



Boat Talk

VMR Brisbane's Monthly Newsletter



Above: The photo of our 2020/2021 Management Committee and local politicians, socially distanced!

Around the Rigging

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FULL MEMBERS

Neil Horrocks	Sean Leahy
Richard Lim	Peter Milburn
Lee Mills	David Priddy
Stephen Rider	Perry Warrell
Kane Wiseman	

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WATERSIDE ASSIST

Rob Barac	Russell Cameron
Damien Cousens	Craig Devery
Craig Edgeley	Stuart Dunn
Chad Harford	Russell Hart
Tim Houghton	Trevor Hulbert
Keith Knight	Adam Leake
Bill Macdonald	Jeff Munro
Steffan Oosthuizen	Thomas Prior
James Ravel	Alf Schenck
Craig Stevens	Andre Suchowacli

DATE TO REMEMBER

FOOD TRUCKS EVENT

Friday, 16th October, 2020
4.00 pm to 8.00 pm

Our strange world continues but we managed to hold our AGM in September as planned although the Sandgate Yacht Club cancelled their Open Day.

Management Committee Reports for the 2019/2020 year are on pages 11 to 15. Our latest Life Member is Callum Baird (page 12) and our Club Person Of The Year is Gordon Kreutzer (page 2). You can also read the annual report from the Polynesian Va'a-Alo Outrigger Canoe Club on page 16.

By the time you receive this, National Safe Boating Week (26th September – 2nd October) will be over but there is a list of considerations for safe boating on page 9.

Marine radio coverage around the bay has been a little less than ideal but, on page 8, you can see that thanks to Coast Guard Redcliffe for the installation of a VHF Repeater at Tangalooma, conditions will be greatly improved.

Our volunteers work at letting people know about Volunteer Marine Rescue and safe boating. One of the funnier occasions was on 24th September when several of our crew helped the B105 team of Stav, Abby and Matt try their hands at Magnet Fishing. Check out page 8 for the story.

When you come to the Clubhouse you will have seen the anchor near the main front door. Life Member Bill Hirn helped me find out the history of the anchor and how it came to be where it is. Read about its history on page 10.

It is amazing how much activity goes on around our base on any day of the week. Have a look on pages 7 and 9 at some of the September happenings. And you'll see some of the odd things that our mid-week crew do on page 4.

Finally, if you know someone looking for a career in Aged Care or Disability Support, show them page 17, and read about the Cape Moreton Lighthouse as well.

Editor Deidre



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President's Report

Thank you to those members who attended our AGM on 22nd September and complied with the COVID-19 restrictions. It is pleasing

to report that all the Management Committee fronted up for another year, and you will see their reports on last year's activities in this issue of *Boat Talk*.

There are still some Support Positions to Management which need vacancies to be filled, and these are Administration Officer, Corporate Relations Officer, Community Events Officer and Webmaster. If you can help us out with any of these vacant positions, please contact [President Thomas Grice](#). Remember we can job-share if it will help anyone to join our enterprising team.

We thank our supportive politicians, the Hon Stirling Hinchliffe and Cr Jared Cassidy, for joining us along with Matthew Thompson (Qld Fire and Rescue Service) and Ms. Shelley Knight (Community Skills Volunteering Sandbag Community Group). We were pleased to be able to announce Gordon Kreutzer as our Club Person of the Year and award Life Membership to Callum Baird – you can read about them on this page and page 12 respectively.

We welcome our new members to VMR Brisbane and are glad to see the interest in people taking the time to join Waterside Assist, which you would know is the marine rescue membership for waterside assistance. This means these people are now covered on the water from Currumbin to Bribie Island with a reciprocal arrangement between the 8 VMR bases in the area.

We're always happy to co-ordinate with other organisations to promote safe boating and VMR so we teamed up with the B105 Breakfast trio of Stav, Abby and Matt for an exercise involving fishing for a gold nugget in Oxley Creek. This turned out to be a very amusing venture which you can read about on page 8 and there is a link to the video made of the outing.

Due to the easing of restrictions, we are able to start holding functions again, although we are still negotiating our way around access to the Bar for the Food Trucks which are now moving to the third Friday night of the month. Tegan Hooper, our Venue Manager, is happy to take bookings – venue@vmrbrisbane.com.au and we had a wedding on 19th September to break the ice.

Hopefully we will be able to see more of our usual activities as we move into Summer.

Safe Boating

Thomas Grice

President, VMRB

October 2020 Crew Roster

Sat 3	Foxtrot	Sun 4	Sierra
Mon 5	Delta		
Sat 10	Alpha	Sun 11	Tango
Sat 17	Bravo	Sun 18	November
Sat 24	Charlie	Sun 25	Papa
Sat 31	Delta		

November 2020 Crew Roster

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

Club Person Of The Year

Another hard-working, dedicated member of VMRB was named Club Person Of The Year at the AGM on 22nd September, 2020. Gordon Kreutzer is our Treasurer and has been responsible for introducing new measures to make the work of future Treasurers easier.



Gordon joined VMR Brisbane in September 2017 and was happy to be assigned to Tango Crew in December that year with Duty Master, Karl Nast. He took on the Treasurer role in February 2019.

As he is semi-retired, he also helps out with the mid-week crew every second Tuesday and also Charlie Crew whenever he can because he really enjoys the crew days and meeting so many great people.

Like so many of us, life with two children kept the Kreutzers busy but shortly after joining VMRB, they became the proud owners of a 5.3m Haines Signature cuddy cabin which he rarely has time to use.

Groups of VMRB

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



Activations

SEPTEMBER

6th - Tow a jetski with 1 POB from Tangalooma to Pelican Park boat ramp. Its anchor rope had sucked into the jet prop.



6th - Assisted a broken down 4m powerboat with 2 POB from Shark Spit to their nearby campsite on Moreton Island.

9th - Tow a disabled 4m powerboat with 2 POB from Big Sandhills to Whyte Island boat ramp.

13th – Cameron advised that “On Sunday 13th Sept November crew carried out training in navigation using both manual navigation skills and GPS skills, finding the small Pearl Channel red lateral buoy using only speed, distance and time (no GPS) in sloppy seas and misty visibility.

Several drills were done to refresh the crew's knowledge and keep them current in what to do in some of the different emergency situations that could be encountered while on Sandgate 1.

The weather report seemed to keep the majority of the boating public at home, resulting in a low number of people logging on, however the wind didn't get above 15 knots.

The afternoon involved training in knot tying practice for the crew and some interesting variations of knots were seen.”

14th - Tow a 12m sailboat with 2 POB from Brisbane River to Coochiemudlo Island.

20th - Tow a 6m powerboat from with 2 POB from the Eagle Street reach of the Brisbane River to Jindalee.

24th - Both Sandgate 1 and Sandgate 2 were used as support vessels for a radio station B105 magnet

ACTIVE CREW ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations and thank you to the following crew members who volunteered more than 5 years ago and who joined in September.

Anthony Pamplin	2010	10 years
Alan Lemay	2015	5 years

fishing activity in the Oxley reach of the Brisbane River. See more about this ‘fishing mission’ on page 8.

(Below: the B105 team with our VMRB volunteers)



Thank you to all the crews who are able to assist with any activations and who are on standby. We really appreciate receiving activation details and photos to help promote VMR Brisbane. Also we are grateful for the skipper's reports as they add colour to the actual rescue details. Please email any information through to editor@vmrbrisbane.com.au and also to social.media@vmrbrisbane.com.au.

Trainers Networking

Peter Leech and some fellow VMR trainers got together to keep up to date. The car park was a give-away!



September in Summary

Activations:	20
Fuel Used:	1,954
People Assisted:	9

Food Truck Event

We're not really trying to see how many ways we can have Food Trucks at our premises: it just looks that way! In September, the food trucks were on Council land so there was no onus on us trying to enforce COVID-19 restrictions on visitors. There was quite a crowd so it was rather a relief it wasn't our responsibility. The problem is people are required to be seated if they are having drinks.

The Food Trucks are moving to the Summer schedule of the third Friday evening and in October we are hopeful Alpha Crew will be on hand to serve drinks at the bar including boutique beers provided by the [All Inn Brewing Co.](#) However, although this appears doubtful at the moment, make a note in your diary for Friday, 16th October from 4 pm to 8 pm. for a social distancing dinner (take-away style) near VMR Brisbane.

Poly Va'a-Alo Outrigger Update

The Polynesian Va'a-Alo Outrigger Canoe Club held their AGM on 19th September. Eddie Jensen is the President, Sosefo Inoke is VP, Steve Tomoana is the Secretary and Jane Storey is the Treasurer.



They had a big weekend for the club at Noosa on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th September. "Our first AOCRA regatta this season and a social paddle with Noosa for 14 of our members on Sunday.

A tough day's racing at Noosa for Poly Va'a teams. Windy day, tough tides and rain the night before. It was a well-organised Regatta to get us back racing after a big Covid break and our club showed great club spirit. Lots of races with mixed results throughout the day with the best results of the day including second place in the OC1 novice race for Eugene Rika and on the final race our Masters Mixed crew came first in a field of 7 crews and crossed the line second overall after an Open Mixed crew.

We had competitors in the Open Mens 8.5km, Golden Masters Men 8.5km, Open Women 8.5km, Master Men 5km. Novice Women 5km, Open Mixed 8.5km, Master Mixed 5km and Senior Master Mixed 5km.

Next challenge will be at Surfers Paradise on 10 Oct.

Mid-Week Crew Job Variety



(Above) There was a pile of dirt to get rid of once the soil analysis at the boat ramp had been completed.

The salt air takes its toll on things like these speakers/horns from Sandgate 1 so they had to be replaced.



There are always signs to be erected and fuel to be decanted (since we can't use the boat shed).



Meanwhile Nigel Bassett of Bassett Industries was servicing the lawnmower, as he has so reliably done since it was new. Time for the volunteers to start mowing again.

VMRB 2020 AGM

Turn to pages 11 to 16 for full reports on the last year's activities.

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Resident Group Representatives to Management:-

Sandgate Yacht Club Inc.: Graeme Dobson

Sandgate Paddling Club Inc.: Warren Jeffrey

Polynesian Outrigger Club Inc.: Steve Tomoana

Xiang Dragon Boat Club: Bruce Eckersley

If you can help us out with any of the vacant positions, please contact [President Thomas Grice](mailto:president@vmrbrisbane.com.au).

2019-2020 Recognition

Life Member: Callum Baird

Club Person of the Year: Gordon Kreutzer

Service Appreciation Certificates:

5 years: K Kaiser, B Davies, S Davies, J Farlow, D Lynch and A Lemay

10 years: W Wright, P Harris and A Pamplin

15 years National Volunteer Medal:
K Nast, L Pascoe and D Steinback

20 years: J Lemon

25 years Addition to 15 Year Medal:

A 25 year service clasp to be added to the 15 year National Medal was awarded to Callum Baird.

Qld Fire & Emergency Service Appreciation Pins:

Appreciation Pins collected by eligible members. See note below.

Patrons:

Hon. Stirling Hinchliffe MP, Member for Sandgate
Cr. Jared Cassidy, BCC Councillor, Deagon Ward
Hon. Anika Wells MHR, Member for Lilley

Honorary Members:

Rod Chiapello, McDonalds Bracken Ridge
Kathy Walk, Deagon Bulk Meats
Lexie Edwards, GR Brown & Associates

2020-2021 Appointments

Unit Chaplain: David Taylor

Auditor: Integrated Audit Services

Legal Advisor: G R Brown & Associates

Qld Fire & Emergency Service Appreciation Pins

At the AGM, Mr. Matt Thompson of the Queensland Fire and Emergency Service explained that the pins have been made available to all VMR squadron members with more than 12 months' continuous voluntary service to recognise their contribution to community safety.

Eligible people at the meeting collected their pins while the balance will be distributed on crew days.

"The Queensland Emergency Service Volunteer Pin features a simple yet strong and vibrant design to capture the spirit of volunteering through inclusivity.

The centre symbol represents the Maltese Cross as a direct link to Qld Badge design. The four arms of the cross traditionally represent faith, justice, temperance and fortitude and for this Pin, they also acknowledge the value of each individual volunteer and the services they collectively provide to the community."



VMRB Management 2020/2021

It would be surprising if you didn't already know the management team as they were all re-elected but here's a reminder so you will recognise them in their management roles. Our Chaplain is here too as some of you will not know him yet.



President,
Thomas Grice



Senior Vice-President,
Ben Gillespie



Junior Vice-President,
Paul Hollingdale



Secretary,
David Massam



Treasurer,
Gordon Kreutzer



Chaplain,
David Taylor



SG1 and SG2 out together

Presentations

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 restrictions, attendance at our AGM was limited but awards as listed on page 4 (2019-2020 Recognition) will be presented to eligible members on their crew day.



Les and Karl both received their 15 year Certificates and Medals at the AGM and Dean was presented with his on his Crew Day.



As well as Noel (below) becoming a Senior VMRAQ Coxswain, Ben Gillespie, Col Nielsen, Karl Nast and Darren Bates have now achieved their Commercial Coxswain ranking.



Above: Les presenting Noel Luxton with the anchors recognising his Senior Coxswain status.

Some of September's Exploits

Here is a random look at some of the activities seen around our base during the month of September. Add to these the regular training sessions of the Poly Va'a-Alo Outriggers and Xiang Dragon Boaters, plus rescues and training, as well as mid-week crew task masters and special events like the B105 Fishing Mission – then you'll get the picture that there is a lot going on.



Guess who we saw enjoying more of our lovely Moreton Bay on 9th September? Terry Smyth and Jo Harding.

Also on 9th September, Allana of All About Paddling was showing some keen learners, well, all about paddling.



Paul was happy to have his quota of whiting on 15th September and said, although his kids use his boat, they are happy for him to use it and replace the motors when required!



Great to see everyone making the most of boat ownership. Frank and Geoff got their fish in the Cooper Channel and swear it's a labour of love to fillet them.



Vince's boat certainly doesn't look 18 years old.



Lee and his camera-shy son were off to Moreton.



Peter and Suzanne regularly go out together. More September pictures on page 9.

Tangalooma VHF Repeater

Here is a report from Coast Guard Redcliffe on the installation of a VHF Repeater at Tangalooma. VMR Brisbane agrees that increasing radio coverage around the bay is a wonderful improvement.

“For a number of years, Coast Guard Redcliffe has performed medivacs from Tangalooma on behalf of the Queensland Ambulance Service. During this time it has become obvious that marine radio coverage in and around Tangalooma has not always been reliable.

To overcome this problem, Coast Guard Redcliffe volunteers have engineered and installed a repeater at the resort site operating on VHF channel 20. This repeater now provides superior coverage across the eastern part of Moreton Bay and in particular around Tangalooma and behind the wrecks.

This project wouldn't have come to fruition without the support of a number of organisations including;

- Mr Phil Lillibridge - Chairman - Board of Directors of The Kedron-Wavell Club that sponsored the purchase of the equipment,
- Tangalooma Island Resort who kindly allowed the antenna to be installed on their tower and the equipment cabinet in their fenced enclosure. They also assisted with transport to and from the island,
- Peninsula Steel who fabricated the stainless steel cabinet,
- Volunteers from Crest - Queensland, and of course,
- a number of Redcliffe Coast Guard volunteers who assisted with the project.”

B105's Magnet Fishing

In February 2018 we provided the safety component for the B105 breakfast team's Goon Raft crossing of the Brisbane River. So we took up the chance to work with Stav, Abby and Matt from B105 on another event as these opportunities are a great way to lift our profile across all of Brisbane and have a bit of fun along the way.

This time the object was to find a gold nugget locked in a small treasure chest and dropped in the Brisbane River, just upstream from Oxley Creek. Because the tiny 1 ounce nugget was worth \$2,000, a rope was tied to the box to ensure it could be recovered if Stav's and Matt's magnets couldn't find it.



Nino, Thomas, Gordon, Paul, Judd and Nathaniel were the crews on Sandgate 1 and Sandgate 2 with Stav on one and Matt on the other of our vessels with

photographers on each. Abby was supervising from the nearby pontoon.



(Above: Nino and Abby in preparation mode)

At first the box wouldn't sink because it didn't have enough weight in it – although a bundle of 'gold' (plastic) coins and chain were added. So the box wouldn't be lost, a rope was attached, but the rope floated which was a dead give-away!



Above: Matt, Abby, Stav

Stav lost his huge magnet because of a badly tied knot. Matt had a pathetic magnet. They all had radios so you could hear the banter. It wasn't long before they saw ropes tied to the bank...



It's worth watching the Magnet Fishing video <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=888902044972151>

National Safe Boating Week

26th September – 2nd October

“Australian boaties, operators, skippers, and crew are encouraged to get ready for the upcoming season by focusing on the safety of their vessel, crew, and passengers, as part of the inaugural National Safe Boating Week activities.

National Safe Boating Week is a joint safety initiative of the Australia New Zealand Safe Boating Education Group (ANZSBEG) and its members from across all Australian states and territories and New Zealand, including the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA).

The week encourages all Australians to make safety their top priority.

National Safe Boating Week kicked off on Saturday 26th September and concludes with ‘Wear your lifejacket to work day’ on Friday, 2nd October. The aim of Safe Boating Week is to increase safe practices and promote responsible boat ownership.

Safe boating means knowing the limits of your vessel. Make sure your boat is seaworthy and appropriate for your chosen activity.

Ask yourself some simple questions - is this the best vessel for the job? Are there more suitable vessels available?

CONSIDER THE SUITABILITY OF YOUR VESSEL

There are many factors to consider when assessing the suitability of a vessel to the task at hand including:

- sufficient load carrying capacity
- suitable passenger carrying configuration or capacity
- sufficient range
- adequate rail height
- sufficient storage space
- capability to operate offshore
- the right safety equipment
- the ability to handle foreseeable weather conditions.”

<https://www.miragenews.com/national-safe-boating-week>

Now, we’re presuming you already have your boat, so the main thing to consider is the seaworthiness and ensure you have the recommended safety equipment. Next check the weather and tides (see BOM advice below) so you’re not caught unawares and remember to log on with VMR or, at the very least, ensure someone not on the boat knows where you intend to go and estimated time of return.

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Going boating? Do the five vital weather safety checks

- 1 Marine warnings
- 2 Changing weather
- 3 Wind conditions
- 4 Wave conditions
- 5 Tide times

More info: www.bom.gov.au/marine

**YOU'RE THE SKIPPER
YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE!**

September Exploits (Cont'd)

This vessel was refurbishing all the channel markers.



John had a big couple of days with a run down to the Gold Coast and back.



Paul and Richard erected the markers to define our operating area for the wedding to be held there on 19th September.



And it was a beautiful day for the wedding.



Anchor at VMRB

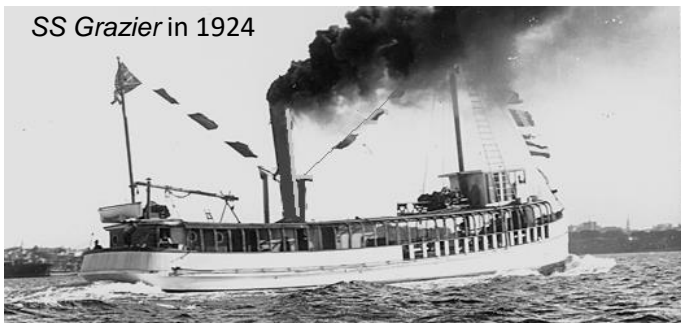
Most people who have been to VMRB at Shorncliffe will have noticed the big cast steel anchor placed near our front door. We know it has come from the SS *Grazier* as it has a plaque on it and Bill Hirn placed a lot of the following information on record.



The SS *Grazier* Anchor
Built by David Drake Ltd. Sydney 1896
Sunk N.E. Mud Island 1948.

Generously donated by Merv Hibbard 1969

The SS *Grazier* was a wooden steamer constructed of colonial hardwood with Oregon topsides and kauri decks. It weighed 207 gross tons, measured 114'6" x 23'8" x 10'3" and was built at Drummoyne, Sydney.



SS *Grazier* in 1924

Its official number was 139362. Designed by the Sydney marine engineer, John Wildridge, the steamer was made to the order of the Graziers' Butchering Co. of Brisbane, and was intended for lighterage and river service for the dead meat trade. The cost to build was 35,000 pounds (about \$70,000).

David Drake Limited was a major Australian shipbuilding company. It had facilities located at Bald Rock, Balmain, Johnson's Bay, Pyrmont and Drummoyne in New South Wales. David Drake began ship building in 1885 and the ship building business was later incorporated. David died in 1922 and the shipbuilding business continued until 1934.

It is curious that several research references acknowledge Rock Davis, of Blackwall, near Woy Woy, NSW. as the builder while others say it was David Drake Ltd. (Your editor agrees with the Drake history.)

SS *Grazier* was later sold to the Brisbane-Richmond Navigation Ltd, in 1929 for a regular service as far as Lismore, NSW. The vessel proved to be unsuitable and was bought by William Collin & Sons Pty. Ltd., Brisbane, in 1934 for 500 pounds (\$1000 approx).

Next the *Grazier* was bought from William Collins by Ernest Baynes. who used the steamship to move meat carcasses from Colmslie to his South Brisbane cold stores on the South Bank.

She was extensively modified to carry out dredging and eventually replaced the *Mount Elliott* which sank around 1937. Her hull was strengthened and a steel hopper fitted as a hold. Steam winches and a dredging boom were installed along with a metal framed "rose arbor", to support the hull from twisting under heavy loads. She was first used in 1938 to transport the coral dredged at Mud Island to the Oxley Wharf for unloading.

In March 1941 she was badly damaged by an on board fire while alongside the Short Street wharf in the City and was refitted.

Tragedy hit the SS *Grazier* on January 15th. 1948. While working as a coral dredge in Moreton Bay (not far from Bishop Island), two large waves washed over her at approximately 12.30am. Her holds filled with water within seconds and she capsized and sank N.E. of Mud Island with the loss of one life. Seven other crew members were saved after several hours in shark-infested waters.

The SS *Grazier* was recorded as 'lost' in Moreton Bay Queensland 1949 with her register closed in September of that year.

In 1949, the Moreton Tug and Lighter Company purchased the wreck at auction and salvaged the boiler, winches, mast, engine, propeller and propeller shaft, rudder, and some pumps. Very little else remained as the timber had been eaten by timber worms and rotted.

What do we know about the donor of the anchor?

In 1969, a power boat section was formed as part of the Sandgate Yacht Club and in the early seventies a trawler skipper, Merv Hibbard, (now deceased) snagged an anchor in his trawl nets off Mud Island in the approximate position where the SS *Grazier* went down. Merv was a mate of one of our original members, Graeme Wahry, and Merv offered the anchor to Graeme so it was then installed at the Club in its present position.

Merv also used to race powerboats and in the 1966 Brisbane to Caloundra powerboat race won the 40HP class in his 12-foot Baby Bertram. The course of the race was from Breakfast Creek on the Brisbane River down the river into Moreton Bay, around a control boat, then down to Shorncliffe to Redcliffe, and across the bay to Bribie Island.

While it is not conclusive that this anchor is from the SS *Grazier*, no other ships have been reported to have sunk in this vicinity so it is most likely the SS *Grazier's* anchor.

Now you know everything we know about the anchor and its likely source: the SS *Grazier!*

President's Annual Report for 2018-2019 Operational Year

Firstly, I would like to thank the 2019–2020 Management Team for their enthusiasm and passion for VMR Brisbane, the Support Team who are what makes things happen around here and the many Volunteers without whom we wouldn't be here.

Also a big thank you to our Affiliate Groups who choose to call VMR Brisbane home for their support and it is great to see so many different Aquatic Activities being enjoyed from our Base.

We saw our Squadron ranks grow again with 9 new Active Crew Members making 97 Active Crew Members with a good mix of ages ranging from 18 to 86 as well as some more ladies joining the ranks.

I would like to note that we have approximately 50 applications for Active Crew on a waiting list at the moment.

We also welcomed over 56 new Full Members to our Association and another 182 Waterside Assist Members which is nearly double last year's figures. So a very big thank you those out there promoting VMR Brisbane. Through these efforts, this is nearly \$24,000 in income that we do not need to sizzle sausages, sell raffle tickets or rattle tins to raise.

A special mention that we unfortunately lost two of our Members in Tony Lloyd and Tom Ivins this year.

Tony volunteered for nearly 11 years with VMR Brisbane and was always ready to get in and get things done. I used to say "Nothing ever happens in a hurry at VMR" but had to add "unless Tony Lloyd is involved". I'm sure Tony will be sorely missed by all who knew him and we will be forever grateful for his positive attitude and NFZ.

Some of the older Members will remember Tom as our UTC. Tom joined VMR Brisbane in 2001. Tom's patience, knowledge and encouragement was well respected and appreciated by all in the Rescue Squadron who undertook Tom's training sessions.

Both Tony and Tom were greatly respected and will be fondly remembered.

We have had a VERY quiet year in comparison to previous years, no thanks to COVID-19 and many Bush Fires. But we did host, assist or took part in the following for the year:

- Ocean Crusaders did a fantastic job with their Paddle Against Plastics to clean up Cabbage Tree Creek in November 2019.
- November Crew attended The Summer Safety Expo at Nudgee in November 2019.
- We had a fantastic 70's and 80's themed Christmas Party thanks to Paul and his team for all their hard work to make a great night.
- We took part in our local Jingle By The Bay Parade in Sandgate. Thanks to John, Michael, Angie and Nino.

- We were part of the Bribie Island Christmas Light Parade with Sandgate 1 and 2 taking part.
- We hosted a Christmas Food Truck Event that saw Santa get rescued by Sandgate 1 after crashing into the Mangroves to hand out sweets to all the children, big and small. Thanks to Santa and his Elf for chauffeuring Santa away in their BMW convertible seeing as the sleigh was out of action.
- We hosted our Second Australia Day by the Bay with the help of Jared Cassidy and Rod Chiapello which was a great success. This year included entertainment by local youth bands and a free movie "Red Dog". Hopefully we can do it again next year. Fingers crossed.
- We and Sandgate Yacht Club provided support to PVOCC's first Regatta which saw all the outrigger action happen right in our own Bramble Bay for all to see in February 2020.

I'm sure there is far more that I haven't mentioned but as you can see VMR Brisbane has become a real Community Hub for not only Aquatic Activities.

And then we get to March 2020..... I remember rewriting my *Boat Talk* report about half a dozen times as things were changing so rapidly.

Our Aquatic Activities Access Area and Slip Way Projects are now progressing well. We have engaged with a new Engineer. We have had Survey Work both above and below the water now completed ready for the Engineer to now design the new facilities. This is a significant project for VMR Brisbane and will most likely cost in the vicinity of \$350,000.

Couple this with the requirement to replace or refurbish Sandgate 1 and we have some very significant expenditure coming in the next 1 to 5 years.

We once again had the good fortune to benefit from the generosity of:

- Kedron Wavell Service Club for their continued sponsorship even through these very trying times for anyone in the Hospitality Industry.
- AMP who made a very generous donation thanks to Ben Gillespie and Geza Kallo.
- Port of Brisbane which has allowed us to upgrade and restock all of our First Aid Kits as well as upgrade the electronic maps and general maintenance and upkeep of our rescue vessels.
- Anika Wells for support to keep our Active Crew current in First Aid and CPR as well the installation of the Solar System to reduce our costs.
- Stirling Hinchliffe and the Community Gambling Benefit Fund which allowed us to replace the outboards on Sandgate 1.
- Jared Cassidy for supporting us in events like Christmas by the Creek and Australia Day as well as the BCC Grant which will allow us to upgrade our Cold Room.

President's Report For 2019-2020 Operational Year (Cont'd)

- Deagon Bulk Meats: Kathy and the team are always ready to assist with any requests we have for events.
- Rod Chiapello of McDonalds Bracken Ridge for all of his support for not only VMR Brisbane but pretty much all of Brisbane and then some.

We very grateful to all of the organisations that provide us with additional funding and support, all of which allows our Volunteers to concentrate on their training and why they joined VMR Brisbane by minimising the amount of sausages we need to sizzle and tins we need to rattle.

We have been involved in quite a few Search and Rescues this year as well as starting to see our Active Crew Members be more and more involved in their training which Ben Gillespie, Senior Vice President, will talk more about in his report.

We have continued to improve and utilise our facilities for the benefit of all Members which Paul Hollingdale, Junior Vice President, will detail in his report.

To David Massam, thank you for all that you do. There are not too many people who would appreciate what a Secretary does in an Association such as ours and for as long as you have.

To Gordon Kreutzer, your skills and willingness to adapt and look for better ways of doing things has been very much appreciated in the Treasurer's role.

To Les Pascoe and Darren Bates, thank for taking on the Members' Representative Roles and your input into where we should be heading with VMR Brisbane as well as keeping us on an even keel.

Thank you to Deidre Windham, your work with *Boat Talk* has been fantastic and you never let up until you receive my report, which I will admit is mostly why *Boat Talk* could be late being sent out.

So thank you to:

- The Management Team
- The Support Team
- The Volunteers who get called out to assist people in need
- The Volunteers who help at our Community Events to raise awareness of who we are and what we do
- The Volunteers who go above and beyond and are always there to help
- The Volunteers who distribute our Waterside Assist Flyers and promote our Squadron through other means like Social Media and Community Events, by your efforts you have increased our Operational Revenue by over \$24,000 this year
- The Associate Groups for your support and belief in VMR Brisbane to be your home

I would like to personally thank all the Members for allowing me the opportunity to represent such an incredible group of diverse people. VMR Brisbane is the place to Volunteer your time, the place to spend some quality time with friends and being a very self-sufficient Association. I firmly believe we have an Association that we should all be very proud of that has the ability to be here for another 100 years and beyond.

Thomas Grice

President

Callum Baird, Life Member

Our newest Life Member was announced at our 2020 AGM. Callum would normally have been at our meeting but he was abiding by COVID-19 restrictions as he hadn't been feeling the best SO it was a nice surprise when he discovered he had been honoured with Life Membership. He is also due to be awarded a 25 year service clasp to be added to the 15 year National Medal. Although Callum has been with VMR for many years, it is not the years of service that count but it is recognition of his outstanding service to VMRB in those years and his dedication and constant willingness to help out where needed and mentor Crew members.

Callum and his brother had been brought up with boating in Scotland and had a pram dinghy before they had pushbikes. He became a Coxswain with the Clyde Pilots where



he worked between two vessels: a 60ft twin screw Halmatic and a 69 ft custom-built steel single screw. Callum married a lovely lass from Melbourne and her aging parents moved to Noosaville so they came to Australia in 1979 for 6 months to see if he liked it – and they are still here!

We owe his wife, Helga, a debt because she bought Callum his VMR membership for Christmas on 21st December, 1994 and he started on Bill Hirn's crew. Since then he's been on Sierra Crew and has been the duty master of Papa Crew for the last few years.

In the UK Callum had a Boatman's Licence and has had VMRAQ Coxswain ranking for some years.

Since Callum has gained a lot of pleasure from learning about boats, he gets a real kick out of sharing this knowledge with people and making sure they are going to be safe with all the boat handling skills he can pass on. In addition, he says he just enjoys coming down the creek, hearing what's going on and the banter with the crew and the other affiliates.

Senior Vice-President's Report

I am pleased to present this report for the 2019/2020 operational year. Thank you to those in management and support positions who assisted to fulfil the obligations of the role and those across our club who volunteered to assist with various activities throughout the year. There is significant time and effort required to keep the club operating effectively and it is very much appreciated.

Activations:

We have had a very busy year assisting the community on the water. The 12 months (financial year) include the following details:

Members:

Type	Male	Female	Total
Boat Crew	84	12	96
Radio Room Operator	3	0	3
Squadron Other Staff	3	0	3

Activations

Type	Activations	Assisted	Fuel	Hours
Breakdown	54	130	5666	158:20
Drifting Vessel	5	3	474	19:40
Grounding	1	2	8	1:00
Medical	1	1	244	6:10
Search	9	1	1915	58:20
Training/Patrol	169	0	12840	425:20
Total	239	137	21147	668:50
Crew Hours			2764:25	

Vessels and Rescue Equipment:

Our three rescue vessels have been well maintained throughout the year with a big thank you going to our dedicated Tuesday crew. Unfortunately, with our slipway out of action, S1 has received more exposure to the elements and it is starting to show. We are well underway in our project to replace the slipway together with the boat ramp.

Discussions have continued regarding the suitability of Sandgate 1 into the future. The difficulty is in deciding if we should fund the replacement of navigation equipment to ensure continued reliability in the short to medium term or move towards building a new vessel. Funding challenges and the potential outcomes of the Blue Water Review are being taken into account.

Sandgate 2 and Sandgate 3 continue to meet our needs with the replacement of the motor on Sandgate 2 likely to be the next major work.

Training:

Crew have continued to progress through training despite restrictions with thanks to our interim UTC. Practical assessments have recommenced now that assessors are able to attend the base and complete.

It is great to see our crew studying and refining skills, which allows a higher operational standard for the unit.

A big thank you to our entire training team, who in addition to assisting with teaching and assessing, have provided valuable insights on operational items. The wide range of backgrounds allows us to make well considered decisions regarding the future of the unit.

Further training details will be provided in the UTC report.

Focus for 20-21 Operational Year:

Thanks to the hard work of the training team and duty masters, we are now in a position where we have a number of skilled VMRAQ & commercial coxswains, along with talented crew. I hope to see this continue into 2021.

Our food trucks have remained popular following the lifting of restrictions and provided vital funds to the club. Running the food trucks has been allocated to different crews throughout the year, which has been quite successful in ensuring that adequate volunteers are available to assist. Once events begin to be booked again, rostering will continue to include these activities also. A draft roster for this and duty days for 2021 will be released in the coming months.

While crews continue to train and refine skills on duty days, a number of our activations occur outside our standard operating hours and often at night. In 2021 we will be looking to increase the number of night training exercises and search & rescue exercises (SAREX) both within our group and incorporating other squadrons. It is vital that we are able to respond to all types of calls for assistance day or night.

Duty Master's keeping up to date is a vital step to ensure we are all operating in the same manner (in line with our SMS). A written update is being trialled to determine if regular, concise communications are more effective than face to face meetings every quarter.

Management will continually review the suitability of our rescue vessels, equipment, facilities and crew capability to ensure we are adequately resourced when we are called upon for assistance.

Ben Gillespie

Senior Vice President



Junior Vice-President's Report

Venue and Functions

It's been a particularly frustrating year with so many functions being cancelled due to COVID 19. This has resulted in a \$27,000 loss compared with the same period for 2019. On the upside, we are pleased to have on board a new Venue Manager, Tegan Hooper, who joined us at the beginning of the year. I'd like to thank Tegan for taking on the role during these challenging times. We had a lot of plans for the venue which have had to be put on hold, these included renaming the bar, new fridges and a marketing campaign.

Fundraising

COVID 19 has also impacted our ability to fundraise as we have not been able to open the bar due to the Pandemic. We did manage to run a successful raffle which raised \$2500 and I'd like to thank our sponsors for donating the prizes.

Moving forward we are investigating other forms of fundraising for 20/21.

Hardstand

The last 12 months has seen a steady flow of arrivals and departures of vessels in the hardstand. I am pleased to report that any vacated spots were taken up immediately by people on the waitlist. During the year, the Tuesday crew have completed some minor repairs to fencing and added some gravel to various areas. The PVOCC have had approval and since built a very well-engineered permanent cover for their outrigger canoes. Thanks to Graeme, our hardstand manager, for doing a great job this past 12 months.

Membership

We currently have 225 full members which includes 56 new members joining over the last 12 months. Full crew currently stands at 97 with 9 new crew joining in the last 12 months, and Waterside Assist has seen a huge increase with a 182 joining in the last 12 months, giving us a total of 372 waterside assist members.

Sadly, we bid farewell to Life member Tony Lloyd who passed away in May this year and long serving member Tom Ivins who passed away in June.

A big thank you to Les Pascoe for his work on membership and the Tuesday crew.

Buildings and grounds

To maintain our buildings safety and compliance we have had to authorize several repair jobs this year. This has included structural repairs to one of the main support's downstairs to level out part of the floor upstairs, replacing several roofing sheets and repairs to the SYC shed to name a few. In an effort to create a more professional image I had a wall mural installed to the stairwell.

I'd like to give a big shout out to the Tuesday crew who have worked tirelessly to maintain our buildings and grounds throughout the year.

Social

Again, due to COVID 19, we have had postpone many socials that we had proposed late last year. These were a quarterly crew BBQ and a camping trip to lake Somerset or Moogerah Dam. We hope to resume these plans post COVID.

Information Technology

During this operational year we continued to build on our Microsoft Office 365 environment by implementing an automated workflow for New Member Applications as well as automating our Membership renewals.

While there were a few teething problems, as there invariably are with these type of projects, the system is now well bedded in. By removing as much potential for human error and duplication of data entry, we have significantly reduced the amount of time both our Treasure and Membership Officer now need to spend on these once very labour intensive tasks.

We purchased two new laptops for VMR Brisbane as well as replacing the projector screen in the Venue.

We have also implemented a SOPHOS based firewall and antivirus firewall as an added layer of protection for our systems as well as upgrade to the Wi-Fi.

Paul Hollingdale

Junior Vice-President

Stairwell Mural

Paul arranged for a mural to brighten the stairwell as you go up to our venue. We think you'll agree it is pretty impressive.



Treasurer's Report

As with many clubs and businesses, Covid-19 has had an impact on our revenue.

We have had to refund Venue Hire amounts and have been restricted since the implementation of Covid measures in what is possible. The venue has been closed and Food Trucks ceased for a time. Since Food Trucks have been re-implemented, we have not been able to open the downstairs bar unfortunately. The Easter raffle had reduced income for the same reason.

On the brighter side, we received Covid Cash Flow Bonuses of \$15,000.00 from the Government in the 2020 financial year. AMP again this year has generously given \$6,000.00 for Ben Gillespie's and Geza Kello's volunteer efforts.

Thank you to Neil Sheppard for all the efforts in Grant writing to cover much needed expenditure. \$35,000.00 was received from the GCBF grants to replace the motors. Port of Brisbane again has covered First Aid training for the year, and a grant of \$11,000.00 for servicing outboards, etc. A big thank you to Kedron Wavell for sponsorship for the year of \$20,000.00. All these revenues help us to continually maintain and upgrade equipment which is always working in an extreme environment on the water.

As it is harder and harder with busy lifestyles of today to get more volunteer hours for the boring background admin type work, we have been spending on automating as many areas as possible. The IT work is not cheap, but we have managed to automate the website with forms and Paypal payments for new members to join easily. This has seen an increase in Full and Waterside Assist members. Invoicing for memberships (with a couple of hiccups) is now automated. More and more areas are online, and hopefully improving many tasks. With Square software working well for some time now, we have been able to save Merchant fees of approx. \$90.00 @ month. Hopefully this will be expanded soon to include receiving electronic payments on the vessels.

There are still many areas in which the committee is looking to improve where possible.

At the same time the solar installation was completed, all the major electrical components of meters, switchboards, fuses, outlets have been replaced to a higher, safer standard. Lighting was also upgraded to LED.

While we have been trying to prepare for some of the larger cost projects, i.e., ramp and boats, there is always the unexpected which comes along. The slipway for Sandgate 1 needs replacing. This is now being included with expenditure for the ramp. We have not had any success with getting financial help for these large costs.

Expenditure in the very near future will be high as we endeavour to finalise these projects and look at replacing our vessels as they age.

We are in a sound financial position to meet these requirements and will continue working to improving our financial viability for the coming years.

In closing, I would like to thank all those who have helped me in fulfilling the role of Treasurer in the past year, especially the current committee, who have been very supportive.

Gordon Kreutzer

Treasurer

Unit Training Coordinator's Report

Good evening all and sorry for my non-attendance due to work commitments.

Firstly, I must thank the training team and in particular Dean for the work that he has put in doing the position of UTC for the time that he did, and Peter for the time he puts in at state level for the training group and his continued jokes.

Training is a fickle thing at the best of times with qualifications being updated and then there is Covid-19. So, in saying that, I would like to congratulate all the crew that have attended our virtual workshops and progressed through this time.

Moving forward, the future of training through the time and effort put in by the State training team, and in particular Mr Andy Ross, is looking promising and will hopefully become more streamlined.

Part of the "thing" that makes VMR the group that it is, is the ability of its crews to adapt to any challenge. This comes from good leadership from the duty masters and I would like to thank all of them for trying to motivate their crews to move forward.

This year we have taken in some radio operators and new crew and they have completed the required training to acquire their required stripes.

Also 4 members of our crews have, under the watchful eye of Andy, completed their AMPA and are awaiting their commercial licences. I would like to congratulate Ben, Col, Darren, and Karl for achieving this goal.

We have had 2 members achieve 2nd stripe with 5 more just about there. We're looking forward to seeing them move to coxswain at some time soon.

So, in closing, I would like to thank all for their great effort in 2019-2020 and looking forward to a top year for training in 2020-2021.

Glenn Philip

Caretaker UTC

Poly Va'a-Alo Outriggers

Below are extracts from President Eddie Jensen's report which was presented at their AGM held on 19th September, 2020.

Polynesian Va'a-alo Outrigger Canoe Club Inc (Poly Va'a) is a young club, having just achieved 5 years since its formation on 17th September 2015. The first three years were spent on successfully establishing the club with the last two years focused on improving the infrastructure. The above was made possible through the invaluable support of VMR Brisbane and the other affiliate clubs under its banner, not forgetting the countless hours of the committee members and the sacrifices made by individuals.

2019/2020 was a highly successful year, despite the COVID-19 pandemic. The accomplishments were through the guidance of a sound committee and the dedication and support of all the members.

Key Achievements

Club Shed - A key infrastructure achievement was the receipt of a \$12,000 grant to erect a club shed to store all the OC6's as well as OC1/2 racks on the side, plus rubber floor mats throughout the shed. This was a big relief as the weather was not kind to our canoes and it was an effort to cover the canoes at the end of each training session and to also bail out water after a heavy downpour.

Regatta - The highlight for Poly Va'a was the hosting of its first regatta on 15th February 2020. A record number of paddlers turned up for the event with subsequent raving reviews and the setting of a benchmark for regattas. The support of Cr Jared Cassidy, made the event special and a grant of \$4K from the Council was a bonus. The many hands from our members and supporters made it a memorable event and the club netted a profit of approximately \$10,000. We were lucky to hold the regatta before the COVID-19 pandemic set in.

Refurbished Canoes - The healthy bank account following the regatta enabled the refurbishment of four OC6 canoes. Poly Va'a was fortunate that one of its members, Eugene Rika, had the skill set to get these canoes looking brand new again with the club colours. We are currently the envy of other clubs.

COVID-19 - We are privileged that one of our new members, Richard Lim, is a retired medical doctor and has provided much needed guidance on this. Richard was appointed as the club's COVID-19 Safety Coordinator and is also well versed with the Teamer App and fully utilising its capability.

Club Membership - Poly Va'a membership has been steady over the years without any aggressive marketing. Due to the limited number of canoes on hand, a manageable number of paddlers had to be decided on. Hence, a target of 50 was set with 48 paid up members to date. Whilst we are pushing the target limit, the goal is to now build the Open and Master categories.

Competitive - Previously, teams were selected at the regatta to ensure everyone had a race, especially our novice paddlers. This meant a few paddlers had to paddle down a category or do back to back races. The Coaches agreed that the club is now well placed to put competitive crews together and as such, the following have been implemented:

1. Crew Captains were formed to help manage age /gender group squads in the club and develop club leadership. The squads are currently – Open, Masters, Senior Masters, Golden Masters plus and Social.
2. A female coach, Estelle Carnes, was added to the coaching group with the club now having four appointed coaches.
3. To complement the training, a coaching clinic was organised with Peter Dorries, which went well.

Collaboration - One of the key success factors at our regatta was the assistance received from VMR, the Sandgate Sailing Club, AOCRA SQ Zone, Bribie Island Mahalo Outrigger Canoe Club, Scarborough Outrigger Canoe Club and the Redcliffe Outrigger Canoe Club. Without the support of these groups, the event would not have been as successful.

Adventure Paddle - Whilst we were not able to do the Moreton Island crossing due to COVID-19, our social paddlers conducted a successful adventure paddle to Deep Water Bend Reserve, North Pine River.

Finance Overview - Since the inception of the club, this has been the best year financially with the club bank account boosted from the regatta income. As mentioned above, this has enabled us to do several things, especially the refurbishment of the canoes and maintenance of the trailer.

In addition, Poly Va'a was successful in obtaining a grant for the shed as well as a separate one from Qld Sports to buy new steerer's blades and a GPS which is currently utilised to analyse performance during training.

Club Strategy - Poly Va'a Strategic Plan is currently work in progress. The plan ensures the viability of the club, being more competitive on the water and improve the club's disciplines and values amongst members. This all points to our goal / vision of being one of the best Outrigger Clubs in Australia.

Challenges

The challenges we face going forward is summarised as follows:

1. Retaining experienced Club members.
2. Fundraising during COVID.
3. Developing the next generation of Club Leadership and management expertise to ensure continuity and depth in club management and experience at all levels of the club.

Eddie Jensen

President

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Moreton Bay Lighthouses

“Moreton Island is a large sand island on the eastern side of Moreton Bay, on the coast of South East Queensland, Australia. Due to the island's importance in navigating the northern passage into Moreton Bay and Brisbane, at least five lighthouses were constructed on the island, starting with Cape Moreton Light in 1857, the first lighthouse in Queensland, and followed by at least four more lighthouses established from the 1860s, at Comboyuro Point, North Point, Cowan Cowan Point and Yellow Patch.”

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

Comboyuro Point Light, Cowan Cowan Point Light and Yellow Patch Light all had to be moved from their original locations due to coastal erosion. Of the five lighthouses, only Cape Moreton Light survived and is still active today.

Cape Moreton Light is also listed as North Point Range Rear Light and is a heritage-listed active lighthouse located on Cape Moreton, a rocky headland located at the north eastern tip of Moreton Island. It marks the northern entrance to Moreton Bay and also serves as the rear light for the North Point Range. With its two distinctive red bands, it also serves as a daymark. It is the oldest lighthouse in Queensland, and the only one to be built by the New South Wales Government before the separation of Queensland, which took place in 1859. It is also the only lighthouse in Queensland to be built of stone. The lighthouse is now a popular tourist spot for visitors to Moreton Island and stands about 23 metres tall (75 ft) and is constructed of sandstone quarried on the island.

It was built because of the increasing traffic to the northern coast, but for a long time was the only light on the 3,236 miles of coastline. The large number of wrecks scattered around the entrance to Moreton Bay, near the island, led to the need for the light.

The original light source was an oil wick which was converted to pressurized acetylene gas in 1930, they also extended the height from the original 10.5m to 18.5m in 1928 when they upgraded the light, then the light was changed to 110 volt D.C electricity in 1937 and further upgraded to 240 volt A.C in 1967 and finally to solar power in 1997. In 1998 the lighthouse was made fully automatic and now has a laser beam which directs a light up to 30kms out to sea.

It makes for a great viewing spot to see the annual whale migration between June and October. There are various Tangalooma Island Resort tours that visit the lighthouse.

