Whittley Club Qld

Australía Day Fríday 26th - Sunday 28th Jan 2024 Plan A: Manly Boat Harbour to Kooringal- over 4 days!

Trip Co-ordinators: Tim and Julie Bosgra. Ph 0414 950 815 and 0403 006 248

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 Kooringal (Days Gutter). Once across at Kooringal we will plan to have lunch at the famous 'Gutter Bar'. We expect to stay at Kooringal for the long weekend, having a number of group activities before leaving on the Sunday morning to return home.

Thursday 25th 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 lota 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 26th **Jan:** High tide at Kooringal 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 26th 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!

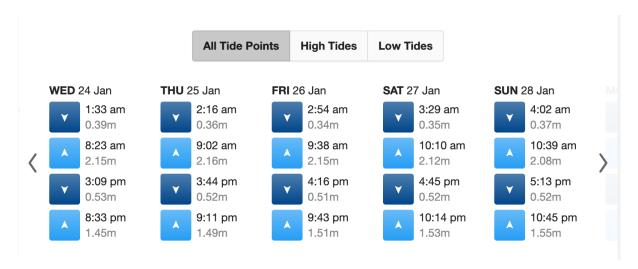
Days Gutter with township of Kooringal



Sat 27th 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/menus

Sun 28th **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.

Kooringal tide times



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 Kooringal 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 Kooringal, 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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