

Whittley Club Queensland

BRIBIE ISLAND / TANGALOOMA 17/10/25 – 19/10/25

Co-Ordinators: Jon and Kim Heales

Hi Captains and Crew,

Plan A:

Overview

Earlybirds will start out at the MRQ (formerly VMR) on Bribie Island on Friday 17th October late afternoon/evening. The destination for our stay will be the Tangalooma Wrecks for Saturday the 18th and Sunday the 19th of October 2025.

Tangalooma is one of the most beautiful destinations in Moreton Bay but relies on fairly calm weather to travel across the bay and to anchor peacefully for the night. For this reason, the Club has planned this trip on a number of occasions but often the weather has not played along. So, we have an alternate plan and will make a call on Wednesday 15th.

Tangalooma Wrecks:



If the weather is unfavourable, we will remain in the Bribie passage and visit some of the local highlights there.

Friday Earlybirds: For those who wish to arrive Friday we will be at Crest Park just north of the Sylvan Beach boat ramp and opposite the MRQ (Formerly VMR). Launch at the MRQ. There are shelters, toilets, shops and BBQ facilities. Drinks and nibbles from 4.00pm and a BBQ for those wishing to display their culinary expertise. There is also the Sylvan Beach Seafood Café for those who are looking for some great fish and chips. Overnight anchor at Sylvan Beach.

Saturday Departure: To get you going on Saturday morning the Sunset Pier Café is a very popular coffee shop with a full breakfast menu. We plan to leave for Tangalooma at 9.00am and head over to Bulwer on Moreton Island for morning tea. There is a great little coffee shop there. The trip across the bay is about 45 mins.

After morning tea, we will cruise South to the Tangalooma wrecks. We plan to drop anchor between the wrecks and the beach and remain there for the rest of the day! As usual, drinks and nibbles on the beach at around 4 pm. The Tangalooma resort is not welcoming of visitors unless you have a pre-booked reservation! We will aim to be self-reliant for meals on our own boats as the resort requires pre booked entry approval.

The Tangalooma wrecks are a well renowned and very popular snorkelling spot. So much so, cruise ships often anchor off Tangalooma and ferry passengers to snorkel around the wrecks. The Resort also runs snorkelling wreck tours! Feel free to spend the afternoon and Sunday morning snorkelling the wrecks or walking the beach.

Sunday Return: We will depart the Tangalooma wrecks after lunch and head for the Bribie passage. Feel free to stop at the Bongaree jetty for a walk around the shops at Bongaree and enjoy the famous Kenilworth doughnuts! We will be returning home after lunch, and for those staying on, everyone is welcome to join us (at Jon & Kim's home) for a swim in the pool, a relaxing hot spa, or simply drinks, snacks, and an evening BBQ (BYO). Come by boat or car.

Launch Facilities:

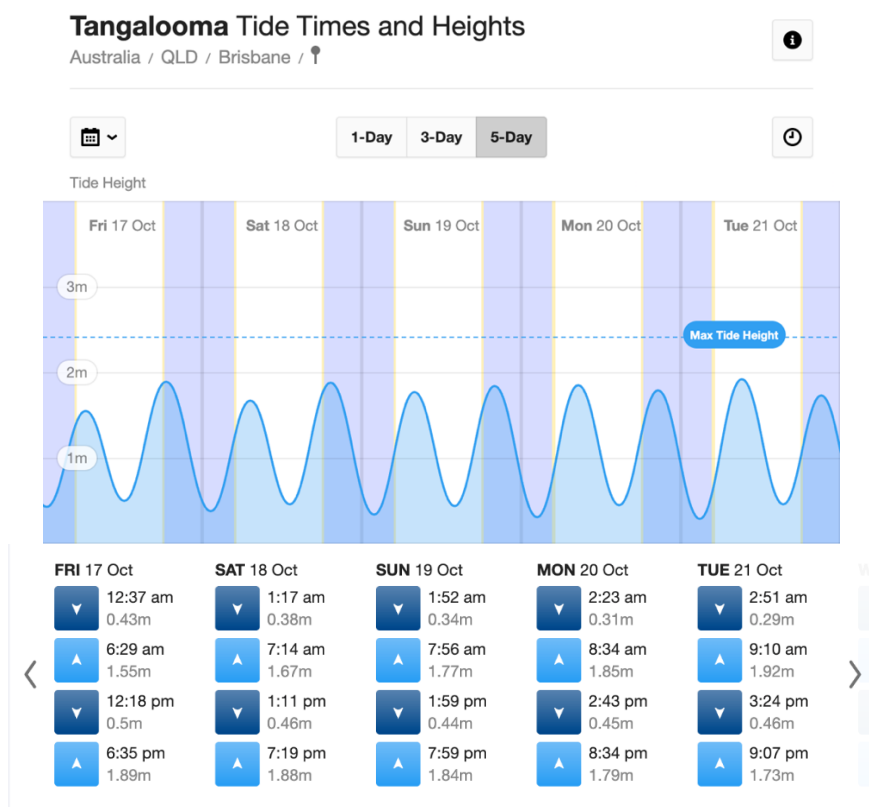
For those driving to Bribie we recommend launching at the MRQ (VMR) on Bribie Island. It is a good ramp with a pontoon between two ramps, and ample parking for cars and trailers. It can be problematic with adverse wind and tidal flow. Alternatively, straight across the passage at Sandstone Point is Spinnaker Sound Marina, located on the left a kilometre or so before the Bribie Bridge. This has a sandy beach adjacent the ramp which is ideal for those not experienced in pontoon manoeuvres at busy boat ramps (it is very sheltered, but has no pontoon). I often pull out there when wind and tide is unfavourable at the MRQ. It is also only a few minutes' cruise to the Sandstone Point Hotel.

Alternatively, boating to Bribie/Tangalooma, if the weather forecast is less than 10-15 knots then Scarborough area is ideal spot to launch as Bribie is a quick skip across Deception Bay, and Tangalooma directly across the Bay. There are 2 public ramps, one at VMR (recommended) and one next to the Moreton Bay Boat Club.

Other launching alternatives are either Manly South (Lota) boat ramp or Manly North (VMR) boat ramps which have excellent parking and pontoon facilities. Further good ramps for Tangalooma can be found anywhere from Bribie through Scarborough to Shorncliffe or even the Brisbane River depending on what area you are travelling from.

Fuel: Please note that Tangalooma is a good 50-minute run across from Manly and it is wise to have adequate fuel reserves on board. Calculate what you need + 30%

Tides:



Routing (from Navionics):

Sylvan Beach to Bulwer: 20.2Nm

Bulwer to Tangalooma: 2.1Nm

Tangalooma to Pacific Harbour, Bribie: 22.4Nm

Manly to Tangalooma: 21.1Nm

Points to Note:

Beware of sandbanks, shallow areas, rocks, markers, and wrecks. It is Mid-tide on Saturday at 9.00am on a **falling** tide so make sure you keep an eye on your depth!! Remember when approaching shallow locations, it is best to do that on a rising tide (rather than the possibility of having to wait till the next high tide to refloat)!!

Bring the Aeroguard or Mozzie coils for Saturday night as bites may be present.

Plan B: If the weather is not conducive to a trip across to Bulwer and Tangalooma, we will spend the day visiting Toorbul and Donnybrook, returning to Pacific Harbour for the night.

Contacts:

Monitor radio on Channel **VHF 72**.

MRQ Bribie (VMR 73)

Emergency Channels VHF: 16 27MHz: 88

Trip Coordinator

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Jon's mobile number is 0400 240 402 for those wanting to reach us off radio. Hope to see you there!!

Any queries please contact me
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