

# WHIT-BITS

January 2024!



## Committee news:

From all of us on the committee we wish you all a happy 2024 with lots of good weather for boating!

We have not had a committee meeting since September, so not a lot to report on, but happy to advise that a sub-committee for the 2025 national rally has come together, comprising volunteers who have contacted me with their willingness to be involved. Planning is underway... You should all be receiving a 'date saver' soon. We expect this rally to be an awesome event that will not be at the mercy of our unpredictable weather. If you were waiting for the EOI for rally planning and wanting to be involved, I apologise that this did not get sent out as we were able to fill positions required for now. I'm sure the coordinators for each role will be looking for volunteers to assist leading up to the rally.

## Trip reports

For those who attended the Christmas lunch, I apologise for repeating some of the tales already told!

### November: Tin Can Bay

Trip coordinators: Annette & Phil Sullivan



Sundowners at Garry's anchorage

Unfortunately Ameena (Tim and I) did not make it on this trip due to a trailer wheel bearing issue on our 5 month old trailer at Northlakes that halted our journey! Annette and Phil did up a fantastic trip report and took some awesome photos (all of which I have borrowed for this newsletter!) If it had not been for this trip, we would have been struggling for nominations for the annual 'golden duck' award! It seems I missed a lot of adventures and some misadventures....

Some of which included fuel, or lack of, or incorrectly placed water into fuel tank...not mentioning any names! Falling out of tenders by none other than our esteemed commodore Jon and ex commodore Darryl, at the same time! By all accounts, misadventures aside, everyone had a good time and the importance of boating with club members to help get out of 'sticky' situations was reinforced!



## December...Christmas lunch at MBBC



32 people attended the annual Christmas lunch, and by all accounts everyone had a really enjoyable day with good food and lots of laughter! I was sorry to have missed this event, due to a calendar conflict. I was frolicking on the high seas on a 4 day cruise with a bunch of girls I have known for over 30 years!

## Annual Award Presentation at MBBC

And the annual awards recipients went to....



Darryl

And the awards you don't want....



Jon  
(Golden Duck)

Tim  
(Breakdown)

Owen & Judy cleaned up the raffle



*Familiar faces...*



*And welcoming some new members!*



### *Bribie Christmas lights*

Jon and Kim hosted six boats on their pontoon and were joined by several land based crews for the Commodore's Christmas BBQ. After lots of sumptuous food and decorating the Whittleby boats, we joined 37 boats for the canal Parade cruising down the Pacific Harbour canals. The Christmas lights were in abundance both on boats and on the pontoons, houses and gardens lining the canals. The crew danced to Christmas carols on the duck board wishing all the families a Merry Christmas as we passed by. Captains and crew retired for a well-earned drink and swim! after the parade.



Lady in Red



The winning boat, something to aspire to next year!

For all trip info:

<https://whittleyclubqld.godaddysites.com/briefing-plans-memb-only-1>

Jokes...



### Upcoming trips...

Jan:

26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>: Australia Day long weekend

Plan A: Koorinal from Manly, see for detailed briefing:

Feb:

23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>: Bribie passage to Caloundra

Mar:

29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>: Sanctuary Cove

This is a callout to all members to get in touch with things you would like to read more about ...do you want recipes, fishing tips, first aid tips, boating safety tips, more jokes (or not)? If you have tips to share, please send me your tips so I can include in the next newsletter. Things you have learned on the water can be valuable knowledge for us all!

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