

Whittley Club Qld

*Australia Day Friday 26<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024*  
*Plan A: Manly Boat Harbour to Kooríngal- over 4 days!*

Trip Co-ordinators: Tim and Julie Bosgra.  
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**Launching:**

This has been one of the most popular trips on the Club Calendar each year! We have learned from experience that the boat ramps at Manly can be busy on Australia day itself so we have decided this year to put in on the Thursday afternoon, enjoy the first night of the long weekend in a berth at Manly Harbour before departing Manly to Kooríngal (Days Gutter). Once across at Kooríngal we will plan to have lunch at the famous 'Gutter Bar'. We expect to stay at Kooríngal for the long weekend, having a number of group activities before leaving on the Sunday morning to return home.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan:** We are planning on launching Thursday afternoon to avoid the madness of the boat ramp and parking on Australia Day. During the afternoon put in at either Manly North (next to MBTBC) or Manly South Iota next to East Coast Marina) and make your way to your berth at the MBTBC. (Ph 3893 0810 to arrange a berth). Use VHF channel 72 or call the trip coordinator to let us know if you need help into your berth. Once settled in we will probably look to have dinner together at a location to be advised.



**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan:** High tide at Koorinal is around 9:30am and it is about a 50 minute run across so we will be planning to **exit Manly Harbour at around 8:30am sharp** and make our way to the leads. Those planning to launch on the morning of the 26<sup>th</sup> itself just allow yourself time to not only launch but to find a park for a large boat trailer! Once across at Moreton we will settle in, swim and catch up with friends before a club provided beach bbq for lunch. Following this we will have some Australia Day games on the beach, swimming and relaxation. Self-catered dinner!

### **Days Gutter with township of Koorinal**



**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Wake up and enjoy possibly Moreton Bays' most beautiful anchorage. At around 10:00am (high tide) we will explore Days Gutter in our tenders which includes turtle habitats in the mangroves, oyster leases including the 'Oyster Shack' and various creek with birds and marine life. For lunch we will book a table at the famous "Gutter Bar". Alternatively, you can self-cater lunch on your boat. You can check out the menu via the following link:

<https://www.thegutterbar.com.au/menu>

**Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Leisurely morning at your own pace before cruising back to your launch facility. High tide is at 10:30 am so this would be an ideal time to leave the anchorage.

## Koorungal tide times

All Tide Points	High Tides	Low Tides		
<b>WED 24 Jan</b>	<b>THU 25 Jan</b>	<b>FRI 26 Jan</b>	<b>SAT 27 Jan</b>	<b>SUN 28 Jan</b>
▼ 1:33 am 0.39m	▼ 2:16 am 0.36m	▼ 2:54 am 0.34m	▼ 3:29 am 0.35m	▼ 4:02 am 0.37m
▲ 8:23 am 2.15m	▲ 9:02 am 2.16m	▲ 9:38 am 2.15m	▲ 10:10 am 2.12m	▲ 10:39 am 2.08m
▼ 3:09 pm 0.53m	▼ 3:44 pm 0.52m	▼ 4:16 pm 0.51m	▼ 4:45 pm 0.52m	▼ 5:13 pm 0.52m
▲ 8:33 pm 1.45m	▲ 9:11 pm 1.49m	▲ 9:43 pm 1.51m	▲ 10:14 pm 1.53m	▲ 10:45 pm 1.55m

## The creeks around the Blue Hole



Whittlians at play in Days gutter



We will be on VHF 72 or Tim's mobile:0414950815 or Julie: 0403 006 248

This is '**PLAN A**' assuming the weather is in favour of this itinerary, but if not we will communicate any changes!

**PLAN B** in the event that weather is not favourable to crossing the bay or anchoring at Koorinal overnight.

At this stage we will expect that the Thursday night component will not change and that you should go ahead and book an overnight berth at Manly for Thursday night. We will plan to have dinner together as usual.

Depending on the weather and whatever caused us to rethink the trip across to Koorinal, we will look at options of either a Brisbane River Trip or potentially a trip south to Peel Island. We would publish this with sufficient notice to allow every skipper to make necessary plans.

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