



VOLUNTEER MARINE RESCUE BRISBANE INC.

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Rescue Association Queensland Inc.*

*Radio Call Sign
"Marine Rescue Sandgate"*

ABN 12 718 565 330

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*Please address all correspondence to
"The Secretary"*

Application for Membership

Thank you for your membership enquiry.

To become a member of Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane Inc. (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.

Part A of the Application Form provides an overview of the organisation and information about the history of the organisation, membership types, and fees. Please read Part A to assist in completing Parts B and C of the form.

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

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

Greg Keough

Membership Officer

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Membership Application Form – Part A

About Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane Inc. (VMR Brisbane)

VMR Brisbane is a volunteer organisation whose primary purpose is to save the lives of people in distress in Moreton Bay and surrounding areas. We also have a very active social club for our members and their guests.

Affiliated with VMR Brisbane are the Sandgate Yacht Club, Lionfish Dive Club & Sandgate Canoe 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. 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. We had a name change in 1977 and again in 1990. Our Squadron is now known as Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane Inc.

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 & SES.

We currently operate two specially built rescue vessels. Our primary rescue vessel is a Kevlacat 3000 powered by twin 250hp Suzuki four-stroke outboards. Our second vessel is a 4.59m Stabicraft for inshore work and powered by a 50hp Honda four-stroke outboard. Both 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 & 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 Queensland Member for Sandgate (Vicky Darling), the Brisbane City Council Member for Deagon (Victoria Newton) and the Officer in Charge Brisbane Water Police (Warren Francis).

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Membership Information

Our members have access, from our Operations Centre, to some of the finest waters close to Brisbane, with the fishing areas being recognised as some of the best in the world. At our Operations Centre, members have the use of a lock up car park, private boat ramp and pontoon, BBQ, as well as the normal amenities you would expect.

We have a number of membership classifications one of which may suit your circumstances:

Membership Classification	Benefits
Full Member	<p>Enjoy all the Squadron's facilities including entitlement to a member's key that provides 24 / 7 access to lock up car park, boat ramp & pontoon, BBQ, and amenities</p> <p>Receive our Club magazine "Boat Talk"</p> <p>You are eligible to apply to join one of our Volunteer Duty Crews</p> <p>You are eligible to apply for a Hardstand bay for onsite vessel storage</p> <p>You are 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> <p>(a) their sole source of income is from a pension (Pensioner Member) or</p> <p>(b) who reside permanently more than 50 kilometres from our Operations Centre (Country Member)</p>
Associate Member	<p>Affiliated club members enjoy limited access to the Squadron's facilities</p> <p>Receive our Club magazine "Boat Talk" upon payment of our magazine subscription</p>

Volunteer Duty Crew Information

If you are willing to donate your time to provide a valuable community service then 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. 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 & public holiday from 0600 hours until 1700 hours. Typically, each Duty Crew is rostered on for one day in every four to five weeks.

New Duty Crew members must complete basic training 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.

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During our spare time our Duty Crews undertake practical training in readiness for the various search and rescue scenarios that we may encounter.

The uniform shirt, badges, and cap will be provided after a short probationary period and are for use whilst an active Duty Crew member (in practice you purchase your uniform shirt then you are reimbursed). You are asked to provide the rest of the uniform - shorts, shoes & socks.

Please consider carefully before making a commitment to join one of our Duty Crews. It is not everybody who finds it interesting and enjoyable to spend their time this way.

Schedule of Fees

The following Schedule of Fees applies to applications for membership of VMR Brisbane. The Schedule of Fees is reviewed by the Management Committee on an annual basis. All fees include GST. Please consult your tax advisor regarding deductibility or otherwise of your fees.

Membership Classification	Nomination Fee Non-refundable	Annual Membership Fee for financial year ended 30 June 2012	Key Deposit
Full Member	\$110	\$144	\$20
Concessional Full Member	\$110	\$72	\$20
Associate Member	Nil	\$46	Not eligible
Associate Member & Magazine Subscription	Nil	\$92	Not eligible

If you join during the year then your Membership Fee is calculated on a pro-rata basis. For example, if you join in September then the Full Membership Fee payable is \$120 (\$144 divided by 12 times 10 remaining months in the year)

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 the appropriate payment. The Hardstand fee is reviewed by the Management Committee on an annual basis. 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.

The Hardstand fees for financial year ending 30 June 2012 are as follows:

Vessel Type	Annual Fee
Mono Hull	\$600
Multi Hull	\$720

----- End of Part A -----



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Membership Application Form – Part B

CHECK LIST

- Please provide as much information as possible
- Use **BLOCK** letters and black ink when completing this form and ensure it is signed and dated
- All applicants should complete Part B of this form
- Applicants who are interested in volunteer duty crew should also complete Part C.

1. Type of Membership Application (tick box)

Full Member:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Concessional Full Member:	Pensioner	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Country	<input type="checkbox"/>
Associate Member:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sandgate Canoe Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lionfish Dive Club

2. Personal Details

Title		Given names			
Last name			Preferred name		
Date of birth	__/__/__	Gender (tick box)	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Postal address					
Suburb / Town			State		Postcode
Home address					
Suburb / Town			State		Postcode
Email address					
Home phone			Mobile phone		
Partner's name			Partner's date of birth	__/__/__	
Emergency contact (name & telephone number)					

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Kit Issued: _____ Membership Database Updated: _____

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3. Licences & Qualifications

License / Qualification	Number	Date of Issue	License / Qualification	Number	Date of Issue
Speedboat Drivers License		__/__/__	Motor Vehicle Drivers License		__/__/__
Radio License		__/__/__	First Aid Certificate		__/__/__
Other – please specify					

4. Vehicle and Vessel Details

Item	Details	Item	Details
Registration number of usual vehicle		Registration number of boat	
Registration number of boat trailer		Name of boat	
Make of boat (e.g. Haines Hunter)		Main construction material of boat	
Length overall	metres	Beam	metres
Hull colour		Deck colour	
Motor/s type & power		Radio fitted	<input type="checkbox"/> 27mhz <input type="checkbox"/> VHF <input type="checkbox"/> HF/SSB
EPIRB fitted?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Required safety equipment carried?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

5. Personal Interests (tick box)

Activity		Activity	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Canoeing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Events	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fundraising
<input type="checkbox"/>	Power Cruising	<input type="checkbox"/>	Working Bees
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sailing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Training
<input type="checkbox"/>	Diving	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other - please specify _____

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6. Volunteer Duty Crew Application (tick box)

Please indicate whether or not you wish to apply to join a Duty Crew If you ticked "Yes" then please complete Part C of this Application Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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7. Payment Details (Please tick payment type and sign and date where applicable)

I authorise/make payment of \$ _____ in accordance with the Schedule of Fees in Part A of the Application Form.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Mastercard	Name on Card: _____ Card Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Expiry Date: ____ / ____ (mm/yy) CVN: ____ (3 digits)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Visa	Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Direct Deposit	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%; border: none;"> Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane Inc. BSB: 064 124 Acc. Number: 0090 7251 Reference Field: <i>Your Name</i> </td> <td style="width: 30%; border: none; vertical-align: top;"> Transaction Date: ____ / ____ / ____ </td> </tr> </table>	Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane Inc. BSB: 064 124 Acc. Number: 0090 7251 Reference Field: <i>Your Name</i>	Transaction Date: ____ / ____ / ____
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Cheque	Cheque or cash payments should accompany this application.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cash			

If accepted I agree to be bound by the Rules of Association and By-Laws and any amendments, alterations and additions which may be made thereto.

To ensure that our records are always up to date, please notify us in writing of any changes to the above information in a timely manner.

Signature of Applicant:		Date:	____ / ____ / ____
Proposed by:		Signature:	
Seconded by:		Signature:	

----- **End of Part B** -----

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Please *only complete this section if you wish to apply to join a Volunteer Duty Crew*

Membership Application Form – Part C

Volunteer Duty Crew Application

To help us to assess your application to join a Volunteer Duty Crew please answer the following questions:

Question	Answer
1. Duty Crew members are expected to attend at least 70% of rostered Duty Crew days (approximately 12 rostered crew days in total per year). Do you have the time and commitment to attend at least 8 of your rostered Duty Crew Days per year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Do you have prior experience with VMR and / or Coastguard?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3. If you answered "Yes" to Question 2 please provide further information such as: - are you a current member of a Unit or Squadron? - advise name of Unit / Squadron and length of service - advise of qualifications and rank attained	
4. Do you have a preferred rostered day?	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday <input type="checkbox"/> Either
5. Do you have any medical condition, permanent or temporary, which may preclude you from being able to carry out duties associated with a Volunteer Marine Rescue Organisation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6. Have you been charged or convicted of an indictable offence within the last five years?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. Please advise of any other information that you feel is relevant to your application to join a Duty Crew (attach additional information if insufficient room)	

Applicant name:			
Signature:		Date:	_ _ / _ _ / _ _

----- **End of Part C** -----

Office Use Only: Date Duty Crew Application Accepted: ____/____/____