

WHIT-BITS

January 2023



Committee NEWS:

Due to personal circumstances there has been some changes in committee positions in the last few months. Kim Heales has stepped in again as treasurer for 2023 while Jane moves to general committee.

Communications in 2023...

Jon has set up a fantastic new website and will keep it updated in 2023. I'm sure he will be on the hunt for someone to be 'communications manager' before too long! Check it out...

<http://www.clubwhittleyqld.org.au/>

Email correspondence for newsletter to:

secretary@clubwhittleyqld.org.au

Trip reports:

November: unsurprisingly, our anticipated Moreton Island trip was a no go thanks to unfavourable weather but all was not lost! 13 boats ventured across to Peel Island for a weekend of fun in the sun. Whilst not quite the crystal blue waters of Moreton Island, we all enjoyed swimming and relaxing in Horseshoe Bay.



Dec 3rd Christmas party at **Harrigans Pub, Jacob's Well** was well attended by 31 people. Again the extreme winds prevented any on water activity but did not deter us from gathering outside in the wind to celebrate the end of the year and have a few laughs with our annual award presentations.

And the winners were...

The annual '**Golden Duck**' was awarded to Tony and Kim Pullen (JASKaT for their extreme bravery demonstrated by a 2am swim in the Brisbane river to prevent the sinking of their vessel by a 'forgotten to be placed' bung! For those that missed the occasion of the award presentation, the story goes...2am phone call from JASKaT to Ameena..."HELP...we are sinking" which of course required a tactical response from Tim to tender over to sinking vessel and render assistance. Despite Kim's dire 'sharks in the Brisbane river' warning, Tony did what must be done and went for the dark dive! Despite all expectations he emerged triumphantly with all limbs intact!



The '**most attended trips during 2022**' went to both JASKaT and SeaYa.

The '**most awarded trip of 2022**', being the one voted the favourite trip by the committee went to **Keppel Island** and trip coordinators **Julian and Emeshe**.

The '**most breakdowns for 2022**' was awarded to **Sea duced**...not so lucky to get this award and hoping **Jon and Kim** offload this one in 2023!



And as luck would have it...or big spending on raffle tickets...Kim and Tony also cleaned up in the raffle and took home the major prize – a beach cabana!



And many thanks to **Lisa and Steve** for organising this event!

Dec 10th Bribie Island Christmas
Light parade organised by Jon
saw some amazing displays



Hmm...don't think that is a
Whittley...but very impressive!



Australia Day Jan 26-29th
Koorringal/Peel Island/ LSC

15 boats participated in all or part
of our Australia Day weekend!

We welcomed some new members,
Carol and David on their first club
event and Barry and Debbie who
joined after meeting up with the
club in November.

It was packed with adventure and
some misadventures....We
celebrated Aus day on the beach at
Koorringal with a BBQ lunch and
swimming. 5 Whittley boats
managed a little misadventure with
a little anchor entanglement but all
ended well.



A little drama on the high seas (or
not so high in this case) continued
when Ameena found herself high
and almost dry whilst making our
way from Koorringal to Peel Island.
Many thanks to Tony P for
swimming from the safety of his
boat to Ameena and Vanessa and
Michael who came back to
eventually tow Ameena to deeper
water while the boys in the water
rocked her free before the falling
tide left her well and truly dry.
Great team effort and one of the

many benefits of boating with the Whittley club! Saturday lunch at LSC was spectacular, followed by more swimming.



Future date markers:

- **Feb 18-19:** Bribie to Caloundra inside passage
- **Mar 11-12th** NOTE: location change to Gold Coast since we have just been to Koorringal!
- **Mar 16-20th 2023 (and likely a few days either side)** NSW National Rally Myall Lakes.

Hopefully if you are planning on going you have registered by now...if not please contact Whittley Club NSW ASAP!

WHITTLEY CLUB NSW
2023 RALLY - MYALL LAKES
16TH MARCH - 20TH MARCH

4 Nights
All Meals Included (BYO breakfast)
Gala Event with entertainment
Beach BBQ & activities
Explore the beautiful Myall Lakes system - Beautiful sandy shores, campgrounds, rainforest walks, walking trails, perfect sunsets, perfect seclusion.

BACK TO NATURE !

Register Now
email: rally2023@whittleyclubnsw.com
Join us on Facebook for updates

**NB: MAY TWEED RIVER
TRIP DATE CHANGE TO 27-28TH
MAY!**

Merchandise:

The committee is aware that we need to re-stock and look at some new apparel. We hope to have something to offer by Xmas in July.

Training:

In the past the club has organised training courses at various VMR establishments.

Remember that you must hold a marine radio operators' licence to use a VHF radio.

Given the age demographic of the club, first aid training is also recommended. If there are enough interested members in the club we can arrange something at either Bribie Island VMR in the north or Cleveland VMR in the south.

Remember the onus is on you.

Vice Commodores' Tips

Trailers: It is at least as important to have your trailer serviced as your boat. You will do more miles towing your boat than you will do at sea.

I recommend an annual trailer service with a six-month inspection of bearings and grease. If you look at your discs after a trip and you cannot see the evidence of recent braking (shiny discs), your trailer brakes are probably not functioning.

These boats are heavy and trailer failure can be disastrous.