



Boat Talk

VMR Brisbane's Monthly Rescue Newsletter



Around the Rigging

EOI's for Role of Snr Vice President, Flare Offer for Members, Security Upgrades and more...

VMR Brisbane hopes that all of our members had a great Christmas spending time with loved ones and a wonderful start to 2017. We would especially like to thank our crews who helped to keep boaties on Moreton Bay safe over the holidays. We appreciate your dedication and it was a wonderful opportunity for VMR Brisbane and Redcliffe Coast Guard to bond over some Christmas tucker. We hope those who attended our Food Truck event had a good time. We are looking for a member who enjoys organising social activities to promote VMR Brisbane. If this is you, please raise your hand and let us know!

We have a great offer to update your flares for members only. If your flares are due to expire in 2017, keep reading!

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ACTIVE CREW

Jason Matthew

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FULL MEMBERS

Scott Muller
Peter Ward
Daryl Sluggett
Jeff Cox

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WATERSIDE ASSIST

Grant Shipton
David Carman
Grant Fraser
Carla Jones
Ryan Campbell
Tina Connell-Clark
John Court

UPCOMING EVENTS



ALPHA BBQ

20 January
6:00pm - 9:00pm



FOOD TRUCK EVENT

TBA
TBA



FOXTROT BBQ

24 February
6:00pm - 9:00pm

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President's Report

I hope everyone has had a good Christmas and happy New Year to all Members.

I welcome our new Members to the Association and look forward to meeting you around the base over the coming year and hearing your ideas on where you would like to see your Association go.

We had another successful Food Truck event on the 18th of December which was combined with our Christmas party. One of the goals for 2017 is to increase the Social Aspect of the Association. I encourage everyone to give us feedback, good, bad or indifferent as to how the day went. We can only try things to see if they work or not. If they don't work we can learn from it and modify it or move on to the next thing.

We as Management are very keen to hear from the Members their ideas on what may help us grow the Social Aspect of the Association.

It is with a heavy heart that we advise Gwen Lewis, the wife of Life Member Stan Lewis has recently passed away. Gwen's service will be held on the 3rd of January, 2017 at 10:00am in the Chapel of Pinna-roo Crematorium. Thank you to our members who will be attending to show Stan our support.

As some of you may have heard David Davis has resigned from the position of Senior Vice President. All voting Members should have received an email for an Expression of Interest to fill this vacancy on the Management Team. The role in brief is responsible for the Rescue Squadron Operations.

If anyone is interested in this role please feel free to give me a call on 0413 200 271 to discuss or email myself at president@vmrbrisbane.com.au or David Massam at secretary@vmrbrisbane.com.au for a copy of the roles and responsibilities of this position within the Association.

It is one of the more involved roles within the Association and needs to be a collaborative role to work in with our Nine Crews, other agencies like Water and Land Police, SES, Coast Guard and many more.

We have been lucky enough to have two significant donations by two Ben's. Firstly Ben Gillespie has secured a \$3,000 donation from AMP and Ben Reyneke from St Laurence's College has donated a 7kW Air Conditioning unit for the downstairs training area. A very big thank you to Both Ben's!!

We have unfortunately received notice from Energex

that they will not be continuing their much needed and much appreciated financial support.

If any Members know of any corporate or businesses that may be interested in sponsoring your Association please let someone from Management know.

"The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails." – William Arthur Ward

Management will continue to manage the Association's finances with this in mind and look for other ways to bring funds into our Association so you as Members can continue to enjoy the facilities we are very lucky to have.

Safe Boating

Thomas Grice
President



THANK YOU TO BEN GILLESPIE, AMP & SLC

Management would like to thank Ben Gillespie and his employer [AMP](#) for a \$3000 donation based on his volunteering as an Active Crew member. This money has been spent on flares for the ESS Course on the 7th and 8th of January.

A new rugged tablet has also been purchased which will be used as a Point of Sale for our venue. This can also be used on the rescue vessels as a training aid.

It will also be used to install an air-conditioning unit which has been kindly donated from [St Laurence's College](#). Thank you to Ben Reyneke from St Laurence's College.



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

Activation Report

DECEMBER

3rd - Alpha Crew towed Sandgate Rescue 2 by vehicle and launched at Jindalee Boat Ramp to assist a runabout with engine failure. The vessel with 2 POB was towed back to Jindalee Boat Ramp.

4th - Tango Crew took to the Brisbane River in Sandgate Rescue 2 to assist a Sea-Doo Jet Ski which encountered engine problems in the City Reach of the river. They were towed back to Colmslie Boat Ramp.

10th - Brisbane Water Police initiated a line search after a reported EPIRB activation. The areas from Brisbane River to Redcliffe Jetty was searched and nothing was found. After two hours of searching, the crew of Energex Sandgate 1 was stood down and returned to base.

14th - Energex Sandgate 1 assisted a 6.5m centre console with engine failure which had broken down near the M8 beacon off Tangalooma. The vessel with 2 POB was towed back to Whyte Island Boat Ramp.

15th - Energex Sandgate 1 was tasked this afternoon by the Brisbane Water Police to help conduct a line search between Cabbage Tree Creek and Otter Rock after a person onshore reported a paddler in trouble 300 metres offshore. The search was called off at 1830 hrs when the person was located safe onshore.

17th - Energex Sandgate 1 assisted a 9m yacht with 2 POB which was grounded on the Nudgee Flat side of Cabbage Tree Creek. The vessel made it's way further up Cabbage Tree Creek after being released.

17th - Energex Sandgate 1 assisted a 12m trimaran to relocate from near Baxters Jetty to outside of the VMR Brisbane base due to engine failure and the forecast of stronger winds coming through.

18th - Energex Sandgate 1 assisted the trimaran which was repositioned yesterday by Foxtrot Crew. Due to strong winds today, the vessels anchors dragged the vessel close to the VMR pontoon.

29th - Sandgate Rescue 2 was requested to assist a 5m half cabin which experienced engine problems this afternoon. The vessel with 1 POB was located near the Compass Adjustment Buoy and towed back to Cabbage Tree Creek.

Thank you to all the crews who assisted with these activations. We thank the crews who send activation details and photos through to help promote VMR Brisbane.

ACTIVE CREW ANNIVERSARIES

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

Ross Lind - 17 years
 Brian Matthews - 15 years
 Chris Brown - 8 years
 Kerry Kyle-Little - 7 years



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR SNR VICE ROLE

David Davis has recently decided to resign from the position of Snr Vice President. We are calling for expressions of interest for this position for the period of 1 February 2017 to 26 September 2017 (AGM night) where the position will then be subject to normal nomination process as per our Rules of Association.

- Written, emailed or verbal applications are to be received by the Secretary by COB on 20 January 2017 for consideration and a recommendation to the Management Meeting on 27 January 2017.

- A full statement of the Roles and Responsibilities for the position is available upon request from the Secretary. Thomas, our President will be happy to discuss any aspects of the role. (Please click on links to email).

By request of David Massam, Secretary JP Com Dec

SECURITY UPGRADES

The security upgrade is progressing and approval has been given for the installation of a sliding gate for the Hardstand to be operated from your swipe card through the new security system.

The installation is slated to start in February and we will advise of any limited access to the Hardstand during this time so watch out for email updates in your inbox.

SHORNICLIFFE

Be safe on the bay

MARINE RESCUERS ADVISE LOG IN SERVICE FOR BOATIES

Elizabeth Rennie

THE message to boaties is clear these summer holidays: make sure you log on and off with Volunteer Marine Rescue (VMR) if you plan on heading out onto the water.

That's the advice of VMR Brisbane president Thomas Grice, who encouraged all boat users to take advantage of the free log on-log off service to ensure VMR could respond fast in the event of an emergency.

"Just let us know the area you're going to, how many people you've got on board and what time you might be back," he said.

"It doesn't matter who you are things can go wrong so fast on the water ... the last thing you want to be doing is bobbing around out there for a couple of hours, waiting for someone to come and find you."

In view of the recent storms that have been sweeping across the south-

ON THE WATER

■ If you have been down to Sandgate foreshore recently, chances are you have seen this swamped boat (pictured right) stranded on the water.

■ While VMR can no longer assist, Mr Grice said it should serve as a reminder to boat owners to check their vessel after a storm

caught out on the water should try and find a safe haven as fast as possible.

"Try and find (somewhere) where you can get in close to an island or around on the opposite side to the wind," he said.

Boaties are also encouraged to make sure their vessel is well-serviced, equipped with fresh fuel, charged batteries and that everyone on board is wearing a life jacket.

To find out more, including how to log on and log off and the organisation's Waterside Assist Package,



TRADE YOUR OLD FLARES IN

If you are a member of VMR Brisbane and you have inshore flares that expire in 2017, we have 20 packs with an expiry date of 2020 which can be purchased for \$50 per pack.

If you would like to purchase the flares, your old flares must be still in date but close to expiry and must be handed in to VMR Brisbane at time of purchase.

This offer is only available until the 6th January 2017 and first in is best dressed. For more information, please email our [Treasurer](#).

VMR BRISBANE IN THE MEDIA

With eyes on the yacht which was grounded at Sandgate, VMR Brisbane was given the opportunity to make a 'splash' in our local newspapers. The story was featured in the [Northside Chronicle](#) and the [Bayside Star](#). Please click on links to read the articles.

VMR Brisbane also placed a Waterside Assist advert in Fishing Monthly for the next 6 months to try and increase this side of membership.



DISPOSE OF EPIRBs PROPERLY

Unnecessary call-outs can be prevented if owner's maintained their EPIRB devices and disposed of their deactivated beacons properly.

Recently, taxpayers were slugged \$9000 for an unnecessary search mission after an EPIRB was either activated maliciously or simply left in an abandoned boat, triggering an alarm as its battery ran down at Thompson's Beach, Victoria Point.

Click [here](#) for the full story.



STONEFISH ON THE FORESHORES

Please be careful walking on the foreshores especially barefooted as there have been a few instances over the past few months of Stonefish stings.

If stung, remember to soak injured foot in hot water (ideally 45c) testing the temperature with your good foot first. This is NOT suitable for infants, the very elderly, or those with poor skin condition as hot water may burn the skin.

For more information click on link [Poison Information](#).