



Whitbits

November 2025

Welcome to the latest edition of Whitbits (better late than never)!
So many happenings since the last edition – where to start.

Commodore's Corner

Well, here we are — the end of the year is in sight, and we have a new committee at the helm... what could possibly go wrong?

I'd like to extend a sincere thank you to **Jon Heales** and the outgoing committee for their dedication and leadership, leaving the club in such great shape. A special mention goes to **Tim and Julie** — not only for their valuable contributions to the previous committee, but also for the outstanding job they did organising the **2025 Whittley Club Rally**. While they'll be taking a well-earned break this year, we'd love to see their knowledge, dedication, and commitment back on the committee in a year or two.

Please join me in welcoming our new team:

- **Commodore:** Kelvin Deasy
- **Vice Commodore:** Michael Magrath
- **Secretary:** Vanessa Magrath
- **Treasurer:** Kim Pullen
- **Committee Members:** Jon Heales, Kevin Adams, Tony Pullen & Jason Johnstone

We're looking forward to a fantastic year ahead with this passionate and capable group!

If you have any questions for myself or any of the committee members, please feel free to reach out — we're here to help.



WCQ 25/26 Committee

RECAP:

Aug 22-24 South Bribie Passage

Sept 8-12 **National Rally 2025**

Sept 12-14 Brisbane River

Sept 14-21 Keppel Islands

Sept 27 WCQ AGM

Oct 17-19 Bribie Donnybrook

Nov 14-16 Gold Coast (cancelled)





Whitbits Submissions – if ever you have a funny story or meme, photos or interesting boating info you think could be used in Whitbits, please email Vanessa Magrath - secretary@clubwhittleyqld.org.au

Trip Reports

August 2025 Southern Bribie Passage (Jon & Kim Heales)

The crew gathered at Sylvan Beach for sundowners on the Friday night and were gifted a stunning sunset. On Saturday morning they had a presentation on navigating the Bribie Passage and Northern Moreton Bay by VMR and motored up to Mission Beach for a sausage sizzle and bonfire later that day. Brilliant weather as you can see!





September 2025 National Rally Sanctuary Cove Qld

Coordinators - Tim & Julie Bosgra

Leading up to the rally, the committee had just a few hurdles along the way....a cyclone forcing a postponement, re booking venues, refunds for those not able to make the new date and lastly discovering a few weeks out that the venue for the gala dinner had shut down! I might have momentarily panicked while the rest of the awesome team kept their cool, as we put our heads together for a solution and in the end our solution was better than our original plan! On the first day of the rally, the team eagerly took their posts, Jon and Kim on welcome bbq, the boys split between car parking, launching and docking with the help of Phil and Annette and the girls taking care of registrations. We had 36 boats and 76 people attend. We enjoyed nightly dinners at various venues, daily boat excursions to the Spit, Boatworks or Tipplers, great lunches, a trivia night and a gala night to remember onboard 'The Lady' cruising up the Coomera river while we danced the night away while being entertained by the band "The Hitmen". Jon eagerly handed the rally flag over to the Melbourne Commodore at the end of the night! Prizes were organised by Kelvin and Vicki and they did such a great job, Kelvin was later promoted to commodore at the AGM a few weeks after the rally!



WHAT'S THAT OVER THERE?



IS THAT THE WEEKEND I
SEE?

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**** National Rally 2025 ****
A spectacular week on our
stunning GC waterways!!





Sept 2025 Brisbane River Post Rally Trip (Michael & Vanessa Magrath)

Starting off, the weather was a little gloomy, with a SE chop moving across the river, so the group decided to spend Friday night snuggled up at Rivergate Marina. Saturday morning all 8 boats headed upstream to Southbank and the CBD, picking up another Whittley on the way, a lovely new couple coming out on their first Club event. A stop off for a short wander and cuppa on the bridge, overlooking the city was next on the agenda; before heading back downstream to the Powerhouse for a relaxing lunch and chat. We anchored near Northshore and headed by foot over to Eat Street for dinner. Our interstate guests enjoyed some of the many meals on offer, while kicking back, listening to the music and hilarious entertainment.



Sept 2025 Keppel Islands Post Rally Trip (Jon & Kim Heales)

The Weather Gods shone down on the Keppels trip as 13 boats made the trip up to Rosslyn Bay (2 from NSW, 6 from Victoria, and 5 from Qld). An overnight stop was made on the way to break the journey at Gin Gin. The last leg was not without incident; a broken spring on Jaminji 2 resulted in temporary roadside repairs, with everyone pitching in with jacks and straps.





We gathered at the Keppel Bay Marina for dinner, planning, and getting to know one another. Fueled and provisioned, the boats headed for Fishermans Bay where captains and crew went ashore to explore the island and swim in the pristine waters. At the end of the day everyone gathered at the Great Keppel Island Hideway Bar for drinks and nibbles. A calm night was had at Fishermans Bay. Thursday saw a move to Monkey Beach where the intrepid explores went snorkeling, walking and fishing. A calm night was had after drinks. Overnight on Friday was a little rocky due to the North Easterly swell wrapping around the headlands. The crew took to tenders to take advantage of the high tide to explore Leeke's Creek and make their way through the mangrove passages to the Homestead. The flotilla returned to Monkey Bay for the last night on the island. Last drinks and nibbles were held on the beach amid the luring tunes from our beach speakers as we watched the dancing girls and the sun go down.





Oct 2025 Bribie Passage Donnybrook (Jon & Kim Heales)

Three boats rafted up at Sylvan Beach, for drinks, nibbles and a sing along with our resident musician, Peter. Kevin from Salty Kisses paid a brief visit. A tender trip to pick up fish and chips sorted out dinner before the sing along. A pleasant night was disturbed by a savage wash from a passing non-Whittley boat around 5am saw Lady in Red separate from the raft-up. Nev'r Say Nev'r arrived early Saturday in time for breakfast on board. After breakfast, the fleet charted a course to Bongaree where the famed Kenilworth bakery delivered with awesome doughnuts and pies. After that Lady in Red led the way to their old stamping ground at Donnybrook. Quiz question; where did the Commodore and the Commodorable meet and fall in love??

The Commodore made a call to weigh anchors with storms pending and the wind starting to blow, so the group headed to the safety of Jon and Kim's pontoon at Pacific Harbour. Drinks, nibbles, and dinner snacks accompanied Kim's espresso martinis and passionfruit mojito's. A fun weekend was had by all!



Merchandise

In case you aren't aware, the website has been updated with WCQ merchandise you can order.

<https://whittleyclubqld.godaddysites.com/merchandise>

Or you can grab a bargain and take advantage of some old stock that Vicki is holding - the following:

- 1 x M polo shirt \$40
- 1 x 2XL polo shirt \$40
- 1 x M Grey/maroon hoodies \$55
- 1 x L Grey/maroon hoodies \$55
- 1 x XL Grey/maroon hoodies \$55



Safety First

With summer upon us it is a timely reminder to check all of our safety equipment:

Epirb, Flares x2 Red & x2 Orange smoke, Fire Fighting equipment, Torch, Latern, Glow Sticks, 'V'Sheet, Life Jackets Level 100, 150 & 275, Anchor, Paper Charts, Compass, Drinking water, Oars or Paddles and Pumping or bailing equipment.

In relation to training for 2026 the club will be investigating training in Senior First Aid/CPR, Radio Operators Course and Bar Crossings, Anchoring, Map/Chart Reading.

Maintenance Blog

One of benefits of having a Whittley boat is the versatility to take it to any destination you desire, whether this is for a short local day trip or an extended longer journey interstate. Let's face it, we all want to get out & have an enjoyable experience, so part of making this happen is preventive maintenance & boat trailers are a critical component.

FYI, most tyre manufacturers give a five-year warranty on their tyres & it is recommended to replace these around this time & no longer than six years regardless of kilometres travelled. Valve stems are also worth having a good look at as I personally have had to replace these after three to four years of age. Wheel bearings & brake components should be checked & inspected annually & hydraulic fluids are recommended to be replaced around two to three years as they can absorb moisture reducing their performance.

So below is a list of key areas to inspect & a friendly reminder to just take a few minutes to have look around your trailer prior to embarking on your next trip.

Safe & enjoyable boating everyone.



BOAT TRAILER MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check & Service Wheel Bearings |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inspect Brakes |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Test Lights & Wiring |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check Tyres |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inspect Coupling & Safety Chains |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Look for Signs of Corrosion |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lubricate Moving Parts |  |