

Christmas in July Weekend

Coochiemudlo Island 19-20 July 2025

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After a memorable Christmas in July at Coochiemudlo last year, we are going back to this beautiful island and Chef Joe, who catered such a delicious meal in 2024. He has recently opened 'Viva Coochie', in a beautiful venue less than 5 minutes' walk from shore.

Viva brings fresh energy to a much-loved venue (was Oasis Resort) and has quickly become a social hub for islanders and visitors alike.

Although the weekend starts on Saturday, for the Early Birds that may want to arrive on Friday, the following is available at your leisure

Friday 18th July

For those who have the day off, please join us for lunch at Macleay Island Hotel at 12:30pm.

We will travel back to Coochie after lunch for a relax and sundowners on the beach at 4pm – bring some nibbles to share. Dinner can be self-catered on our boats or enjoyed at the Beach Bar (pizzas are good).

Saturday 19th July

Every year, Coochiemudlo celebrates Matthew Flinders historical landing on the island, on 19 July 1799, with a re-enactment attended by naval cadets and their own Matthew Flinders. The Flinders Day Markets are on today between 9am-1pm on the foreshore, next to where we will be anchored. The re-enactment is a lot of fun to watch.

Breakfast &/or lunch can be had on our boats, at Curlew Café, or the markets- stalls will have sausages, burgers and drinks available.

Come for a walk around the island with us before lunch - it doesn't take long!

Christmas in July Dinner 19th July- Main Event

Head up to Viva Coochie, 49 Tageruba St, for a 5pm start.

Dress code – Christmas Casual – there will be a prize for the best Christmas attire!

SECRET SANTA – we will organize secret santa for all adults who are coming along. A gift, serious or silly, up to \$15 value, one per person. Please wrap and address it to the person you're given to buy for.

FOOD – the Whittley Club is subsidizing our meal which reduces the price to \$35 per head for entrée and main. See the back page for menu choices which need to be emailed through with payment.

DRINK – for purchase at the bar

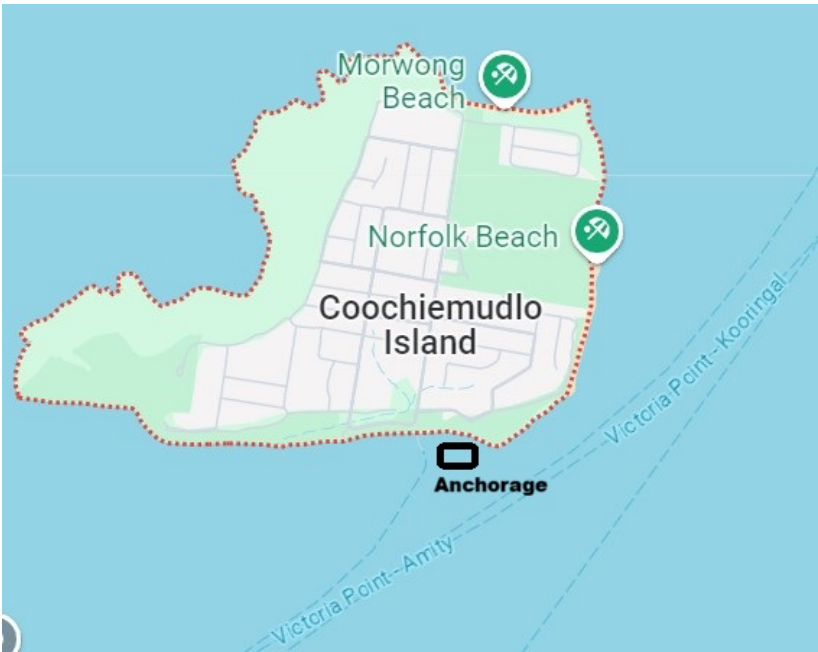
Sunday 20th July

No plans today apart from enjoying island vibes and each other's company.

Launching & Retrieval - We will be launching from Redland Bay boat ramp around 08:00am to avoid the bottom of the tide (09:50 at Coochie). Alternatives are Raby Bay and Manly, which have more parking.

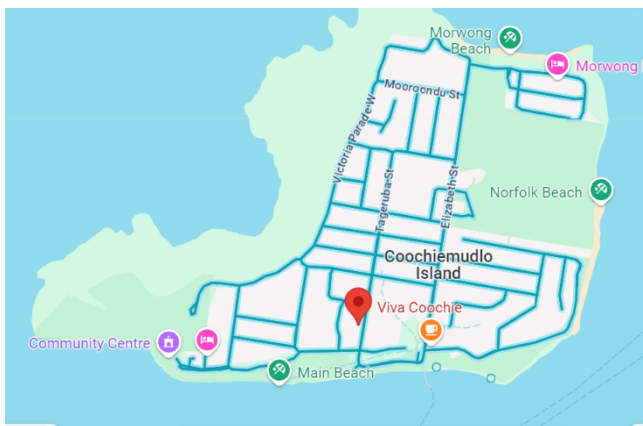


Anchorage – The southern side of the Island and east of the passenger ferry terminal. Be careful of ferries, car and passenger, that are very frequent.





Photos from Christmas in July 2024



Viva Coochie Menu

Entree

- **Thai Pumpkin Soup with crusty bread**
OR
- **Calamari Burrida - Calamari, garlic, Napoli sauce, chilli, parsley and sourdough bread**

Main

- **Chicken Gamberetti – Pan fried chicken breast, prawns, garlic, mushrooms flamed with white wine, Napoli cream sauce, potato mash & sautéed vegetables.**
OR
- **Barramundi – Pan fried crispy skin fillet, cherry tomatoes, olives, capers, garlic flamed with champagne, rustic potatoes and snow peas**

Please email Vanessa and Michael at ladeda.magrath@gmail.com with your menu choice and the names of those attending, and deposit your payment of \$35 per person, to Whittley Club Qld by Monday 7 July.

Whittley Club Qld
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