



Boat Talk

VMR Brisbane's Monthly Newsletter



Above: Our volunteers ready to spread the word about boating safety at the Sandgate Einbunpin Festival.

Around the Rigging

Welcome to our new Members. We look forward to seeing you around the base.

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ACTIVE CREW

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FULL MEMBERS

Chris Carvill	Joanne Gordon
Ben Reilly	Michael Warren

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WATERSIDE ASSIST

Jean-Marc Arcangeli	Ashley Armit
Jackson Carey	Sean Caudell
Alexander Cronin	Aaron Dahl
Stephen De Maria	Chase Durham
Peter Ensor	Chris Garlick
Keith Grundy	Liam Houghton
Tal Jacobson	Paul McArthur
Marcus McKinnon	Graham Reeves
Giuseppe Reitano	Matthew Starr
Wayne Sutcliffe	Paul Webb

DATES TO REMEMBER

SPC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7th August, 2021

POLY VA'A-ALO OUTRIGGERS AGM

10.00 a.m. Saturday, 7th August, 2021

POTLUCK DINNER (Members)

Sunday, 22nd August, 2021

SYC OPEN DAY

Sunday, 12th September, 2021

POLY VA'A-ALO OUTRIGGERS

Race 3 of AOCRA OC1/2/v1 Surf Ski Event

Saturday, 25th September, 2021

VMRB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30 pm Tuesday, 28th September, 2021

VMR BRIBIE EMERGENCY SERVICES EXPO

17th October, 2021

Well, it was going to be a big night on 31st July when our Poly Va'a community prepared for a very entertaining and enjoyable Christmas in July. However, as you now know, lockdown put an end to all their planning. It's still early days but rumour is that it will be postponed – and become a post-COVID event.

On page 7 you can see that *HMQS Otter* has an interesting story associated with Moreton Bay and July is a significant month for her as she was launched in a July and scuttled in a July.

Our VMR Brisbane Annual General Meeting will be held at our base on 28th September. On pages 10 to 13 you can find the Notice of Meeting, Nomination/Proxy Forms and Agenda for the meeting.

There are many projects underway as you will see on page 4 with descriptions from Snr VP Ben.

You can see the full press release by the Minister for Transport and Main Roads on page 8. It paints a horrible picture when it comes to boating safety in Queensland and gives even more incentive for our volunteers to continue their dedication to VMR Brisbane.

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President's Report

Welcome to our new members this month. We look forward to seeing you enjoying yourselves on the water around Sandgate.

Interesting Times Still - especially the much stricter Lockdown rules, in particular around fishing and boating. Please keep checking the Qld Health advice as to what you can and can't do.

Unfortunately, our Poly Va'a-Alo Outriggers had to cancel what was going to be a fantastic Christmas in July. It would have been fun (or maybe disturbing) to see all the Klingers and other MASH-related outfits.

Not only are the Outriggers very friendly but their members are powering ahead with their paddling, learning new techniques and gaining a great reputation in the Australian Outrigger community. On 25th Sept, they will be running a leg of AOCRA's OC1/2/v1 Surf Ski Event and VMRB and SYC will be assisting in the organisation. It should be quite a spectacle with boats from many clubs competing.

On page 4 there is a report from Ben, Senior V-P, about our Boat Ramp, Slipway and new Rescue Vessel. Firstly, thank you to Ben for taking these projects on to keep them moving forward. We have decided to put the Slipway on hold for the time being until either funds are available or a safe, cost effective and practical alternative is available. As much as we would prefer to be able to do everything we want at once, it is not practical for our Volunteer Organisation so we have to learn to be patient.

There are always little niggly things that must be done such as the repair of the structure downstairs and there is no way out of these which means we have to stretch our resources.

A new initiative for crew members and their families is the Pot Luck Dinners that we are hopefully going to introduce in August. It's a great time for some low stress socialising and will give crews and families the opportunity to meet members of other crews.

Hopefully the Sandgate Yacht Club's Open Day can proceed this year, after being cancelled due to COVID last year.

There are a number of Annual General Meetings approaching: the Poly Va'a-Alo Outriggers on 7th August, the SPC on 12th September and our own on 28th September. The Notice of Meeting, Nomination and Proxy Forms and Agenda for VMRB's AGM are included in this issue of Boat Talk.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with the essential administration and one position which has been vacant for the last 3 years is that of Webmaster. Social media is such an important part of communication these days that we really would like someone to help keep our profile 'out there' – and, of course, up-to-date. We are happy to consider job-sharing so check page 6 for the process to find out more about ways you can help us.

August 2021 Crew Roster

Sun 1	Tango	Sat 7	Foxtrot
Sun 8	November	Wed 11	Bravo
Sat 14	Alpha	Sun 15	Papa
Sat 21	Charlie	Sun 22	Quebec
Sat 28	Delta	Sun 29	Sierra

September 2021 Crew Roster

Sat 4	Foxtrot	Sun 5	Tango
Sat 11	Alpha	Sun 12	November
Sat 18	Bravo	Sun 19	Papa
Sat 25	Charlie	Sun 26	Quebec

We had the pleasure of hosting a visit by Anika Wells MP. During the visit we were lucky enough to be able to take Anika out for a quick trip on Sandgate 1 and record a short video reminding everyone about boating safety and discussed various topics like funding and the Olympics and what it might mean for our local areas.

We offered Anika a turn at the helm of Sandgate 1 which she jumped at and did a fantastic job under the supervision of Callum including successfully docking Sandgate 1 back at our pontoon. Thank you to Callum, Judd and Nathaniel for assisting and making Anika and Summer very welcome in our usual VMRB way.

Safe Boating

Thomas Grice, President, VMR Brisbane

Well Done Sam

Sam Summers was pleased to receive his National Medal, from Crew Skipper Callum Baird, recognising 15 years of volunteer work with VMRB.



Groups of VMRB

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



July in Summary

Activations:	15
Fuel Used:	1,098
People Assisted:	1

Major Project Updates

VMRB continues to progress on some major projects with significant time being invested by those involved.

Boat Ramp

Over the past 6 months, management have agreed on specifications, engaged an engineer to draft detailed plans and gone to tender for the work. We are now in a position with a preferred builder and are working through the final approval processes at two levels of Government. Due to the type of project and being based on a waterway, this approval process is producing some hurdles, with management investigating the use of a consultant to work through the DA requirements with Council and ensure all is done correctly (meaning no unnecessary delays are encountered). While a completion date cannot be confirmed just yet, you can be assured that management are committed to completing this project as soon as possible. Funding has been set aside and ready to go once the project has final Government approval.

Slipway

In line with previous communications, the slipway project is currently paused following the confirmation of expected costs to complete. There are many considerations when determining the best vessel storage solution moving forward with pros and cons on every option. Based on a balance of these considerations, the solution currently being investigated is to store the new vessel in a Seapen/Air dock, which prevents the need for anti-fouling and has the vessel ready on the water for after-hours call-outs. The considerations of this option continue to be investigated by the vessel sub-committee, which include safety, practicality and cost.

Rescue Vessel

This project has been in progress for almost 12 months and we are excited to share that the build of our replacement vessel has now commenced with Woody Marine. The vessel replacement sub-committee is meeting regularly to discuss the finer details of the vessel fit out. While the overall build is based on Bowen's vessel, the sub-committee always planned to and is conducting a review of individual elements to ensure they best meet our needs. These details will be shared with Duty Masters at the next meeting and management will be discussing further at the August management meeting so the sub-committee can advise Woody Marine of the final fit-out.

You can see below the progress that has been made on the vessel to date. The current expectation is that the build to be completed early next year. Updates will continue to be provided throughout this process.



Pot Luck Dinners

Let's support a new initiative for our crew members: Pot Luck Dinners.

The first one will be on Sunday, 22nd August, from 3 pm to 6.30 pm and it is intended to be a very social get-together with the minimum of organisational stress. When you RSVP, also nominate which dish you would like to bring to share with fellow crew members and their families.

Let's make some time to get to know each other in a nice casual way.



Show off your culinary skills and bring a plate for some

'POTLUCK FUN'

That means bring a dish to share with others. Hot/Cold/Savoury or sweet, your choice, the BBQ will be available if someone wants to cook up on site and the bar will be open for refreshments.

22 August and 24 October – open to all crew and family members

RSVP by 16th August social@vmrbrisbane.com.au

Please note: 'Potluck Fun' will be Subject to applicable COVID restrictions at the time of function.

Food Trucks Event

Unfortunately, the Food Trucks only want to patronise our area in Summer so there will be no more until at least November. We'll let you know in plenty of time so you can mark it on your calendar and support our fundraising efforts.

In the meantime, management is considering Sunset Drinks with either a BBQ or a single food truck present on either Friday afternoons or Sunday afternoons. We would like some thoughts from members on what they would prefer. Please let us know on [Junior Vice President Paul Hollingdale](#).

However, while your views are being collected, members and their families are invited to join in the Potluck Dinner evening on Sunday, 22nd August.

Poly Va'a-Alo Outriggers

This club has been awarded stage 2 of the National Titles with an Outrigger Race taking in all categories of competitors from Brennan Park Bongaree (Bribie) at 11am to Shorncliffe Jetty, arriving around 12.30 to 13.00 for Seniors and a second event from Scarborough Beach to Shorncliffe Jetty, arriving between 12.30 and 13.00 for Juniors on 25th September with multi-cultural celebrations and presentations to follow. Being a National Event, publicity will be high. VMRB and Sandgate Yacht Club will be assisting with support craft.

Blacker than Black

Some species of deep-sea fish have evolved blacker-than-black skin to protect them from being eaten – or to help them sneak up on fish they want to eat.

A study, published in July last year in the journal [Current Biology](#), documents “ultra-blackness” in 16 species of deep-sea fish and suggests more could be found.

The discovery places the deep-sea species among the few animals to evolve ultra-black pigmentation, including Australasia's birds of paradise and some butterflies and spiders. But while other animals use ultra-blackness to highlight their brightest colours, deep-sea fish use it so they can't be seen, said lead author Alexander Davis, a biologist at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

Ultra-black is defined as reflecting less than 0.5 percent of incoming light. By comparison, black paper actually reflects about 10 percent of incoming light, so it's about 20 times lighter than ultra-black.

Davis and his colleagues spent weeks trawling for ultra-black fish in the Gulf of Mexico and the Monterey Bay in California. They captured them at depths of up to 1,000 feet during the night, when the fish hunt higher in the water, and sometimes more than a mile down during the day.

The blackness of ultra-black fish isn't caused by pigment alone. Microscopes show it's achieved by shaped packets of black pigment that form an outer layer on the skin, so that almost no light is reflected from the skin cells.

Einbunpin Festival

This year the annual event was held on Sunday, 25th July, 2021 from 9 am at the very picturesque Einbunpin Lagoon. Our intrepid reporters, Angie and Nino, said it was definitely quieter than usual but it was a very windy day which didn't help.



VMRB participated with Sandgate Rescue 2 on display and various promotional items on safety including the new MRQ display trailer showing safety information and Squadrons activities.

The day appeared to be well attended despite COVID, with a good flow of people viewing many displays by Community Groups as well as the traditional sale of food and craft items.



Thank you to all Crew, especially the relatively new Crew members who assisted with towing the vessel and trailer and manning the display.

Any assistance from Members outside of Crew duties, even if only for a short time, is always appreciated and helps to promote VMRB and safety on the water.



Thank you everyone.

November Crew's New Member

You'll probably find it hard to recognise him without his mask, but this is Jason on his first day with Cameron and November Crew.



Kedron-Wavell Services Club

When Covid doesn't cause closures, there is always a lot going on at the Kedron-Wavell Services Club, 21 Kittyhawk Dr, Chermside.

They are adding thoughts of the Ekka with the Loaded Kransky Hot Dog and Strawberry Sundaes, Milkshakes and Cones in The Kitchen.

If it's entertainment you are seeking, how about Monet and Mimosas which is a Paint and Sip Art Class on 8th August or maybe it's a concert you crave. If so, there is ABBALIVE on 21st August, Back to the Tivoli on 23rd August and the John Paul Young tour on 8th October.

There are lucrative Members' Draws, Bingo and Exercise Classes plus you can join in Karaoke every Saturday night. You can check their website for their full list of entertainment and prize draws at <https://kedron-wavell.com.au/> or phone them on (07) 3359 9122.



Remember Kedron-Wavell Services Club is a major supporter of VMR Brisbane so we can do them a favour and return the compliment by supporting them while enjoying ourselves.

There are several venues to dine at – The Kitchen, Gallipoli Lounge, Bean Shack, Red Delta, then there is the Bravo Bar with its boutique beers (and other drinks).

You never know where our VMRB volunteers will show up. Here they are set up at Shorncliffe State School's Under 8's Day.



Where Are You?

Our President and our squadron need your help!

There must be someone out there who can fill one of the very important (but still vacant since our last AGM) Support Positions to Management. and we are looking for volunteers. If you feel you can assist in any way, your help will be gratefully appreciated for all or part of any role.



The positions we would really need to fill are:

Internal Social Activities Organiser: The position is to organise Members only gatherings - either informal (afternoon tea or sausage sizzle) or formal (sit down dinner, Christmas, New Years, Origin, etc). It would suit someone who enjoys planning and hosting parties and get-togethers and is really a bit of a blank canvas for someone to make their own.

Community Relations / Publicity Officer:

This position is to build relationships with our local media like The Sandgate Guide, Radio Stations, TV as well as local Community Groups such as Sandbag, Scouting Australia, SES, QFES, QPS, QAS, BCC, State.

If you feel you have an interest in any position or could possibly assist with one, please feel free to call or email any of the following:

- [President Thomas Grice,](#)
- [Snr Vice President Ben Gillespie,](#)
- [Junior Vice President Paul Hollingdale ,or](#)
- Members Representatives [Les Pascoe](#) and [Darren Bates](#)

McBarthy Visits

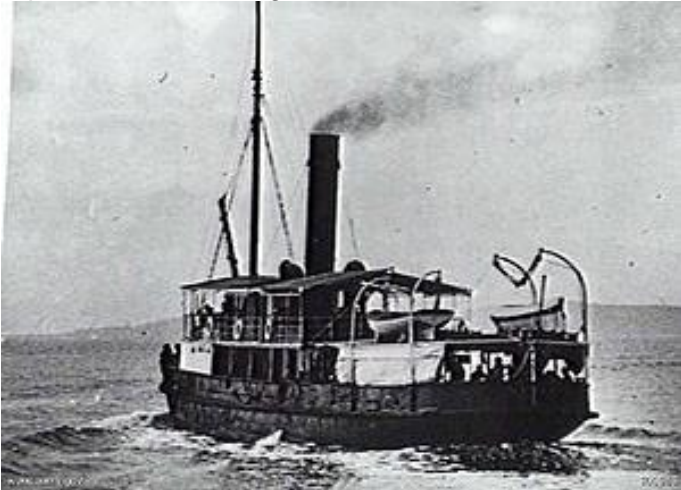
Thanks to Judd and his drone, we obtained very clear pictures of our aquatics access area enabling a true understanding of the work required to restore it to a safe condition.

McBarthy returned for a visit recently to demonstrate its fantastic underwater capabilities.



HMQS Otter

Built by Ramage & Ferguson, *Otter* was launched on 19th July, 1884. Originally designed as a tug, during its construction the ship was purchased by the Queensland Maritime Defence Force and was converted for military service. She was fitted with a single 5-inch gun, allowing her to operate as an auxiliary. Displacing 220 tons, she was capable of 12 knots (22 km/h; 14 mph). A 64-pounder gun later replaced her 5-inch gun.



Following the Jervois-Scratchley reports, the colonial governments of Australia restructured their defence forces. This process led to the formation of the Queensland Maritime Defence Force. To equip the new force, the colonial government initially ordered two gunboats and a torpedo boat. As an interim measure as well as to supplement the purpose-built warships, it was decided that other ships already under construction be modified for military use. *Otter* was one of the ships chosen and in military service she performed tender duties and conducted patrols. Following Federation, she was transferred to the Commonwealth but served only until 1906 when she was paid off.

During World War I, the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) requisitioned *Otter* from her civilian owner and used her as an examination vessel. Following the conclusion of hostilities, the RAN returned her to her previous owner. In World War II, *Otter* again served as an examination vessel but only until December 1940. *Otter* was returned to private operations on Moreton Bay, and was scrapped in 1946.

The *Otter*'s hulk was scuttled on 31st July, 1969 at the Roy Rufus artificial reef, Hervey Bay, Qld.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMQS_Otter

Alex King recalled:

"The *Otter* was the supply ship for the old people's home (Benevolent Asylum) at Dunwich on North Stradbroke Island. It had previously also been the supply ship for the prison at St Helena but this had closed a few years prior to the war. However, the ringbolts for the shackles for the prisoners' chains were still in the forward cabin in the forecastle, which

was part of our quarters. There were also two long forms on either side where the prisoners sat in their chains while being transported to St Helena.

Dunwich was our regular run, on Tuesday and Thursday. We would load up with stores on Monday, leave at 7 am on Tuesday. Passengers who were visiting relatives at the old people's home at Dunwich had to be aboard by a quarter to seven, and it used to cost them 1/- (one shilling, or 10 cents in today's money) for the round trip. The *Otter* left Brisbane just near Victoria Bridge. We'd unload the stores at Dunwich and return to Brisbane by 5pm. The trip itself took about 3-4 hours. On Wednesday, we'd load stores again and make another trip on Thursday, same conditions. On Fridays we would clean up. Everything had to be scrubbed and the brass polished.

At Dunwich there were rail tracks along the jetty and the stores would be transported along these from the shed at the end of the wharf where they were stowed as they were unloaded. We also supplied stores for the Lazaret (Leprosarium) at nearby Peel Island. However, the *Otter* was too big for its jetty so their launch, the *Karboora*, would have to come over when the *Otter* berthed and collect their stores from the end of the jetty at Dunwich. Bonty Dickson was the skipper of the *Karboora* at that time.

What was interesting was that we also used to bring back the bodies of the old people who had died at Dunwich. We would load the coffins onto the top deck onto big stools. It wasn't a very pleasant job because if the person had died on Friday and had to wait until we brought them back on Tuesday, the body liquids would have started to seep out of the coffin. We used to have to hose the deck down afterwards. In spite of this, working on the *Otter* was a very good job – probably one of the best jobs I ever had and I liked it very much. It was lovely trip down the river and across Moreton Bay. I was working on the *Otter* when the war finished because I remember going up to town with another deckhand, Alan Nagel, for the celebrations on VJ Day. However, I left about a month after that.

During much of the war, *Otter* had been on examination service, where she used to meet vessels incoming to Brisbane. However, by the latter stages of the war, when I worked on her, all the war's fighting had moved further north towards Japan and she was back on the service to the old people's home at Dunwich. After the war, the *Otter* was getting old and her condition and the expense of servicing Dunwich were given as reasons for shifting the old people's home to Sandgate. However, there was a lot of politics involved. I myself thought that Dunwich was a very pleasant place for the old people. Most people seemed to enjoy being there and their relatives could enjoy a beautiful trip down the bay to see them – for just one shilling!"

(Extract from *'The Port of Brisbane, Its People and Its Personalities'*)

Need For Greater Boating Safety

Bear in mind the figures quoted don't take into account the terrible boating incidents we have experienced in the Moreton Bay area this year.

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Minister for Transport and Main Roads The Honourable Mark Bailey

A massive rise in boating numbers last year coincided with Queensland recording its highest number of marine fatalities in 20 years.

Transport and Main Roads Minister Mark Bailey said figures released in Maritime Safety Queensland's Marine Incident Report 2020 made for distressing reading.

"In 2020, 17 lives were needlessly lost on Queensland waterways," Mr Bailey said.

"This was one higher than the previous year, and well above anything Queensland has experienced in the previous 20 years.

"Sadly, the tragedies we saw play out on our roads last year were echoed on our waterways too.

"Despite less cars being on the road during lockdowns, more Queenslanders took risks like speeding or drug driving, resulting in more deaths and severe injuries.

"We also saw an increase in boating activity during the COVID-19 hiatus accompanied by an alarming rise in person-overboard incidents."

Mr Bailey said the most recent marine incidents report confirmed a significant rise in the number of new boats in 2020, with an extra 7224 recreational vessels registered.

"This was a substantial increase, more than three times the number we would expect to see in any given year," Mr Bailey said.

"There were 33 reported incidents of people going overboard in 2020 which included 14 of the 17 fatalities, the highest in 10 years.

"Just two of those people who drowned, or were thought to have drowned, were known to have been wearing a lifejacket."

Mr Bailey said the report showed boat users were continuing to ignore safety messages and disregarding the routine use of lifejackets.

"While the circumstances may differ over time, the water safety message hasn't changed," he said.

"Boat operators need to keep a proper lookout at all times and always travel at a safe speed.

"Most importantly, they must have enough lifejackets for all on board and ensure they wear them whenever there's a heightened risk."

Mr Bailey said Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) would continue a campaign of checks on safety equipment and unlicensed operation of vessels.

"MSQ's Maritime Enforcement Team carries out on-water education and compliance operations in joint campaigns with Queensland Police, Boating and Fisheries Patrol, and Parks and Wildlife," he said.

"These campaigns have intercepted hundreds of boat users in targeted operations, with the aim of raising awareness of boating rules which may differ from state to state, and generally reminding people of their responsibilities on the water.

"We just awarded a \$1.9 million contract to supply MSQ with eight additional, high-speed vessels.

"Having those boats out on the water will mean our crews are able to get out there and educate the community, make sure people are travelling in safe vessels, and provide support to any incidents on the water."

In 2020 there were 264,547 recreational vessels registered in Queensland.

In the same year, they were involved in 339 reported marine incidents – seven more than in 2019.

This included 38 collisions with objects, 39 groundings, 34 capsizes and 33 people overboard incidents.

The incidents resulted in 137 injuries with 40 requiring hospital treatment.

Sixteen incidents resulted in 17 deaths (as below).

Brisbane - The Brisbane maritime region is organised into three management areas: *Pinkenba*, *Gold Coast*, *Sunshine Coast*.

The Brisbane maritime region had 154,751 registered vessels as at 30 June 2021.

Pinkenba: The Pinkenba management area received 38 marine incident reports involving 54 vessels. There were 20 people injured including five fatalities and six hospital admissions.

Gold Coast: The Gold Coast management area received 104 marine incident reports involving 146 vessels. Forty-nine people were injured which included two fatalities and 14 hospital admissions.

Sunshine Coast: The Sunshine Coast management area received 55 marine incidents reports involving 71 vessels. Twenty-five people were injured including three fatalities and two hospital admissions.

Gladstone - Gladstone maritime region received 70 marine incident reports involving 90 vessels. Twenty-four people were injured including five fatalities and eight hospital admissions. *The Gladstone maritime region had 50,064 registered vessels as at 30 June 2021.*

Mackay - Mackay maritime region received 28 marine incident reports involving 34 vessels. Six people were injured including one fatality and two hospital admissions. *The Mackay maritime region had 22,248 registered vessels as at 30 June 2021.*

Townsville - Townsville maritime region received 24 marine incident reports involving 34 vessels. Twelve people were injured and eight hospital admissions. There were no fatalities reported in the Townsville region. *The Townsville maritime region had 21,327 registered vessels as at 30 June 2021.*

Cairns - Cairns maritime region received 20 marine incident reports involving 28 vessels. There was one fatality. *The Cairns maritime region had 22,888 registered vessels as at 30 June 2021.*

Christmas in July

We intended to have photos of everyone having a great time at Christmas in July at our base. Unfortunately, the lockdown notice came a bit too late for our Poly Va'a-Alo Outriggers who had spent a lot of effort, time and money preparing everything for 100 people to attend that very night.

At the time of going to press, it is not known whether the event has been cancelled or just postponed. I have it on good authority that quite a few people had steeled themselves to enter the Dress Like Klinger competition. Let's hope they get to go on parade soon.

Training

Our volunteers undergo training to make sure they are ready for any event involving rescues. It was a hardy bunch on 31st July who beat the lockdown and undertook the Shipboard Safety Skill Set.



They learned how to use flares: orange smoke flare for daytime (*above*) and red hand-held flare for night time (*below*).



There is always theory and learning from experienced instructors but later in the day they plunged into a cold swimming pool to put into practice life raft skills. It was discovered that it's not so easy to hoist yourself into the raft and paddling it also took a fair amount of effort.



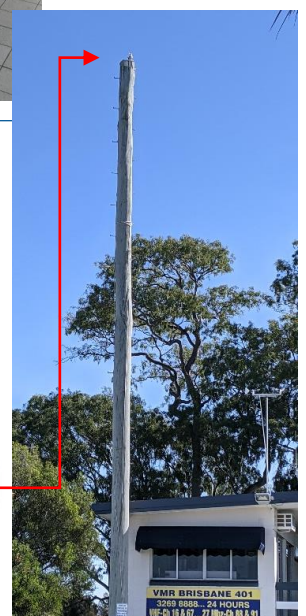
Building Repairs



It looks a mess but a new beam and load-bearing post are well on the way to being replaced in our room downstairs.

Stay at Home

Everyone was returning home as the SE Queensland lockdown kicked in, even the birds building a nest on top of our old radio pole.





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NOTICE OF MEETING OF MEMBERS

Financial members of Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane Inc. are advised that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association shall be held on Tuesday, 28th September, 2021, for the purpose of receiving various reports for the 2020/21 Operational Year, as per the Agenda and to elect the Management and Support Teams for the 2021/22 Operational Year.

Under the Constitution, Social, Waterside Assist & Associate Members are welcome to attend but are not entitled to nominate for positions and, may not nominate any person for a Management role or to vote upon matters.

Members of Associate Groups may only nominate a person to represent the Group to Management and this person serves only in a support role and does not form a part of the Management Team.

Nominations closing with the Secretary on 10th September, 2021, shall be called for the positions of President Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane Inc., Senior Vice-President Rescue Operations, Junior Vice-President Buildings & Grounds Maintenance, Secretary, Treasurer Financial Management and two (2) Members Representatives to Management.

Immediate Past President is automatically appointed to Management as per "Rules of Association".

Volunteers to fill Support Team positions do not require pre-nomination and shall be called on the meeting night as per the agenda.

- In the event of **no nominations** being received for a Management position by the closing date, the position shall be declared unfilled and open to nomination from the floor on the meeting night.
- In the event of **single nominations** being received for Management positions, a notice shall be posted on the Members Notice Board **7 days prior to the meeting night** as per "Rules of Association" clause 11 (3) (c) advising Members voting is closed and positions filled.
- In the event of **dual nominations** for a Management position, a notice listing nominee's names shall be posted on the Members Notice Board **7 days prior to the meeting night** as per above clause, **and a ballot overseen by a Scrutineer shall take place on the meeting night, with ballot papers destroyed upon declaration of the ballot result.**
- Should a Financial member be **unable to attend**, a **"Proxy Voter"** may be appointed via a **"Proxy Appointment Form"** to vote on their behalf, such form must be **signed by the Member and the appointed Proxy Voter and clearly show how the Member is directed to vote.**

As per Rule 24 Section 6 of the "Rules of Association", Members present at the meeting may only hold and cast one (1) Proxy Vote.

Notices of General Business relevant to the Annual General Meeting must be received in writing by the Secretary no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting to be admissible.

By requisition of Secretary

Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane Inc.

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NOMINATION FOR MANAGEMENT POSITION

This form must be forwarded to the Secretary and received no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

I being a current Full Financial Member of Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane Inc. hereby nominate for the position of at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 28th September, 2021.

Signature Date

Nomination seconded by (a current Full Financial Member)

Signature Date

Nomination accepted (a current Full Financial Member)

Signature Date



PROXY VOTER APPOINTMENT

This form may be forwarded to Secretary or handed in prior to meeting commencement. As per clause 24 section 6 of the "Rules of Association", a Member present may only cast one (1) Proxy Vote on behalf of one (1) absent Member.

I being a Full Financial Member of Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane Inc. request an apology be registered on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 28th September, 2021 and appoint to vote on my behalf.

I instruct him / her to vote as follows: YES NO (Clearly circle your vote)

Signed Date

Signature of Proxy Voter Date

Witness Name Witness Signature

Volunteers saving lives



VOLUNTEER MARINE RESCUE BRISBANE

AGENDA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: 28th September, 2021

Time: 19.30 hours

Location: Squadron Headquarters, Allpass Parade, Shorncliffe.

Agenda Item		Person Responsible
1	Meeting opens , welcome Guests & Members, apologies tabled	President
2	Presentation of Management Reports for the 2019 /20 operational year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane Inc. Senior Vice-President Rescue Operations and Sub Areas Junior Vice-President Buildings, Grounds, Assets & Sub Areas Unit Training Coordinator Treasurer Financial Management Speakers to the reports invited.	
3	Election of Management Team for the 2020/21 operational year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President declares all positions vacant and vacates chair to nominated person. Election of President, Snr Vice-President, Jnr Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, two (2) Members Representatives to Management. In absence of dual nominations, Secretary declares all nominees for positions elected. If dual nominations, Returning Officer & Scrutineer appointed & voting procedures explained. Ballot declared. Motion to destroy ballot papers. Management recommendation for Support Positions (qualifications required) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit Training Coordinator: Glenn Philip Health and Safety Representative: David Massam These positions do not form part of the Management Team, and incumbents may only vote upon matters related to their role. Support positions to Management (No prior nominations required nominations or volunteers from floor) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Relations & Grants Officer Membership Officer (including Waterside Assist) Webmaster Social Media & Publicity Officer Newsletter Editor Social Director Internal Activities Community Events Liaison Officer Food Truck Liaison Crew Liaison Officer 	

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Agenda Item	Person Responsible
<p>3. (cont'd)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building & Grounds Maintenance Officer(s) • Vessel, Equipment, Assets Maintenance Officer(s) • IT & Communications Officer • Hardstand Manager • Venue Manager • Providore <p>These positions do not form part of the Management Team, and incumbents may only vote upon matters related to their role.</p> <p>Group Delegates Elected by individual Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandgate Yacht Club • Sandgate Paddling Club • Polynesian Outrigger Club • Xiang Shorncliffe Dragon Boat Club • All About Paddling • Allstate Licensing & Safety Training <p>These positions do not form part of the Management Team; incumbents may participate in Management meetings and present reports on Group activities or raise business. Only a Group Member who is a Full Financial Member of VMRB may vote at Special or Annual General Meetings.</p> <p>Election of Management Advisors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auditor • Legal • IT • Other as required <p>Written nominations are not required for these positions. Management may seek out and nominate.</p>	
<p>4</p> <p>Appointment of Unit Chaplin 2021/22 year.</p>	
<p>5</p> <p>Appointment of Patrons for 2021/22 year.</p>	
<p>6</p> <p>Appointment of Life Member. Election of Member of Year 2020/21 Appointment of Honorary Members 2021/22</p>	
<p>7</p> <p>Presentation of Crew service & Appreciation</p>	
<p>8</p> <p>General business Only business pertaining to the AGM may be discussed at this meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion required to set number of Associate Members for 2020/21 operational year 	
<p>9.</p> <p>Meeting close with invitation to remain for social & refreshments</p>	