membership fees, fund raising, and grants and sponsorships. We are privileged to enjoy the support of the Member for Sandgate Jared Cassidy, Brisbane City Council Member for Deagon Stirling Hinchliffe, Weather Presenter Paul Burt and the Qld Police Commissioner Ian Stewart.

Volunteer Duty Crew

If you are willing to donate your time to provide a valuable community service, joining one of our Duty Crews may be for you. As mentioned earlier, the primary purpose of our organisation is to save the lives of people in distress in Moreton Bay and surrounding areas and this service is provided by our Duty Crews. Our Duty Crews attend our Operations Centre to maintain a vessel monitoring service and provide assistance as required every weekend and public holidays from 0600 hrs until 1700 hrs. Typically each Duty Crew is rostered on for one day in every four to five weeks.

New Duty Crew members must complete basic training (ESS) within six months of joining. This training includes both theory and practical learning and assessment. Fortunately, for people on the water, we are not in full-on rescue mode too often so on our Crew Day, our crews undertake practical training such as tow-jobs, navigation exercises and emergency procedures such as fire on board the vessel, man-overboard and grounding for readiness for the various search and rescue scenarios that we may encounter.

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Membership Information

Our members have access, from our Operations Centre, to local fishing areas which are recognised as being some of the best in the world. We have a number of membership classifications which are listed in the table below.

Membership Classification	Benefits
Full Member	<p>Access to Squadron's facilities including entitlement to a member's key which provides 24/7 access to our lock up car park, boat ramp, pontoon, BBQ and amenities.</p> <p>Receive our Club newsletter "Boat Talk".</p> <p>Eligible to apply to join one of our Volunteer Duty Crews.</p> <p>Eligible to apply for a Hardstand bay for onsite vessel storage.</p> <p>Entitled to vote at our General Meetings as well as nominate for any vacant management position.</p>
Concessional Full Member	<p>Concessional Full Members receive the same entitlements as Full Members but receive a concession on their membership fees where the member can demonstrate that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • their sole source of income is from a pension (Pensioner Member) or • who reside permanently more than 50 kilometres from our Operations Centre (Country Member)
Associate Member	Limited access to the Squadron's facilities.

Schedule of Fees

The following Schedule of Fees applies to applications for membership of VMR Brisbane. These fees are reviewed by the Management Committee on an annual basis and all fees include GST. Please consult your tax advisor regarding deductibility of your fees. The below fees are for financial year ending 30 June 2018 and are as follows:

Membership Classification	Nomination Fee Non-Refundable	Annual Membership Fee
Full Members	\$10	\$164.00
Concessional Full Member	\$10	\$82.00
Associate Member	Nil	\$50.00

Your initial membership fee component is calculated on a pro-rata basis.

Applications received before December include membership until 30th June 2018.

Applications received after December include membership until 30th June 2019.

Please contact our Membership Officer for a breakdown of fees for the month you wish to join.

Hardstand

Eligible members may apply for a Hardstand bay for onsite vessel storage by completing and submitting Form **VMR020** Application for Hardstand Storage. When a vacancy becomes available, the applicant will be notified and the hardstand bay will be allocated upon receipt of payment. The Hardstand fee is reviewed by the Management Committee on an annual basis and all Hardstand fees are calculated on a pro-rata basis to the end of the financial year and must be paid in advance. All fees include GST. Please email jnr.vice.president@vmrbrisbane.com.au for current prices and if there are any spaces available.

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Membership Application Form

- Use BLOCK letters and black ink when completing this form and ensure it is signed and dated.
- You can download PDF software and use the typewriter function to type your information.
- All applicants are to complete this Membership Application Form.
- Applicants interested in volunteer duty crew should also complete Volunteer Duty Crew Application.

Type of Membership

Full Member Active Member Waterside Assist Member Associate Member

Concession Pensioner Country None

Personal Details

Given Names Surname

Date of Birth Gender Male Female Occupation

Home Address

Street Name and Number

Suburb State Postcode

Postal Address

Street Name and Number

Suburb State Postcode

Email Address Home Phone

Mobile Number

Emergency Contact

Contact Name Relationship to Member

Home Phone Mobile Number

Car and Vessel Details

Do you own a vessel? Yes No EPIRB Fitted? Yes No

Radio 27 Mhz VHF HF 27Mhz and VHF None

Vessel Rego Vessel Name Vessel Make

Vessel Model Length in Metres Main Colour

Vessel Type Car Rego Trailer Rego

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Licences and Qualifications

Is your First Aid Current Yes No Certificate No Date Issued

Boat Licence No. Radio Licence No. Drivers Licence No.

Duty Questions (for Active Crew Applications only)

Preferred Roster Day Saturday Sunday Either

Duty Crew members are expected to attend at least 70% of their rostered duty crew days. Do you have the time and commitment to attend at least 8 of your rostered days per year? Yes No

Do you have prior experience with another VMR Squadron or Coast Guard? Yes No

Have you been charged or convicted of an indictable offence within the last five years? Yes No

Do you have any medical condition/s, permanent or temporary, which may preclude you from being able to carry out duties associated with VMR Brisbane? Yes No

Further information relevant to your application (use separate page if required)

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Payment Details

Payment Type Visa Mastercard Direct Deposit

Card Holder Name Card Number

Expiry Date/...../..... CVN

Please tick the appropriate boxes below to authorise VMR Brisbane to debit the fee as per 'Schedule of Fees' which can be found on our website if paying by Direct Debit. By applying for this membership, you acknowledge that you have read, accept and will abide by the Rules of Association and By-Laws of VMR Brisbane.

Please Note: Approval and payment for Waterside Assist membership can take up to one week to process. Once payment has been received by VMR Brisbane, your cover will commence from that date. You will be sent a confirmation letter and membership card soon after.

- I authorise VMR Brisbane to debit my debit/credit card
- I will abide by VMR Brisbane Rules of Association and By-Laws

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