



# Boat Talk

VMR Brisbane's Monthly Newsletter



Above: The Management Committee (incl President Thomas who was at the AGM in spirit).

## Around the Rigging

Welcome to our new Members. We look forward to seeing you around the base. (Waterside Assist members are listed on page 4.)

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### ACTIVE CREW

Frank Baars  
Kim Hill

Michael Fearn-Wannan  
Russell Virtue

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### FULL MEMBERS

Chris Carvill  
Joanne Gordon  
Janice Jones  
Chris Porter

Matthew Farrell  
Al Jennings  
Phil Plant

## October 2021 Crew Roster

Sun 2	Delta	Sat 3	Sierra
Mon 4	Tango		
Sat 9	Foxtrot	Sun 10	November
Sat 16	Alpha	Sun 17	Papa
Sat 23	Bravo	Sun 24	Quebec
Fri 29	Bravo		
Sat 30	Charlie	Sun 31	Sierra

## November 2021 Crew Roster

Sat 6	Delta	Sun 7	Tango
Sat 13	Foxtrot	Sun 14	November
Sat 20	Alpha	Sun 21	Papa
Sat 27	Bravo	Sun 28	Quebec

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### VMR BRIBIE EMERGENCY SERVICES EXPO

17<sup>th</sup> October, 2021

### POTLUCK DINNER

Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 from 3.30 pm.

### CAROLS BY THE CREEK

19<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 from 5 pm.

It's great to see the number of new members this month! There were too many for the front page so the Waterside Assist members are listed on page 4. This issue features reports from Management Committee members and associated groups as presented at the AGM last week. Our Committee for 2021-2022 is headed by President Thomas Grice, and includes Senior Vice-President Damien Flux, Junior Vice-President Ryan Massingham, Secretary David Massam, Treasurer Gordon Kreutzer and Members' Representatives Les Pascoe and Shane Barnes. You can meet the new Committee members on page 2.

Riverfire was a very pleasant duty for some of our members. I'd like to thank the photographers for providing pictures of this and other events and activities held in September.

As you receive this, it will be the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual National Safe Boating Week (2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> October). See page 16 for the aim to increase safer boating practices and promote responsible boat ownership.

Editor Deidre

## September in Summary

Activations:	23
Fuel Used:	1,583
People Assisted:	14



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## President's Report

As my annual report is included in this issue, I will dispense with the normal monthly report except I would like to welcome the many Waterside Assist members who have joined this month and

gratefully acknowledge our four new Active Crew members as well as the seven new Full Members.

As always, my thanks to crews who spread the word about the wisdom of membership and also thanks to crews who manned two vessels to assist with crowd control at Riverfire.

COVID almost disrupted our AGM but fortunately we were well organised so it was able to proceed as planned. Your Management Committee and co-opted volunteers look forward to a good year ahead.

Congratulations to Michael Overend on worthy recognition as Club Person of the Year and we are pleased to herald our newest Life Member, Peter Leech. Details on both people appear in this newsletter.

Safe Boating

Thomas Grice, President, VMR Brisbane

## Management 2021-2022



Thomas Grice  
President



Damien Flux  
Senior VP



Ryan Massingham  
Junior VP



David Massam  
Secretary



Gordon Kreutzer  
Treasurer



Les Pascoe  
Members Rep 1



Shane Barnes  
Members' Rep 2

## Mid-Week Crew

The regular Tuesday Crew members have been bolstered in the past 12 months, with the welcome arrivals of Lionel Baker and Vic Kussrow, both great self-starters with all the best skills, handling all facets of jobs we encounter.

Lately, Richard Windham has re-joined us again, making a valuable workmate to Dr. Ben with weekly repairs and maintenance on KW1.

The word must be out that Richard also brings delicious treats for our morning tea. Our thanks to Deidre barely seems enough. Testament to this, we now welcome Frank Barrs and Michael Fearn-Wannank: Frank with previous Skipper's experience at Port Douglas as well as connections to SES rescue and Michael is helping us with his programming abilities, much needed for Tuesday crew.

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept, a "breath of fresh air" came in the form of "young" enthusiastic Nathaniel Lake introducing himself and offering to give a hand; he also is a member of Foxtrot crew. Being there with the men 65 & over didn't phase him; promptly taking charge of some necessary work on Sandgate 2.

Many thanks to Management, Rescue crews, and the Tuesday boys. Volunteering and Comradeship will benefit all our lives as we combine and all pull together.

Be safe.

Hugh Martin



## Groups of VMRB

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





## Activations

### SEPTEMBER

4<sup>th</sup> - Tow a disabled 6m powerboat with 1 POB from Curtain Reef to Nudgee Beach.



Papa Crew had a very busy day on 19<sup>th</sup> September.

19<sup>th</sup> - Tow a 10m powerboat with 8 POB from St. Helena Island to Cabbage Tree Creek.



19<sup>th</sup> - Tow a 6m powerboat with 3 POB from Rivergate in the Brisbane River to Bulimba.

19<sup>th</sup> - Tow a 6m powerboat with 2 POB from the Apollo Road Ferry terminal to Colmslie.

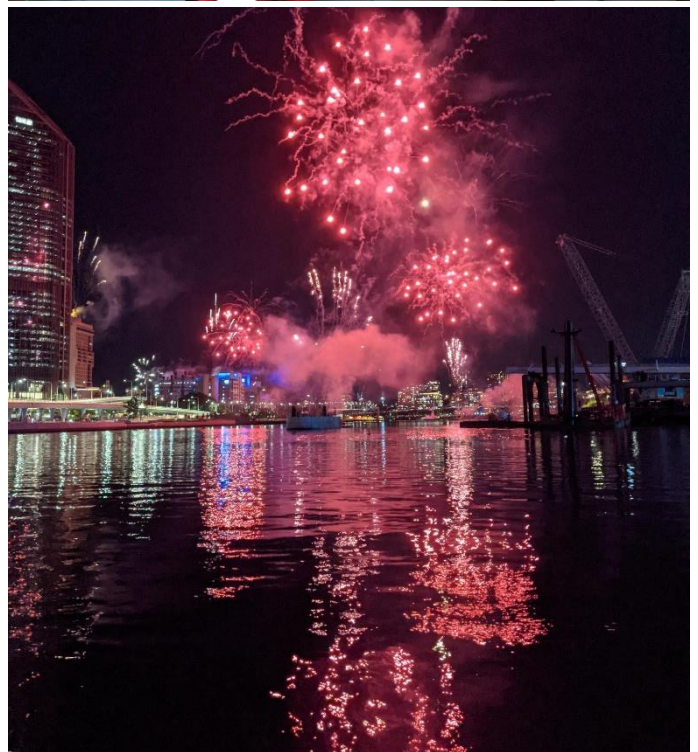


### ACTIVE CREW ANNIVERSARY

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

Anthony Pamplin	2010	11 years
John White	2013	8 years
Alan Lemay	2015	6 years
Mike Henwood	2016	5 years
Matthew Bugler	2016	5 years
Annett Will	2016	5 years
Rhys Forbes	2016	5 years

25<sup>th</sup> – Riverfire – KW Sandgate 1 and 2 were both on the water helping with crowd control. (Below: Neil with his Sandgate 1 crew - more photos on page 15.).



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 and/or photos through to [editor@vmrbrisbane.com.au](mailto:editor@vmrbrisbane.com.au) and also to [social.media@vmrbrisbane.com.au](mailto:social.media@vmrbrisbane.com.au)



## Michael Overend: Club Person Of The Year

Michael is someone who has gone over and beyond with VMRB for quite some time. Not only does he manage the after-hours phone but he is also someone who frequently mans the boats for those on-call rescues.



Michael joined VMRB on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 1994 so he has now logged up 27 years' service. He has always been on Foxtrot Crew from the time when the great Bob Walker was skipper. In fact, he recalls that most of the crew were named Bob then too!

"I like mucking around in boats which probably stems from my boating days in the 1960's when Dad specialised in catching mud crabs at Cribb Island before it became part of the airport. There was an agreeable amount of fishing too. We did go out in a variety of craft. I recall a trip to St Helena on a family friend's trimaran but someone stood on a stonefish and there was a storm on the way back to the Manly Boat Harbour – no wonder I remember it! We had outings to the Tangalooma Wrecks on another family friend's largish cruiser.

Later Dad built a TS21 Hartley and a sabot which was lots of fun. I played around in a 12 ft Thorpe for a while but other boats came and went: a 12 ft dinghy, a tinny, an Investigator TS.

Now I have a 28 ft Compass yacht which spends its time at QCYC. I haven't had any racing experience, except for a successful season on a trail tri as a temp crew (after the other regular crew had broken a leg!). I'm looking forward to crewing on another tri when it's finished and using the C28 a bit more".

Thanks for being such a great asset to VMRB, Michael.

## Peter Leech: Life Member



Peter joined VMRB in February 2002 when he commenced his recreational boat and jet ski training business at the base. Shortly after this, he took over as the Unit Training Coordinator from Tom Ivins.

Peter already held formal training

qualifications and held a commercial Master Class 4 marine qualification. He stayed as the UTC for a number of years and then became a State Training Officer involved in the development and implementation of training within VMRAQ.

He was also involved in the revalidation of VMRAQ Coxswains and was involved in discussions about the preparation of the Domestic Commercial Vessel legislation (VMRAQ currently operate under this).

Peter joined the Qld Boating and Fisheries Patrol in 1968 and saw service in field operations and training being the Training Officer for a number of years. He retired from the QBFP with about 35 years' service after being in charge for a few years. He was also a TAFE teacher in the areas of maritime and fisheries.

Peter joined the Australian Defence Force Reserves in 1964, at 17 years of age, with most of his service being in the Infantry, particularly in the training of Reserve Force members of all ranks as a Training and Development Warrant Officer and Instructor. He retired at 55 years as a Warrant Officer Class 1.

He has been involved in training for about 54 years and has held a commercial masters qualification continuously for 52 years. Peter believes that thorough training is extremely important and the members of VMRB will meet their obligations and requirements through proper training. The current training program is a major step forward.

Peter very much appreciates the award which was unexpected and very humbling.

He believes that there are no shortcuts in training!

## NEW WATERSIDE ASSIST MEMBERS

Olaf Adam  
Angela Brett  
Christopher Carlin  
John Ella  
Thomas Foley  
Derek Hall  
Stu Keast  
Ian McCulloch  
Julian Parkinson  
Amed Richani  
Laurie Scodellaro  
Neil Smyth  
Simon Veivers  
Cameron Wright

Robert Anderson  
Liam Bryant  
Andy Chan  
David Fedden  
Matthew Furnari  
Richard Hodges  
David Leggett  
Simon Metcalf  
Benjamin Parry  
Adam Rowland  
David Shearer  
George Sotiris  
Savo Vlasisavljevic

Peter Avraam  
Tony Cakar  
Stephen Clark  
Greg Fleming  
Kevin Gow  
Gregory Hugo  
Kyle Massey  
Michael Muller  
Mike Peberdy  
Shaun Sanders  
Andrew Shepherd  
Glen Titman  
Galen Woodhall

Michael Birch  
Michael Cameron  
Ben Cutting  
Christopher Flori  
Damien Greer  
Graeme Johnston  
Jason Mayer  
Peter Myrdycz  
Herb Prendergast  
Timothy Schenken  
Robert Sibley  
Todd Van Croonenborg  
Simon Wright

## VMRB 2021 AGM

Turn to pages 8 to 14 for full reports on the last year's activities.

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### Management Elected Positions:-

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**Unit Training Co-ordinator:**  
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### Support Positions to Management:-

**Administration Officer:** Vacant

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**Community Events:** David Massam

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**Webmaster:** Vacant

### Membership & Waterside Assist Program

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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 Thomas Grice).

## 2020-2021 Recognition

**Life Member:** Peter Leech

**Club Person of the Year:** Michael Overend

### Service Appreciation Certificates:

**5 years:** S Barnes, M Bugler, N Cusack, C Edwards, D Flux, R Forbes, M Henwood, J Maskell, P Richardson, R Stout, M Upton, A Will.

**15 years National Volunteer Medal:**  
 M Gill-Bailey

**20 years:** N Aceto

### 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  
 Kathy Walk, Deagon Bulk Meats  
 Lexie Edwards, GR Brown & Associates  
 Ray Bromhill

## 2020-2021 Appointments

**Unit Chaplain:** David Taylor

**Auditor:** Integrated Audit Services

**Legal Advisor:** G R Brown & Associates

## Carols by the Creek

On 19<sup>th</sup> November, Cr Jared Cassidy is sponsoring our Christmas function. The Food Trucks will be back and there will be entertainment and a choir as well as the bar being open. Undoubtedly, Santa will make an appearance using our rescue boat rather than a sleigh and there will be a jumping castle and face painting for the youngsters.





## Poly Va'a Outriggers Update

Secretary Steve said "Recently we were successful with a small Grant from the Brisbane Lord Mayors community fund. This was to buy A Club Marquee. This has now been designed and the order placed.



It will be ready by the end of the month. It acknowledges the Lord Mayor and local councillor who approved the grant.

We have also bought a club QR code which when scanned sends people to our public FB page. This will go on all our marketing material, etc.

The grant also allowed us to buy two replacement robust, durable, wheeled trolley bags for our current Marquees. This helps greatly with their carriage at events as the current bags are cheaply made, tear easily and have no wheels.

Having our own branded tent at events will help market and present our club well and strengthens our Poly Va'a brand in the community."

Alita reported that "On 5<sup>th</sup> September the Mooloolaba beach relay race was our first regatta since national titles.

Mother Nature couldn't quite decide what weather she wanted, so she simply gave us a little of everything, including some waves that made you hold your breath and simply hope for the best.



We got a great start and as we entered the first stretch we paddled straight into some crazy air time, but our Poly Vaa spirit shined, our crew gelled like magic and we settled into our strong and familiar rhythm. In a field of 30 canoes, with multiple huli's and 6 withdrawals from the competition, our Poly Vaa crews represented us well."

## Food Trucks Event

On 19<sup>th</sup> November, we will have Carols by the Creek which is being sponsored by Cr Cassidy. There will be entertainment, food trucks and plenty to keep the youngsters happy.

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 [jnr.vice.president@vmrbrisbane.com.au](mailto:jnr.vice.president@vmrbrisbane.com.au)

While your views are being collected, members and their families are invited to join in the Potluck Dinner evening on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> October. (See notice in next column.)

## Pot Luck Dinner

So put a date-saver in your diary for 24<sup>th</sup> October. Further reminders will be issued so you can phone to notify your acceptance.

You can think of what you can bring and this time we will request people include a note of ingredients so people with food intolerances don't get caught out.

**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.

When you RSVP, also nominate which dish you would like to bring and just remember to jot down the ingredients for people to see.

Date: Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> October from 3.30 pm –6.30 pm; all of our crews and their family members are invited.

RSVP by 19<sup>th</sup> October to [social@vmrbrisbane.com.au](mailto:social@vmrbrisbane.com.au)

Please note:

'Potluck Fun' will be subject to any applicable COVID restrictions at the time of the function.

## 20 Year Milestone

Nino Aceto is a hard-working, dedicated volunteer who crews on Charlie Crew, works with the mid-week team and, together with wife Angie, does multiple other tasks around the club. Now his 20 years of loyal service has been recognised.





## Christmas in July: in September

Poly Va'a Secretary Steve was full of praise for those people who did such a good job setting the scene for their delayed Christmas in July on 11<sup>th</sup> September. He said:

"For those of us that could attend we all had a great time at our MASH 4017th Party combined with the VMRB. The setting was cool, the band great, the food awesome and COVID didn't manage to shut us down again. Overall everyone had an amazing time!"



Around 100 people had a most enjoyable evening, which began with a lot of people dressed in khaki socialising on the lawn while the band (Slow Cooker) played and sang songs of the MASH era and the bar was operating.



Then everyone moved upstairs for a varied and delicious dinner.



The evening had a twist in that people were invited to dress like Klinger. It was a pity only five men took up the challenge: Steve and Gerry (Poly Va'a) and Richard, Thomas and Paul (VMRB). Some were unrecognisable and definitely like you have never seen them before! Gerry (second from left) was declared the winner. Raffles were held with first prize going to lucky Chris of the Scouts (next door to VMRB).



The weather was great so perhaps COVID did us a favour by making us wait another couple of months!



## President's Report 2020-2021

I would like to thank the 2020–2021 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.

Special mention and thanks to Ben Gillespie, Paul Hollingdale and Darren Bates for all of their efforts while on the Management Committee as well as other efforts over and above just Management. I look forward to catching up around the base.

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 18 new Active Crew Members making 106 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 32 new Full Members to our Association and another 301 Waterside Assist Members which is nearly double last year's figures. So a very big thank you those out there promoting VMR Brisbane.

Publicity for VMRB has been helpful in spreading the safety message and Gretel's interview which appeared on Creek to Coast in March received a good response. We had noteworthy representation from our volunteers in Sandgate's Jingle By The Bay and Einbunpin Festival. Also our involvement in special occasions like the Anzac Day March are significant in letting people know we are a community group who care and are here to help.

On the other hand, in the last year we were very sorry to lose long-time supporters of VMRB: Henry Klein, Bob Walker, Doug Young and John Belling.

We have had another very quiet year in comparison to previous years, no thanks to COVID-19.

Even though things have been exceptionally quiet compared to previous years it is great to see VMR Brisbane continuing to be a Community Hub for Aquatic Activities.

Our Aquatic Activities Access Area Project is still progressing. We have everything in place to commence except a DA from Council. Once this hopefully final hoop is looped through we should be able to actually start construction.

We are well advanced with the construction of the new rescue vessel with an expected delivery of January or February 2022.

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

- Kedron Wavell Service Club for their continued sponsorship even through these are still very trying times for the Hospitality Industry.
- Port Of Brisbane with a grant for engine maintenance.
- Cymax Pty Ltd, our IT Support, with donations for operational costs.
- AMP who made a very generous donation thanks to Ben Gillespie and Geza Kallo.
- CBA Sandgate via a promotion when a CBA customer chose VMRB for donation.
- BCC with a grant for our Cold Room replacement.
- Jared Cassidy for supporting us in events like Christmas by the Creek Day as well as the BCC Grant which allowed us to upgrade our Cold Room.
- Deagon Bulk Meats: Kathy and the team are always ready to assist with any requests we have for events.
- Ben Myers, Zip Delivery, for a replacement photocopier.

In addition, we received a bequest from Henry Klein and also a welcome donation from Rod Chiapello and these will be used to help fit out our new rescue vessel.

We are always 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. This included donation of a welding machine and all accessories from BOC.

Work on the Telstra tower in our hardstand resulted in the 5G upgrade and we took the opportunity to replace our Marine Radio Antenna which has increased the range of communications and AIS coverage. Whilst they had the appropriate gear on hand, Telstra also removed the obsolete equipment at the top of the pole in front of our radio room.

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 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.



## President's Report 2020-2021 *(Cont'd)*

Thank you to Deidre Windham, your work with *Boat Talk* has been greatly appreciated.

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
- 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 and that has the ability to be here for another 100 years and beyond.

Best Regards

**Thomas Grice, President.**

## Senior VP Report 2020-2021

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 behind the scenes to keep the club operating effectively and it is very much appreciated.

Welcome to the new crew who joined over the past year. If they and our existing volunteers felt busy this year, it is with good reason. We continue to see a growing demand for our services in the community and while most would be aware of the high profile searches we assisted in earlier this year, our operations have grown across the board. Some key take-outs include:

- A 110% increase in crew hours committed to searches in FY2021 compared to FY2020, which was already a 120% increase on 2019.
- A 26% increase in crew hours assisting broken down vessels in FY2021 compared to FY2020, which was already a 19% increase on 2019.
- A 17% increase in overall crew hours in FY2021 compared to FY2020, which was already an 8% increase on 2019.

A big thank you to the crew who not only attended duty days and community/ fundraising events but

also responded to text messages at all hours and paused their lives to respond and assist someone in need on the water. A special mention to Michael Overend, who is often on board for these call-outs in addition to managing the call-out phone for a large portion of 2021. This period included some major activations, which can become quite complicated when organising crews on multiple vessels.

Congratulations to Darren and Cam, who have now stepped up to Duty Master on their respective crews and a big thank you to Les and Glenn, who have stepped away from these roles however, continue to make significant contributions to the operation of the rescue squadron.

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021, we moved a number of our operational forms from paper to electronic. This included vessel checks, activation records and incident reports. Not only has this reduced the amount of paper we use, it has also allowed for better reporting capability and record retention in line with legal obligations. A single tablet has replaced 9 paper forms.

VMRB has had a waterside assist membership offering to the boating public for some years now. Earlier this year, some of our volunteers suggested and implemented a campaign to actively promote this offering through local boat ramps and online groups.

At a cost of \$77, it provides valuable funding to the club and increases engagement with the boating community, which allows us to further promote boating safety. This campaign saw a significant increase to new memberships and hopefully will become a regular occurrence moving forward.

Our three rescue vessels and equipment have been well maintained throughout the year thanks to our dedicated Tuesday crew (who also maintain our base facilities to a high standard). As Sandgate 1 enters its 13<sup>th</sup> year of service, a dedicated team has been working hard to design and build a replacement vessel to serve us well into the future. This vessel will provide enhanced capability for us to respond to calls for assistance, especially in adverse conditions, when search and rescue activations often take place. The vessel and fit out is intended to provide a functional, stable and safer work platform for our volunteers. Through good design, the vessel will be more comfortable for crew and reduce fatigue on longer activations, which became quite a challenge on recent searches that required 7+ hours on the water at a time.

The vessel is expected to be completed in early 2022. Through grants and ongoing fundraising activities by our dedicated volunteers, we hope to minimise the net cost of this exercise.

As I step back from this position, I wish the future management committee all the best and look forward to working with them in the future.

Best Regards

**Ben Gillespie, Senior Vice President.**

## Junior VP Report 2020-2021

### Venue, Functions and Fundraising

It's been another frustrating year with impending lockdowns and the inability to forward plan our own functions as well as future hall hires. This has also been the case with the food trucks which over the past 12 months have only had a couple of successful events with the remainder being poorly attended. Unfortunately, the food truck collective has cancelled many monthly events down at VMRB so, moving forward, we are investigating the idea of opening the bar upstairs on a regular fortnightly basis either on a Friday night or Sunday afternoon and having just one food truck present.

Since June 2020, the venue upstairs and down stairs including bar sales and hall hire has grossed approximately \$27500.

In August, Cameron and his crew hosted the first 'Pot Luck' dinner for crews and families which was very successful and will now feature regularly in the crew calendar. Thanks, Cameron, for organising this.

PVOCC and VMRB hosted a fun Xmas in July party (with a MASH theme) – unfortunately due to lockdown this was postponed until 11<sup>th</sup> September. A great night was had by all and I'd like to thank Steve and all his volunteers for putting on this great night. I'd also like to take this opportunity to encourage all members to support these social evenings as they are a lot of fun and a great way to get to know one another.

I'd like to thank Ryan Massingham, our providore, for not only keeping the bars stocked but also coming up with solutions to help with stock taking and suggesting future fund-raising events.

### Building and Grounds

After a few years wishing for a new cold room, we finally had this installed in March this year. Not only is this more energy efficient but it's also made things much easier for bar staff and the customers who can now see exactly what we have in stock. As well as the new cold room, late last year we also purchased a new double door fridge for the kitchen upstairs. Our more recent addition has been a new steel I-beam fitted downstairs to replace sagging beam and rotten posts. This has been a major job and is only the start of a long transformation to the downstairs bar area which will allow members a comfortable and modern venue for training and socialising. I'd like to thank Andrew Pearson from SYC for his time and hard work put into the preparation for the new beam.

### Long Term Venue Usage

Several Ideas and a couple of proposals have been put forward over the last 12 months as to the long-term potential income that can be derived from our venue. This is very much a work in progress but I must stress the end result is vital to the ongoing viability of VMR Brisbane. The last 12 months have

seen many opinions expressed and I hope that my successor, along with the other management members, will be able to work towards a financially viable outcome.

### Hardstand

The hardstand continues to be popular and has seen a steady flow of arrivals and departures of vessels. I am pleased to report that any vacated spots were taken up immediately by people on the waitlist. Additionally, in line with the By Laws, new arrangements have been made to provide for extra parking in the hardstand area by freeing up berths 25 and 26. I'd like to thank Graeme Dobson for his considerable contribution in maintaining the hardstand bookings during the year.

### Tuesday Crew

Again, the Tuesday crew have worked tirelessly to keep the base in great shape. I'd like to thank Les Pascoe and all the Tuesday crew for their hard work and commitment

### Membership

We currently have 255 full members including an additional 32 since 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020. Active crew stands at 106 active including an additional 18 recruited since 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020.. Waterside assist members now have 599 with 301 joining since 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020. I'd like to thank Les for once again looking after membership.

### IT

Not much to report here at this stage however, management have been investigating an automatic sign in for duty crews.

### Conclusion

I'd like to thank the current management team past and present for their hard work and support over the past 2 years and I'd like to wish the best of luck to my successor.

**Paul Hollingdale, Junior Vice-President.**





## Treasurer's Report 2020-2021

I am aware that probably everyone has COVID 19 fatigue, but in opening, I have to mention that it has had an impact on our financial position over the last Operational and Financial years. Revenue from the venue has been disappointing, with many people not risking trying to organise weddings/birthdays, etc. Food trucks have been only occasional, and downstairs the same. In this current time, it has also been difficult to gain any grants, and this area has also been minimal.

We must thank Kedron-Wavell for their continued sponsorship and support which is very important to us, and hopefully continues.

Waterside Assist Membership has grown substantially thanks to our crew who have been talking to the public on crew days and leaving brochures everywhere. Thanks to Darren Bates for liaising with retail organisations and clubs, which has seen a large increase in Jet Ski Waterside Assist Memberships.

We have continued to spend on the clubhouse with the new Cold Room completed and sinking posts rectified. Of course, there is much more to be done, and is all part of management's forward planning/budgeting. The cold room has a grant from BCC for \$10,000 which hopefully will be acquitted soon.

The automation of background admin has been continuing and we are seeing much greater efficiencies in these areas. In this year, the purchase of tablets, laptops, and new phones have helped to keep communications up to date, with improvements in technology, and less paper systems. We have been looking at grants to spend on our training areas to support the active crews to continue training.

The ramp replacement has been taking much longer than expected with a DA now in process to submit for approval. This is targeted as urgent, and the committee is trying to get the project finalised as quickly as possible.

The new Vessel build has payments at different stages up to final payment probably in late January, or February. Payments to date have been all on time as per expected schedule. VMRAQ subsidise part of the project to the amount of \$120,000 which comes from State Government funding for Vessel replacements.

For the completion of these major projects there will be large expenditure in the short term, which is coming from long term savings the club has made.

On the reporting and compliance obligations for the club, all areas have been on time and no obligations are outstanding, i.e., ATO, ACNC, Creditors, etc.

The club is in a sound financial position following this reporting period.

If any financial member has any questions, or would like a copy of any reports, please do not hesitate to contact me.

None of this would be possible without the efforts of many members of the club, who give of their time freely to continually improve the club as we grow.

I must mention all the members that come on Tuesdays to keep up the maintenance of the Vessels, Clubhouse, and grounds. The Tuesday Crew save the club an incredible amount of money by their skills and efforts.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone I have worked with, and who have helped me to fulfil my role as treasurer in the past year. Thank you to my fellow committee members who have all worked hard in the past year to improve the club.

Kind regards,

**Gordon Kreutzer, Treasurer**

## UTC Report 2020-2021

First, I must make mention to the members of the training team for their time this year to progress our members forward in their training.

Special thanks to Mr Peter Leech who has now left the training team. Peter has been a member in varying forms of the training team for a long time and his Jokes and sayings are well known among our active crew members.

This year has seen many changes to the training area with MRQ retaining a RTO to provide our training package in an online platform. This is the first time we have gone down this course structure and it makes the training more "fluid" with theory assessments being able to be completed at home and practicals being completed on members' crew days.

This platform has come with its challenges, and I would like to thank all the members that have been training for their time and patience while the bugs have been slowly eradicated from the system. Also thank you to Mr Andy Ross for his support and time during this transition.

During this year we have seen:

- 12 new crew members complete their shipboard safety skill set to become active crew.
- 4 people receiving their Authority to operate a vessel less than 6 metres without a coxswain on board for training purpose only.
- 2 people have attained senior crew level as they complete their training units.
- All others have been continuing to compile sea time and skills during crew days.

A special thanks must go to Col Neilsen and Darren Bates for assisting in a content expert role in the holistic assessments for the exemption process.

Looking forward to another prosperous year in training.

Kind regards,

**Glenn Philip, UTC**

## Sandgate Yacht Club 2020-2021

This year Sandgate Yacht Club has conducted a successful season considering the impacts of Covid and the associated compliance around lockdowns and social distancing etc. Some of the success was seen in hosting a number of key events. At the Bramble Bay Shield event on 27 February, we had 40 competitors including visitors from Darwin, Sydney, Lake Macquarie, Tin Can Bay and other areas of Brisbane. Socialising at the bar after racing was great to witness – many happy people that have enjoyed their time at Sandgate.

The Club's membership has seen a small rise, but notable is the addition of 3 Junior members, 2 of whom are female.

The Club's summer season started on 12 September with the Opening Day and Blessing of the Fleet. Many thanks to Chaplain David Taylor for conducting the Blessing and some meaningful words. David also conducted the Blessing of the Fleet in 2019. Many thanks to Stirling Hinchliffe MP and Councillor Jared Cassidy for taking time in their busy schedules to join us on such a beautiful morning. A sail past was led by SYC's MV Cape Moreton and included the club boats as well as VMR Brisbane Inc vessels.



After the formalities and festivities, a fun race was held starting and finishing in Cabbage Tree Creek from the pontoon. Once clearing the very shifty winds in the creek, crews were met with solid bay swell blown up by a building 15kt NNE'er. Refreshments were served after sailing and the winners of the Winter Series were announced. Congratulations to Neil and Graeme for winning the winter series again.

Further events will be run roughly every second weekend but, during ramp construction, events may need to be paused or alternative arrangements made. SYC will be hosting the Flying Fifteen State Championships once again this year on October 23-24. SYC appreciates the support from VMRB in managing the construction around this key event for SYC.

With the addition of the 3 junior members and the burgeoning relationship with Brownseas Water Activities Centre, the club is planning to return the Sabots (small sail training vessel) to service and

sailing. With these boats operational, we will be able to offer sailing for the younger age groups and in turn hopefully attract more members to grow the club.

Regards,

**Chris Howell**

**Commodore**

**Sandgate Yacht Club**

<http://www.syc.org.au/>

## All About Paddling 2020-2021

As restrictions eased it was great to be able to get people back out on the water being educated in paddling. All About Paddling have been engaging in many activities over the past 12 months.

- The Inclusive paddle experiences are always very popular with around 15 paddlers of all abilities getting out every month or so.
- Educational programs have focused on a number of outcomes – from introducing new paddlers and covering all basic skills to safety and rescue training for in the bay for more experienced paddlers.
- The protected creeks are a haven for training and qualifying local teachers in canoes and kayaks.
- The VMRB training rooms have provided an awesome base for our sea kayak navigation and theoretical sessions to be able to teach users the importance of planning, planning, planning.....
- Our Paddle Fit sessions continue to head out at 5.30am every Thursday morning where we capture the most beautiful sunrises.
- Our girls in purple came for their annual kayak progression day – on what may have been the windiest day of the year.....fun was had.
- The junior paddlers of Sandgate Paddling club continued to paddle every Thursday afternoons until the end of June. After 4.5 years of this, and introducing about 65 kids to the world of paddling and the paddle club, I have decided to give that a break for a while.



A huge thank you to the crews and team at VMRB for your continued support.

Kind regards

**Allana Bold**

<http://www.allaboutpaddling.com.au/>



## Sandgate Paddling Club

### 2020-2021

Well, as the Sandgate Paddling Club Committee year ends, it is perhaps time to reflect on this past 12 months. Certainly, there have been some great successes as well as a few challenges. From my point of view, I see this club in pretty good shape

**Racing:** The racing group have had a very successful year. The Sandgate Club performs well at every event it enters and we certainly have some very talented paddlers and perhaps names to watch in the future. The King Billy and the Wetlands Wander were both well attended and the success of both is in no small way attributed to the hard work and commitment of Donna and the racing subcommittee.



**Sea Kayaking:** has continued, weather permitting, with some great trips. There seems to be a hard-core group who will paddle in just about anything and so we have had to say, "Strong Wind Warning, we stay home". That does not mean there haven't been some paddles that demanded your full attention, however. We are fortunate too that some members have stepped up and organised some interesting overnight or multi-day camps. One aspect that has changed for next year is that the Safety and Rescue practice (SAR)P days will now be handled by the Paddle Planning Committee. We have a level of expertise within the club that means we can plan these days in the same manner as the paddles themselves. We are truly blessed to have Moreton Bay and all its paddling opportunities so close. As usual though we are always looking for more members to come out and enjoy it with us.

**Recreational "Creekies":** this group has grown remarkably through this year, largely due to the increased number of Basic Skills members. We have had a record number of people acquire this PA qualification. This has been great for the club both from a membership and financial point of view. It has however placed a burden on the Creekies as this is the group that these folk first start paddling with. To the credit of all involved, they have sorted a system whereby someone looks out for the "newbs" until they gain a bit of experience. An interesting statistic that Susan Doel pointed out is that we generally have about 20% of Basic Skills people sign up for the second year. Juniors; as everyone knows by now Allana Bold has decided to discontinue her involvement with the juniors. We can't thank Allana

enough for her input and dedication to this aspect of our club. Over the past four and a half years there have been 64 juniors come through Allana's programme. A small number have stayed and become regular paddlers. However, how many more will join later in life having had the paddling bug planted at a young age. I know we have asked for volunteers to continue this aspect of the club, but realistically this demands a very specialised set of skills and sadly I don't expect this part of the club to continue.

#### What else?

**New Kayaks:** The demand for Basic Skills highlighted the age and differences between boats in our training fleet, some were the first boats we had. To maintain a professional appearance, it was decided to apply for a grant to replace these craft. Your club was successful in this and an order has been placed for six new kayaks. These will be slightly larger than a TK1 and fitted with rudders and deck lines so useful for a larger range of paddler size and use.

Regards

Warren Jeffrey

President

Sandgate Paddling Club Inc

<http://sandgate.paddle.org.au/>

#### SPC Management Committee 2021/22:

POSITION	NAME
President	Warren Jeffrey
Vice President	Lyn Dean
General Secretary	Kaye Watson
Treasurer	Joanne Gordon
Membership Registrar	Susan Doel
Assistant membership Registrar	Rolfe Gerste
General Member - Racing Rep	Donna Wilson
General Member – Recreational Paddling Rep	Paul Cosker

## Kedron-Wavell Services Club

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



To find out what is going on, check out <https://kedron-wavell.com.au/whats-on> 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.

Kedron-Wavell Services Club is opening up a new venue in the old Sandgate RSL building later this year so we will have another way of supporting them. It is to be called The SANDS Social and you can join now for free and follow their progress on [www.facebook.com/TheSandsSocial](https://www.facebook.com/TheSandsSocial). Also you can email them at [info@thesandsocial.com.au](mailto:info@thesandsocial.com.au).

## PVOCC Annual Report

**Noa'ia, Bula, Talofa Lava, Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Kamusta and Giddy PVOCC Members,**

This is my third President's report since I have held the position as Poly Vaá Club President and I am pleased to say that despite the challenges of COVID over the last year, our Club successes have grown.

As a summary of where we are today as a Club, in our sixth year of operation, here are some key highlights:

- We have around 60-70 plus active financial members consisting of:
  - 40-50 x Competitive Paddlers
  - 10 x Junior Paddlers
  - 16 x Social Paddlers
- In our club strategic plan we aim to keep our competitive base at around this number, grow our juniors to equal the competitive paddler base and steadily grow our social paddler base to around 20-30 members. These numbers allow the club to remain manageable and sustainable into the future with the focus on growth to be primarily on our Juniors.
- Building our management strength and capability has been the key to being a successful Club and will remain so into the future.
- Over the last three years, the current management team have **grown our revenues steadily** as shown below:

2019	2020	2021
\$13,000	\$52,000	\$105, 000

- This revenue has allowed us to buy, grow and refurbish the entire fleet of canoes we have as well as buy excellent new equipment for the Club. In 2022 we could see our revenues grow as we seek major sponsorships to help us run an International Moreton Crossing event in 2022/23 and replace all our older canoes. This will require strong and experienced management by the committee members and will utilise the full range of skills we have in our membership base.
- I especially want members to know that \$40 of adult club fees go towards our use of the VMRB facilities. Few clubs have access to what we have, including regularly cleaned and serviced showers, toilets, a secure compound, an equipment store, rubbish facilities, training rooms, a BBQ area, two licensed function bars and facility rooms. The lawns are cut, grounds are maintained, and items are repaired and we pay a tiny fee annually for all this. I ask that all members be mindful of the great facilities we all enjoy, treat the VMRB with respect and not take our Club home and facilities for granted.

More recently we secured the first Club Sponsors including:

- **Enpoint Solutions:** A Digital Marketing Company who will be providing \$10,000 in sponsorship support for a Downwind Race event

we are running for Australian Outrigging in Feb 2021. This is Race 2 of a series of races. This sponsorship, if successful, is highly likely to grow and see Enpoint sponsor more of our large Regatta events races and Club events.

- **The Full Moon Hotel:** This local Pub/Restaurant is well known to many of you and an iconic local pub/restaurant overlooking the bay we paddle in. They have agreed to sponsor us for Food and Drink items at all Club events and functions in return for us using the Full Moon for our Club meetings. This sponsorship starts on Saturday after the AGM with the Full Moon supplying BBQ Food and Drinks for our Club lunch.

Sponsors are investors in our Club and our events and help us to have the financial means to do more, and provide better equipment and experiences for our members and fellow paddlers across our sport.

Planning our future is key as a Club and we have a clearly mapped out strategic plan that provides all of us with a Vision and how we intend to get there. We are still a young club in year 6 and on average it takes 10 years to build a strong capable organisation. In the next four years we aim to:

- Replace all our current fleet of older canoes (x 6) with newer lightweight models like our new Malolo,
- Be capable of running a major International Regatta event in Moreton Bay with support from the National Organisation, QLD Tourism, Brisbane and Moreton City Councils and other local Clubs. This will generate the revenue needed to support a fleet of new modern canoes for not only our club but also other local Clubs,
- Improve the Club's competitiveness and performance at races and events, and
- Build a strong Junior paddling base involving local schools.

Lastly, we have three Committee members standing down from the Committee this year: Sosefo Inoke (Sefo), Helen Edwards and Belinda Hope. On behalf of all of us I wish to thank them for their contributions in helping to make the Club a success.

As we head into another COVID filled year, please remember to stay flexible with events dates and arrangements as they ebb and change with the public health crisis, support each other, be kind and enjoy your paddling and growing our Poly Vaá community and family.

Thankyou especially to the VMRB Committee and management as well as crews, for maintaining such great facilities and for always being supportive and positive about our inclusion in the facility as a sporting community group.

**Fai'akse'ea (Thank you in Rotuman)**

Eddie Jensen, PVOCC Club President.

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## Unusual Sea Views

The first picture is of a system called a cross sea. A cross sea is a sea state with two wave systems travelling at oblique angles. Caused by two wave patterns travelling at "oblique angles", their chessboard-like pattern usually occurs when two swells coexist, or when the wind pushes waves in one direction and a swell pushes them in another.



More common in shallow waters, cross seas can often be seen off the western point of France's Isle of Rhé, for example, or on the beaches of Tel Aviv, though they can arise in many coastal regions around the world.

When a cross sea blows, the water can be difficult to navigate for boaters, as well as swimmers. Part of the reason cross seas are so dangerous is that they generate powerful rip currents, and powerful waves, which can reach nearly 10 feet (3 metres) high, more than enough to swamp a large boat.

But Wikipedia has a more detailed description: "A **cross sea** (also referred to as a **squared sea** or **square waves**) is a sea state of wind-generated ocean waves that form non-parallel wave systems. Cross seas have a large amount of directional spreading. This may occur when water waves from one weather system continue despite a shift in wind. Waves generated by the new wind run at an angle to the old.

Two weather systems that are far from each other may create a cross sea when the waves from the systems meet at a place far from either weather system. Until the older waves have dissipated, they can present a perilous sea hazard.

This sea state is fairly common and a large percentage of ship accidents have been found to occur in this state. Vessels fare better against large waves when perpendicular to the waves. In a cross sea, vessels are more likely to be struck in a dangerous way.

A **cross swell** is generated when the wave systems are longer-period swells, rather than short-period wind-generated waves."

The picture below is what a breaking wave looks like from underneath.



## More Riverfire Photos



*Photos above show boats in position for a great view of the fireworks and the photo below shows crowds on Kangaroo Point and some even perched halfway up!*





## National Safe Boating Week



### Project Goals

- Increase awareness of responsible boating practices and encourage responsible boat ownership
- Increase awareness of the benefits of lifejacket safety
- Increase awareness of the benefits of vessel maintenance
- Increase awareness of the importance of carrying appropriate, well maintained and accessible safety equipment.

### Key Messages

National Safe Boating Week (NSBW) is a safety initiative of Australia New Zealand Safe Boating Education Group (ANZSBEG).

The aim of NSBW is to increase safer boating practices and promote responsible boat ownership for commercial and recreational use.

Whenever you are on the water everybody has a responsibility to ensure the safe operation of their boats and come home unharmed to their loved ones.

NSBW for 2021 has three themes

- **Maintenance—Service it**—'be a responsible boat owner' 'maintain your boat and your equipment'
  - Vessels need regular maintenance, servicing and safety checks
  - Equipment failures or vessel breakdowns can endanger your crew and yourself. You should inspect, service and maintain the vessel's structure, engine and electrical systems and safety equipment.
  - Be systematic about your maintenance and have a written maintenance schedule. Keep proper records of what maintenance has been done. Keeping proper records ensures you can track your maintenance program and prove that your vessel and equipment are appropriately maintained.
  - Follow manufacturer guidelines and instructions concerning maintenance requirements. When performing maintenance or repairs, ask yourself—would I be happy for my child, parent, or spouse to sail with this repair in place?

- **Safety equipment—Pack it**—'be prepared before heading out onto the water'
  - Having the correct safety equipment can help you survive when the unexpected happens.
  - To be effective, safety equipment needs to be properly maintained and stored so that when needed, it works.
  - Your safety equipment must be in good condition. Check that your flares and lifejackets are in date and your distress beacon is registered with AMSA.
  - Take the 30 second challenge to find out if you're ready for such an emergency.
- **Lifejackets—Wear it**—'Wear your Lifejacket to Work Day'
  - If you end up in the water you are much more likely to survive if you are wearing a lifejacket.
  - When accidents happen, there's rarely time to put a lifejacket on.
  - A lifejacket only works if you're wearing it.
  - There are many types of lifejackets available today that meet the appropriate Australian standards, find the style that works for you and wear it.

### 'Wear your Lifejacket to Work Day'

Wear your lifejacket to work on **Friday 8 October 2021**. Post a picture of yourself wearing one to social media with the hashtags **#safeboating** and **#wearittowork**.

And if you're doing that, you can send the photo to [editor@vmrbrisbane.com.au](mailto:editor@vmrbrisbane.com.au) for inclusion in our October issue of *Boat Talk*.

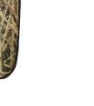


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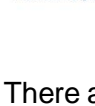
Adult Sample Styles



**INFLATABLE LIFE JACKETS**  
Adult Sample Styles



**PET LIFE JACKETS**  
Harness Styles



There are so many different types of jackets available that it should be easy to find one that is comfortable to wear when out on the water.



## Farewell Fraser

*The following article was written by Domanii Cameron and appeared on page 5 of the Courier Mail on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2021.*

The State Government has committed to renaming the entire world-famous Fraser Island as it begins work with traditional owners and stakeholders on the historic change.

The move follows news that the World Heritage Area within Great Sandy National Park, which is centred on Fraser Island, along with the surrounding waters and parts of the nearby mainland have been renamed K'gari.

The renaming to K'gari, which is the original Butchulla people's name for the island was celebrated on September 19, with Butchulla representatives and elders.

Environment Minister Meaghan Scanlon has revealed the necessary steps for renaming the entire island K'gari are under way.

The name change for the World Heritage Area is a major milestone in a long-running campaign by the region's traditional owners.

Butchulla Aboriginal Corporation chairwoman Jade Gould said her people welcomed the move.

"The Butchulla people have been campaigning for years to change the name," she said. "The name Fraser Island is a tribute to Eliza Fraser – a woman whose narrative directly led to the massacre and dispossession of the Butchulla people.

A word meaning paradise in Butchulla language is a much more fitting name for such an iconic place."

Other renamed national parks, after consultation with traditional owners and the community, include Naree Budjong Djara National Park on Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) and Gheebulum Kunungai National Park on Mulgumpin (Moreton Island). It is not known how long the government is expected to work with traditional owners, the community and stakeholders about renaming Fraser Island in its entirety, but previous undertakings have taken about six months. It is understood formal processes have not yet begun.

Ms Scanlon said the renaming recognised and honoured the Butchulla people's ongoing connection to Country. "That was the first step in the process," she said.

"I look forward to working with the Butchulla people, stakeholders and the community to progress the necessary steps now for the formal renaming of the entire island to K'gari."

"The Queensland government recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island heritage and cultures, which represent an enduring and ongoing connection to Country for over 60,000 years."

Kingfisher Bay Resort group general manager David Hay said the name change was timely and necessary.

"With the support of the Butchulla people, we have been calling the island K'gari for some time now," he said. There has never been a truer word spoken. K'gari really is paradise."



### So what's in a name?

In 1936 a cargo ship ran aground off Fraser Island (which was then known by the Butchulla community who inhabited it as K'gari).

A Scottish woman on board (Eliza Fraser) claimed her husband, sea captain James Fraser, was killed by the indigenous people on the island (that claim was disputed by some) who also captured her.

She was rescued six weeks later by a convict who lived in the bush as an escapee and had learned indigenous dialect.

Previously known to Europeans as the Great Sandy Island, it was renamed Fraser Island after the shipwrecked captain and his wife.

Great Sandy National Park is divided into two sections. The Cooloola Recreation Area section is situated on the coast between [Noosa Heads](#) in the south and [Rainbow Beach](#) in the north and covers 18,400 hectares (45,000 acres). The K'gari (Fraser Island) section encompasses almost all of the world's largest sand island, Fraser Island, situated north of Rainbow Beach, covering 56,000 hectares (140,000 acres).



The Maheno is a well known ship wreck which is unrecognisable now. This is what it used to look like before being wrecked in 1935.



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