Whittley Club Qld

Another Awesome Brisbane River trip

8th-10th September 2023

Come and join Whittley Club Qld and follow the path of John Oxley for a western adventure of upstream Brisbane River. (Tip: You will need to be **observant** as there will be an activity).





Kookaburra Park - West Karana Downs

Launching and Retrieval location: Jindalee Boat Ramp, Mt Ommaney Drive, Jindalee

GENERAL INFO

At both anchorages, there's lovely parks with BBQ's and public toilets.

There are no café's nearby so BYO food and drinks. We will have the option of Pizza delivery on Saturday night. It's almost a new moon so bring torches! And the aero guard!!!

The river will have some debris, so we need to keep a good lookout. It's likely we'll be travelling slowly on the plane.

The Brisbane River is officially navigable to our destination (refer to Beacon to Beacon or Navionics). The Brisbane River guide from Beacon to Beacon can also be downloaded from the following link https://www.msq.qld.gov.au/beacon-to-beacon-guides/moreton-bay-guides The average depth of the river is 7m. We will be travelling at low tide at times, so we'll need to keep to the centre of the river. On the curves, the river is deepest on the outer edge and sandbanks form on the inner curve. So two thirds across the river is the sweet spot on the curves.

Tenders or a friend with a tender (we will be your friend) are essential for this trip as all destinations only have canoe ramps and no pontoons or sandy beaches.

The boat ramp at Jindalee has a pontoon but no bridge!! (2022 Flood damage) this means we will need to co-ordinate tender transfers for carparking and boat anchoring. Please advise on the day of your arrival time.

The boat ramp at Jindalee is subject to tidal flow. Boat retrieval will be affected by the outgoing tide and if you wait to low tide at 1:38pm I can't vouch for the ramp. We aim to be back by 11a.m. Tender transfers will be required.

We'll be crossing the Moggill Ferry cables. Things are different in QLD, we actually need to advise the ferry and wait for them to lower the cables and give clearance to cross at 6 knots. If you are separated from the group and need to cross use VHF 13 to call the Ferry operator.

Friday 8th

JASKaT will be launching from the Jindalee Boat Ramp on the south bank of Brisbane River on Mt Ommaney Drive just west of the Jindalee bridge on the Western Freeway. If you are launching on Friday, this will be a laid-back evening. Maybe cook a BBQ dinner in the picnic area. SeaDuced and Ameena also plan to launch Friday after lunch (coordinate times through Facebook).

Saturday 9th

For Saturday arrivals, please launch by 9.30 am for departure at 10 am.

We're going all the way to the end of the navigable portion of the Brisbane River. Lunch is on the north bank at Kookaburra Park near Colleges Crossing.

The distance is 27km but we'll be travelling slower than usual to take in the sights, with the occasional stop on the way. Just on planning speed. 35Km?? We'll work out the details on the day. Plan for 1.5 hours travel.

Depending on the river flow, we may do a tender run for the 2 Km to take us to colleges crossing, a great place to visit, very picturesque. Bring tender fuel.

In the afternoon, we return to Joseph Brady Park for sundowners from 4pm. This is a 7km run back to the entrance of the Bremer River.

The recommended anchorage is about 50m south from the park on the west bank of the river.

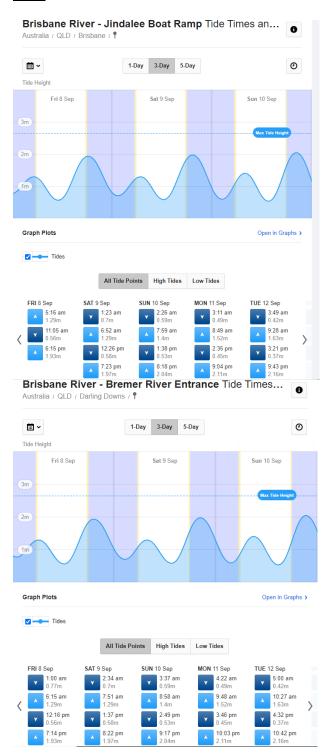
We'll use the BBQ shed and have dinner together.

Sunday 10th

For those who wish to join, the day will start with a BYO BBQ cook up breakfast on shore. From here the day is yours. JASKaT will be aiming to arrive back at the boat ramp around 11am. We managed to launch and retrieve ourselves, but it is advisable that we pair up to assist with retrieval.

You may want to explore the Bremer River, it has different 'feel' to the Brisbane River, it's narrower and shallower, the banks are steeper and the house blocks are smaller. At low tide, you may be able to get to the Warrego highway. On a high tide, JASKaT made it all the way into the Ipswich City Centre. A true, 'once in a lifetime' experience. There is a high tide on early Sunday for those that are adventurous.

Tides





Notes

1/ Radio: VHF channel 72

2/ While travelling on this river be aware of ski boats etc. Keep your required distance (30m) while passing.

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Please feel free to call for any further information.

Trip Coordinators, Tony and Kim Pullen (JASKaT)

The Launch and Retrieval Site



A pontoon with NO BRIDGE or gangway, the barge has gone.



The overnight Destination



The view from the point at Jospeh Brady, the Moggill Ferry is on the top RHS.

