

WHIT-BITS

October 2022

Welcome old and new members to the resurrection of 'Whit-bits' a newsletter for the Whittley Club Qld.

Committee NEWS:

The AGM in August was held at Manly and saw the retirement of Daryl after 3 years at the helm and welcoming of Jon as Commodore. Lisa jumped in for a 4th year as secretary but soon realised that her busy work and family life took priority and a few weeks later took a step back to be on the general committee. Julie has stepped into the role of secretary! Tim is VC, Jane is treasurer, Daryl, Brian, Lisa, Kim, and Annette are general committee members



From L) Jane, Jon, Tim, Julie, Daryl, Brian. Lisa on Zoom!



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/>

The committee has been busy planning the 2023 calendar and will be sent out via email to all members once finalised so bookmark the dates! If a weekend trip must be cancelled due to bad weather, we will endeavour to still meet up for lunch on the Saturday to enjoy some friendship with fellow Whittlians and share some boating tips!

All active members can request to join the Facebook group at [Whittley Club Facebook Group](#) Here you will find details for all trip events!

Email: if you are not on FB, communication about upcoming trips will still be sent via email. Jon has been working hard to ensure the email list is current so drop us a line if you feel like you are not receiving emails!

Keppel Island October Long weekend

Eight boats were fortunate to make the trip to Keppel Island recently over the long weekend. Weather was pretty favourable for the first 3 days then those that decided to stay longer bunkered down in the Keppel Bay Marina. Julian coordinated this trip and I don't believe we had any mishaps...just the usual suspect who may have run out of fuel in their tender if not for the words of the wise in their life!- no surprises for guessing who hey Tony P!! All in all everyone enjoyed some R & R, snorkelling and swimming, although the water was still a bit fresh! Of course a Whittley event would not be complete without 4pm happy hours!



Making the most of our time in the marina

*Next event: October 22-23
starting at Wavebreak Island
and overnight at Budds Beach*

Mark your calendar!



Handy Hints:

Contributions sought for this segment!

Being a member of the Whittley Club has brought many benefits including friendship, laughs and learning new skills that make boating easier. Below are some of the things I have learned....

- *How to secure our boat around cleats in the marina...I know this seems basic but it took me a while to figure out! (thanks Julian!)*
- *How to tie knots in the fender rope (Thanks Jane)*
- *How to control the boat when docking using a bridle (thanks Cathy!)*
- *The importance of trailer maintenance to avoid tyre blowouts (this is thanks to previous Whitsunday trekkers who learned the hard way!)*
- *How not to lose our tender...tying to a sandspike on the beach and securing around our boat cleat has so far prevented us from being the victim of a wayward tender!!*
- *Forgetting to put the bung in, whilst not ideal, does not mean your boat will sink if your automatic bilge works...but you might have to go for an unwelcome swim to replace the bung...observational experience only!*

Cheers, Julie & Tim (Ameena)

If you are new to boating then you can't afford to **not** come along to our Whittley weekends...you will be surprised at how much you will learn and how much knowledge there is to be shared...we've all been the newbie inexperienced boatie at some time and we are a very helpful bunch!

Next newsletter...look out for some cooking and fishing tips (and any other useful tips) from those in the know!

Upcoming November events...

Nov 12-13th: Moreton Bay (?Tangalooma or Koorinal weather permitting)

Future date markers:

- **Dec 3rd** Christmas party at Harigans Pub, Jacob's Well. Event on Facebook has been posted with details.
- **Mar 16-20th 2023** NSW National Rally Myall Lakes. Hopefully you have received an email with registration forms.

Please send me an email at secretary@clubwhittleyqld.org.au with anything that you would like included in future newsletters!