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We also Welcome two new committee members, Tony French and Daryl Ayson and hope to hear lots of new ideas and input from these fresh faces.

Commodore's Message

Welcome to our latest edition of 'Whit-Bits', and my first as your newly elected Commodore.

As most of you are already aware, we held our AGM for 2017 on August 26th at The Manly Hotel and had a wonderful turn out with so many members attending!! We were very sad of course to see Garth and Mim O'Flynn step down from their current positions as Commodore and Secretary, due to following their dreams of purchasing a wonderful larger boat. They will be sorely missed from these roles but are still willing to help with organising some future events and also for our upcoming Rally in 2018. But I take this opportunity to once again thank them both for their hard work and ongoing work and friendship to Club Whittley Queensland.



It is also my pleasure to introduce myself as your new Commodore, and I have included a small Bio for those of you who do not know too much about me. Also at this year's AGM we have a new Vice Commodore, Julian Cox and a new Secretary, Jane Houghton.

Julian is already chomping at the bit to put some fresh ideas out there for Club Members to enjoy in the upcoming year with the Club. And Jane, the forever organised 'Miss Jane' (Secretary) will surely be an asset to the Clubs Committee.



We have had quite a few new members this last 12 months and it was wonderful to see some of those at the AGM and dinner on Saturday night and put some faces to names. We hope the Club meets all of your expectations and you have a wonderful year ahead with us.



As your new Commodore I am thankful to have this exciting opportunity to offer yet another fantastic year with all our upcoming events, especially the Queensland Rally in April 2018.

We will however be looking for volunteers to help with this event as it is a huge function to organise and thankfully we have the wonderful Antonia Riley already



with venue and itinerary programs in place for the 4 days. We are still hoping to get some sponsors to make this Rally one of the most exciting Rally's that

Whittley has seen yet, as I am sure you are all hoping to see this too.



Commodore's Message cont.

We do have an eventful and exciting few months ahead though, with our next trip "Whale Watching" co-ordinated by Mark Arnold, who isn't on the Committee but is willing to put his hand up to organise such a great trip. We also have an exciting trip planned for the Sept/Oct long weekend to Hervey Bay for those who are interested. Following those fantastic trips, Rob Wood will be hosting an Octoberfest themed trip at the end of October at Peel Island (as always will be weather permitting). All of these trips do take a little bit of planning and I thank again all of those who put their hands up to assist.



Please feel free to contact me via phone 0401 365 266 or email on brischick066@gmail.com with any questions or concerns you may have.

Deb Wood

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Whittley Old National Rally
2018



Editors Comments

Dear Members,

Wow! How exciting to see the new Club Committee for 2017/18 and the great trips that will be in the planning, keep a watch on our web page for an updated Calendar of Events. Also the excitement is building up for the 2018 Rally being held on our "door step" at Couran Cove Resort. A Rally update was given to our members at the AGM and currently we are sitting at 53 expressions of interest 😊 Registrations will be sent out towards the end of October, so keep an eye out in your email "in" box.

Please feel free to email me at any time if you have something of interest to be included in future editions. Topics include:

- ❖ Club Events Reports
- ❖ A recent trip
- ❖ Boating tips
- ❖ Photos
- ❖ Funny stories
- ❖ Recipes



Antonia
EDITOR

*Submissions
for December
Newsletter by
7 December*

Calendar of Events 2017

DATE	VENUE	CO-ORDINATOR
September 9th - 10th	Whale Watching Tiplers Passage	Mark Arnold
Sept/Oct 30th - 2nd	Hervey Bay	Mark Arnold
October 21st - 22nd	Oktoberfest: Moreton Bay	Rob Wood
November 11th - 12th	Days Gutter Moreton Island	Garth O'Flynn
December 2nd	Christmas Lunch Ramada Hotel Hope Harbour	Mim O'Flynn

*Watch this space for new
"exciting" events for 2018*



*Did you
Know!*



*Leonardo De
Vinci invented
the "scissors"*



Treasurer's Report



Hi Club Whittley Members.

Tax time is the busiest time of the year for finances and the Whittley Club is no exception. We have all the Club Whittley memberships due as at the 31st June and the AGM on 26th Aug.



The planning for the Rally is proceeding very well and looks like it will be an exciting adventure for all those participating.

The Club has paid a deposit of \$2,000.00 to the venue (Couran Cove Resort) to reserve positions for all attending the Rally.

For those of you who have shown expressions of interest to attend the Qld Club Whittley Rally in April 2018, I hope you have been planning and saving your dollars each week to help meet the cost of the rally when it becomes due.



The balance of the interest bearing account stands at \$7,093.90 and the working account balance as at the 18th August 2017 is \$3,292.96 making a grand total of \$10,386.86.

As of the 18th August there are only **36 weeks** to the Qld Rally so get yourselves ready for a fantastic long weekend with like-minded boaties from Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland.

Safe boating.



Judy Oxley
TREASURER

Wow! Count down is on 😊



“Wrap-Up”

Report by Garth and Mim O’Flynn

As you are no doubt aware by now, Mim and I have decided to stand down from the Committee this year.



Mim has spent 8 years on the Committee with the last 6 as Club Secretary whilst I have completed 7 years on the Committee having held the positions of Treasurer, Vice Commodore and Commodore.



It has been our absolute pleasure to serve you the members throughout those years and to have the opportunity to get to know many of you so much better.

We will remain active members of the Club and plan to run trips and help out when and wherever we can.

For those that were not able to attend the AGM, I outlined the Clubs achievements over the past 12 months and I will summarise those again here: -

- Membership Numbers remained static at 87 boats
- Monthly trips were well attended, although half of them were weather interrupted. Only 1 needed to be cancelled, 1 was deferred a week and a couple had plans/destinations changed.



- Our Events (Christmas Lunch, Christmas in July & AGM) were all well supported with attendance up on previous years
- We continued to subsidise major events – those attending all events would have received subsidies in excess of the annual membership subscription!
- The Club made a profit for the first time in 4 years!
- Plans for the Whittley Rally 2018 are well advanced with over 50 expressions of interest!
- Our new Club logo has been approved . . .

We would like to congratulate and welcome in the new Committee and feel that with Deb and Julian at the helm we have a strong balance of people and personalities to steer our Club forward over the next few years.

We wish them and all the Committee every success.



Weather Report

Report by Robert Wood



Hello Boaties,

for these articles are to hopefully add a little something
My name is Robert Wood, and I am a Committee Member with the Whittley Boat Club. I work for the Defence



Services Branch of Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) at Amberley Airbase & have been a meteorologist for 30 years. The reason more to everyone's weather knowledge, with the ultimate goal of keeping everyone safe. Always make sure to check the latest marine weather forecasts/warnings from BoM before setting off.

<http://www.bom.gov.au/marine/index.shtml>

This edition of the weather corner will be to talk about what I & many of us do to choose which weekends we go boating. The problem with boating weather is, in general it doesn't always line up with our weekends or normal days off. Weather forecasting has become more reliable and for planning purposes very good as far out as 3 weeks. But once it's within 10 days, the accuracy increases to greater than 70% and within a week as much as 90%. One of the jokes of meteorologists is that our forecasts are never really wrong it was just that the timing was off a bit!



<http://www.whittleymarine.com/>



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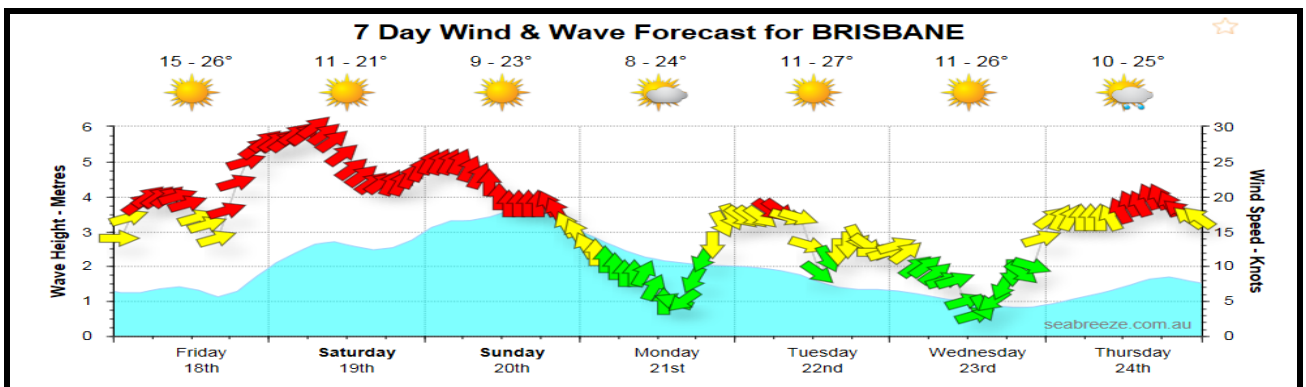


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<http://www.volvopenta.com/volvopenta/australia/en-au/Pages/pentahome.aspx>

The below charts are an indication of the overall forecast from Seabreeze, normally the first look for many of us. Seabreeze uses 1 of 3 global weather models & in this example is using the GFS model. See fig 2 for a rough estimated area for seabreezes forecast areas (approx. 50km squared). The winds indicated on fig 1 shows a high average of the entire area. See fig 4 for the actual forecasted winds at 7am on Saturday morning 19th for the Brisbane area. By looking at fig 4 there is almost always somewhere that is protected, especially in the bay, which is generally a safer area.

Fig 1



Weather Report – cont.

Fig 4 is from a great free source site Brisbane Storm Chasers or BSCH at <http://stormcast.com.au/stormcast.html>.



This site was featured in a previous newsletter but in brief this site is great to investigate what the winds will really be doing. By going to the link in step 1 click capitals then Brisbane. Then step 2 make sure that you are using

the latest model run (refresh website and click down on latest on next visit). Step 3 and 4 are three hourly rainfall accumulation and 10m wind speeds respectively. Finally step 5 is choosing the time frame your interested in.



Fig 2

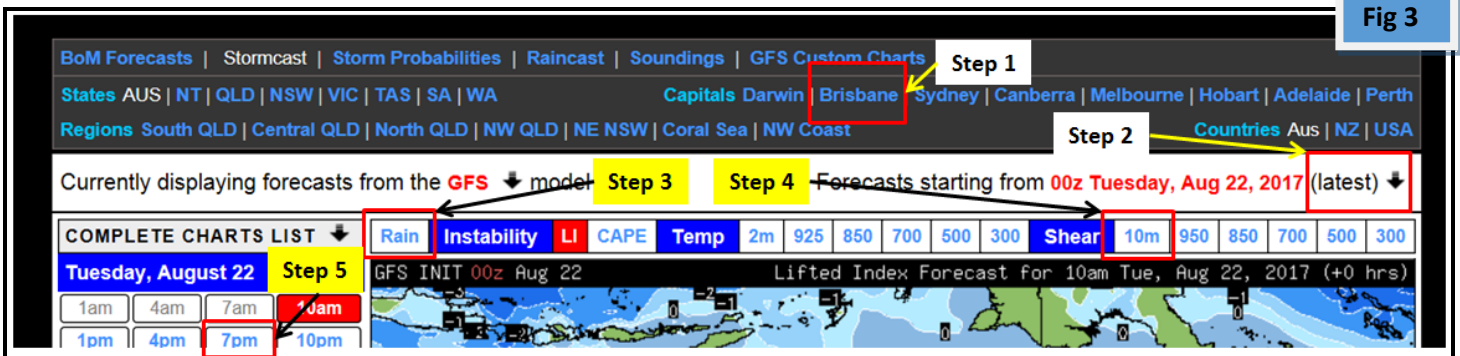


Fig 3

Fig 4 shows a comparison to the averaged wind speeds above in the seabreeze depiction at 7am on Saturday 19th. Wind speeds along the coast are much lower & can sometimes confuse those looking at seabreeze. If Seabreeze is all green it's a go! If its yellow take caution & red investigate more or go shopping instead of boating! So a little further investigation shows why there can be large differences in wind speeds.

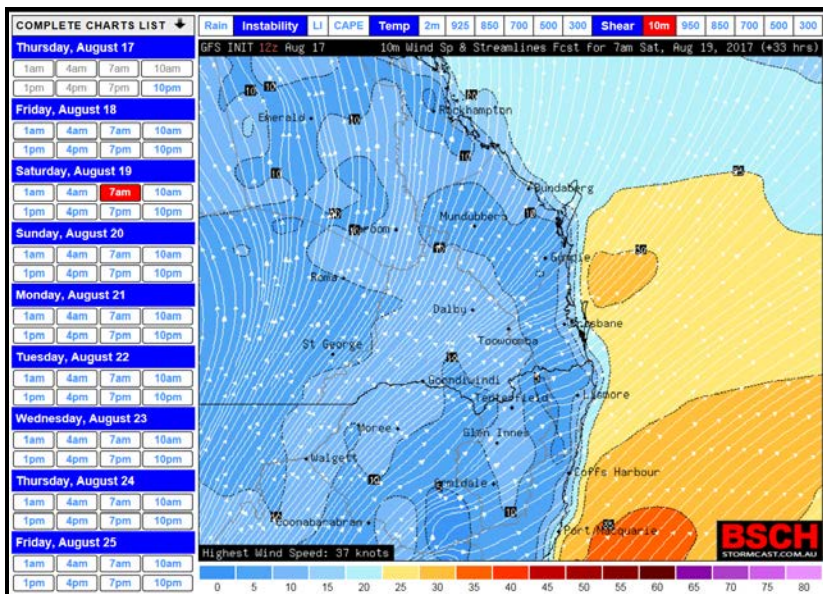


Fig 4

As always please keep up to date with the latest forecasts and warnings from the BoM. I will continue to discuss other types of weather data and some useful sites most used in future newsletters.



Safe Boating to all!

Robert



Tech-Bits

Segment by Julian Cox



“Alternate solution to expensive GPS plotter”

Hi Guys and hope the boating weather has been kind to you over the last few months.

In this article we’re talking about GPS’s & an alternate type that is available at a relatively low price.



Those of you that know me understand that spares and redundant bits of equipment are big on my priority list and one of our more important items is the GPS.

I have a dedicated GPS plotter (the type with the chart) and built in depth sounder mounted underneath the hard top which is very convenient and works well. Of course we need a spare (keep nodding!) and mine was mounted directly in front of the steering wheel, in a less than ideal position.



This unit recently died and not being comfortable without a spare I started looking for its replacement. I wanted something with an 8”

screen but the prices were very expensive, typically more than \$1500. Then I thought, why spend all that money on something that would be hard to see anyway?



I then realised that I already had an 8” Samsung Tablet and that many boaties and yachties are using this new technology in the form of Apps on their iOS (Apple iPad etc) and Android devices.

I downloaded a free version of the Navionics App and was amazed at how simple and detailed both the charts and features were. Note that the unit doesn’t need internet when on your boat.

Once the 2 week “free” period ended I bought the full version for \$85 which has a future renewal fee of only \$45. Keep in mind this includes all beacon updates and a host of really cool features.



I was sold ! Now how to mount the damn thing on my dash !

“Ram mounts” was the answer. This is an American company specializing in mounting these types of gadgets to anything. Suction cups, rail mounts, you name it, they had it and very durable as well.



I chose the adjustable ball joint model which is sturdy and provides for fully adjustable positioning.

I then removed the old unit and got busy making a special in- fill to cover the hole. Using a router and some epoxy filler, primer and paint over the counter sunk bolts produced a great result that resembles fibreglass but at a fraction of the hassle and cost



The end result was a system that I could now easily read from the driving position that was also removable to allow for future planning and checking out new spots. I am in the process of adding a flush mount USB charger so battery lifetime shouldn’t be a problem.



One of the best features of this App is the Auto route feature. You simply select Point A, then Point B and

the unit will automatically create a route between these points using your draft, tell you the distance and even estimate the fuel usage for the trip based on your pre-entered info. Follow the blue line and off you go!

I’ve now logged more than 5,500 km’s on this boat and this setup would have made many of these miles much, much easier.

This will really open up options for future planning of trips and can’t wait to use it on the Tin Can Bay trip at the end of September.

If anyone is interested I can provide more detail/costs and can demo some of the features on a future trip for those that are keen.



Member Profile:

Deb Wood

Many of you already know me through the Club, but will just do a little bit about myself for those of you who don't know a lot about me.



My husband (Rob) and I met approximately 13 years ago and we married in Germany in 2005. I have been involved with boats since my early 20's and owned many different boats over the years, but Rob had never been boating until I convinced him to join me in a life on the water and we purchased our first boat together in 2007 being a "Coxcraft Rumrunner." We enjoyed very short trips around Moreton Bay over the years but this convinced us to move into something a little more comfortable and reliable & bought our 1st Whittley 2080 in 2013.



We joined the Whittley Club and our life has changed so much. We both love boating and love all the places that the Club has given us the opportunity to try as we would never have ventured so far without the safety of the Club with us. We have met lots of new people and made some amazing friendships within the Club.

I became Vice Commodore 2 years ago and have enjoyed being part of a great team as well as a great Club and this has now put me hopefully in good stead to be your Commodore.

I do have a lot to learn in this role and beg your patience and some guidance from my wonderful team and Club Members to make this an experience of a lifetime and to tag you all along on this wonderful adventure with me.

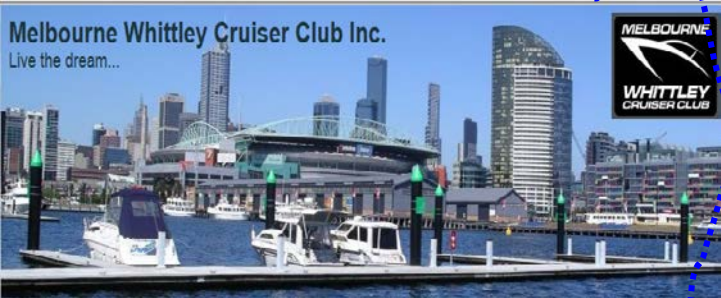
Safe Boating and see you all on the water again soon.



Interested in taking your Whittley boat onto interstate waterways? Check out and subscribe to both the Melbourne Whittley Cruiser Club and the Whittley Club NSW and keep up-to-date with their water activities ☺



<https://whittleyclubnsw.com/>



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



"That settles it. We either get a bigger boat, or cut back on the fishing equipment."



Cooking on Boats

Segment by Debbie Wood



So, fellow Whittlians, in this issue I have decided to give you a lovely recipe for cooking a fresh Flathead that we all seem to want to catch and eat.

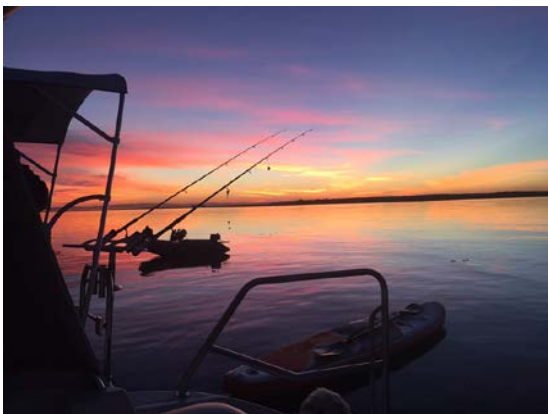
This is one of my favourite fish's to catch and cook up in the frypan so have decided to share a simple but tasty recipe for you all to try the next time a Flathead throws itself upon your hook.

It's very simple and most of us have these simple ingredients on the boat somewhere

Bon appetite!!



**Wow! Nice
flattie Rob**



Chili Flathead Fillets

Ingredients:

- Skinless flathead fillets
- 2/3 cup plain flour
- 1 Tbls sea salt flakes
- 2 tsp chili flakes
- Grapeseed oil (or you can use coconut oil or olive)

Method:

Mix all dry ingredients together in a bowl or shallow plant and roll your flathead fillets in it.

Heat oil in frypan and cook till browned on both sides.

Serve with a nice aioli sauce (pre-made or store bought) and a tossed salad on the side

OR

Serve with fresh bread and butter and a nice glass of white



Member Profile:

Julian Cox

Welcome to your 97th Issue of Club Whittley Qld's Newsletter.

Some of you may know me as the man who doesn't need a ladder. Some of you may know me as the man with the two gorgeous girls and a lovely hungarian wife.



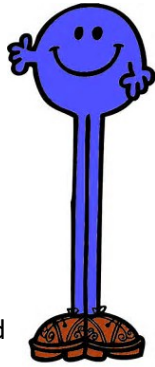
However, you all now know me as your new Vice Commodore for 2016/17 so I'll tell you all a bit more about myself for those that do not know me and for those I have not got around to meeting as yet.

I grew up in Brisbane and spent much of my childhood touring Moreton Bay on my parent's 20ft Caribbean half cabin. Those years were filled with crazy camping, snorkeling and family scuba diving adventures around Moreton Island and beyond that have continued with my own family today.

It seemed only natural that following study at uni in electrical engineering that I chose my next stage in life as a scuba diving instructor and managed a Brisbane based dive store for 5 years in the late 90's touring both locally as well as the barrier reef and the South Pacific.



I bought my first boat in 2002, a 6m Quintrex and spent the next 7 years fishing, camping and exploring Moreton Bay and further North. I soon realised that I enjoyed the cruising lifestyle more than not catching fish and bought my current boat, a Cruiser 660 in 2009.

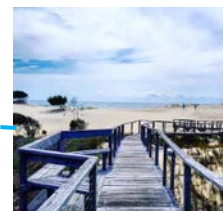
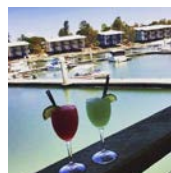


The following 8 years of boating were quite busy with 2 girls joining the crew and many trips from Great Keppel in the North to the Clarence River in the South and many spots in between adding to more than 5,500 kms travelled.



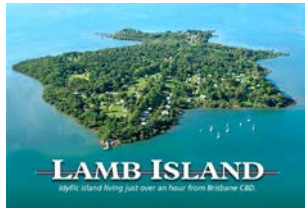
I hope to see all of you on the water over the next 12 months & would love to hear your ideas on what we can all do for our club or ideas for trips and activities.

In the meantime, may there be plenty of water under your prop and safe travels.



Event Report: “Supplies whilst on the Water” (Part 2)

Report by Cy Stringfellow



In the southern bay there are a few options that have residential development.

[Foodworks Macleay](#) is at 121 High Central road with groceries, ice, cold drinks & ice creams and is about 500m walk from the terminal on the southern side. 100m closer is the [Macleay Chemist](#) for first aid supplies: Phone 34095187. The [Blue Parrot Cafe](#) also up the road from the southern terminal is a local legend with coffee, meals and it is licensed.

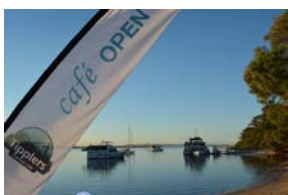
There is a convenience store also on **Lamb**, not far from the terminal. **Karragarra** has a nice beach and swimming enclosure on the north eastern corner but no stores at all.

Russell has an [IGA Supermarket](#) in High Street just a couple of hundred metres up the hill from the terminal at the northern end. On the way up the hill you'll pass [Auntie Alices Cafe](#) which is a short stroll from the jetty and has great meals, coffee and good old fashioned milkshakes.



Going further south? [Couran Cove](#) has casual and upmarket dining options and a marina to park your vessel half way down **South Stradbroke**. If you choose to stay there are discounted marina rates. Bookings are essential for casual marina use, see their website for details and reservations.

If you are looking for something more casual, a burger, chips, drinks, coffee or ice creams, bait or ice, you can access all of these a short distance north of **Couran Cove** at **Tipplers Kiosk**. It will be crowded here over Christmas.



There is also [a new cafe](#), licensed, with great coffee, breakfast, lunch, dinner including the usual breakfast fare plus seafood and steaks, you can see details and menus online.



Jacobs Well is often passed by vessels travelling to and from the Gold Coast via the western route, but it hides a range of easily accessible services. There's a [tavern with bistro](#) and bottlo, bakery and tackle store all across the road. The pub has great meals.



Just North of Jacobs Well is **Calypso Bay Marina** and real estate development. Most go past this as well but it is the access point for [Harrigans Drift Inn Irish pub](#), which has great meals and weekend live entertainment.



Only a mile or two north of Calypso Bay is **Horizon Shores Marina**, the [cafe](#) here has been recently renovated & now offers Espresso Coffee, cold drinks and a range of meals on the outdoor shaded terrace.

At **Cabbage Tree Point**, Steiglitz, there is a small park adjacent the boat ramp and public toilets and a [convenience store](#) across the road with a good range of supplies, food and takeaways.

On the mainland in **Weinam Creek, Redland Bay** within [Pelican Slipways](#) grounds on the southern side of the creek is a terrific cafe with a range of cakes and other treats and sensational views across the nearby bay. There is a mooring area immediately to the south of the entrance to the creek and the creek is accessible by tender. They also have a range of [nautical treasures](#) for sale.



On **Coochiemudlo**, just a short hop from wonders of Horseshoe Bay on Peel is the [Red Rock Café](#) with coffee and modern Australian cuisine. It's across from the shore on the south eastern side. Nearby is the [Coochiemudlo Kiosk](#), ideal for cakes, cold drinks, ice cream, general store type supplies, hotdogs, burgers and chips. It's also on the SE corner and easily accessible. The area is a great anchorage in a NW-NE breeze but does have a fair bit of current on the outgoing tide.

