



Volunteer Marine Rescue

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MINUTES

Forum Meeting

Date: 05 September 2017

Time: 1900

Venue: VMR400 Training Room

Attendance – As per signed register

Minute Taker	Glenn Norris
New Members	Peter Bell
Apologies	Greg Turner, Martin Hood, Annie Erichsen, Mark Raff
Chair	Dave MacDonald

Presentations

MAR Certificates – Various	Sed Crest, Trevor Bellis, Varun Bhandari, Tom Sinclair (1 st Aid)

3.0 Previous Minutes

3.1	Nil Business Arising		
	PROPOSED – Scott Gregory	SECONDED - Rob Sinclair	MOTION
	CARRIED		

5.0 Crew Reports

5.1	Green Martin Walsh	<p>2 crews this month – 1st crew 4 August. 11 on crew. Sarah McFerran joined crew. Bruce Watson filled in. Scott Gregory was Duty Skipper in evening, 4 jobs for crew. Thundercat tow Seaway to Marina Mirage, large sailing vessel tow Currigee to Paradise Point mooring, 5m vessel tow Aldershots to Paradise Point, 9M Cruiser tow Couran to Runaway Bay Marina.</p> <p>Lots of training. 14 training activations. Very good crew</p> <p>2nd crew – 25 August. 15 crew overall for different parts of crew.</p> <p>Several training activations in the evening.</p> <p>Mid morning jump start of a jetski near Charis.</p> <p>Mid afternoon received a distress call from a vessel near Versace. 2 VMR vessels responded, unsure of the situation. 58ft Cruiser had drifted aground. Was no distress. MR2 attached a rope and pulled the vessel free of sand.</p> <p>Requested to search for 2 missing boys on jetski in afternoon. Eventually found on Stradbroke Island. Mother attended and boys walked through island. Unsure of what happened to jetski.</p> <p>Good crew.</p>
5.2	White Dave MacDonald	<p>1 crew this month – 26 August. Very quiet. Only 8 crew in attendance</p> <p>1 job of towing jetski Couran to Howard St boatramp.</p> <p>Did a daytime tasking of assisting a vessel near the Tweed Bar. MR Pt Danger towed the vessel through the Bar.</p> <p>Several training activations.</p>

5.0	Crew Reports	
5.3	Red Al Curtis	1 crew this month – 18 August – 11 crew in attendance. Exceptionally quiet. Peter Bell joined the crew. Jules Smibert filled in. No jobs. 6 training activations. Weather was very windy. Not a lot of boats on water. Good crew, hoping for better weather next crew.
5.4	Yellow Peter Barker	1 crew this month, 19 August. 10 crew in attendance. Conditions very rough offshore and too dangerous for training. Received a call from SWT regarding 2 girls in a 2.5M tinny in distress in Seaway. MR2 attended as vessel was beginning to drift over towards Deadmans Bank. Girls thought it was funny until they realised how much trouble they were in. Successfully retuned the vessel through Seaway. Craig and Annie did great job as crew for a stupid job that should never have happened. Had 3 tows in afternoon, all routine. About to leave in evening and received a call from a man saying his sail boat was stranded in Coomera River. Eventually found in the back waters of Coomera Island, vessel tangled in trees in the dark. Man was forced to wade 500m to get close to MR2. Another stupid job that should never have happened. Good crew
5.5	Black Guy Coubrough	2 crews this month. 1 st crew 11 August. 11 on crew. Ken Gibbs filled in. Only 1 job. Jump start near Bayview Towers. Lots of training. Weather very windy again. Good crew. 2 nd crew – 1 September. 12 on crew. Rob Sinclair filled in. Weather was perfect. Very busy day. 6 jobs. Prearranged tow in morning from Mermaid Waters to SYC. Jetski jump start, Dispersal of Ashes in Seaway, offshore tow from Sand pumping jetty to Mariners Cove, and jump start in Marine Stadium. Longest tow was of 8M vessel from Riverlinks to Gold Coast City Marina. Trevor Bellis did job very well. Very good crew
5.6	Blue Scott Gregory	2 crews this month. 1 st crew – 12 August. 12 on crew. Very busy crew. 8 jobs. All but 1 job involved vessels in the 5 – 6 metre range. All tows for out of fuel or broken down vessels. 1 job was a 12M vessel that was towed from Sth Arm of Coomera River to Santa Barbara. Very good crew with lots of training activations included.. 2 nd crew – 2 September. 14 on crew. Dave Mac and Alan Curtis played Duty Skippers Very busy again. 6 jobs. Assisted a broken down jetski that was in trouble near Jumpinpin. Towed a 10M vessel from offshore of Seaway to Labrador. Transported QAS to Tipplers to assist a child with fish hook in hand. Turned out to be a non event. Jobs spread out all across day, so plenty to do. Weather was perfect, lots of boats on water. Great crew.
5.7	Callouts Merv Handley	18 callouts for the month, 2 QAS jobs, 1 offshore search with didn't eventuate to be anything. Thank you to all who contributed to these callouts. Peter Barker has been the Skipper again on the majority of callouts. Guy and Glenn attempted to do a tow of a 46ft vessel at night. Judgement call was made to try job again next day as several challenges presented. Paul Butler as Skipper attempted next day. Wind had picked up and made the job exceptionally difficult again. Vessel was successfully docked after 2 hours. No damage.

6.0	Management Reports	Action/Outcome	Officer
6.1	TREASURER	<p>Presented a Financial Report for the last month. Still doing very well.</p> <p>The Audited Financial Report will be available at the AGM on Saturday. Was a very profitable year.</p> <p>This year has started off much the same.</p> <p>Fuel is slightly higher at this stage due to ongoing price fluctuations.</p> <p>Membership income almost identical to this time last year.</p>	John Kaus

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		Non member donation significantly down. Vessel repairs slightly cheaper than last year at this time. Thank you for support throughout year. Hoping to continue the upwards financial trend into next year.	
6.2	SECRETARY	Absent	Diana Gibson
6.3	VICE PRESIDENT	Nothing to report	Martin Walsh
6.4	SEARCH & RESCUE COORDINATOR	Absent for most of August. Glenn filled in and everything appeared to go as normal. Still not overly busy at this point.	Merv Handley
6.5	RADIO OPERATORS CONTROLLER	Absent	Bev Weldon
6.6	COMMUNICATIONS CONTROLLER	Absent	John MacDonald
6.7	OPERATIONS CONTROLLER	<p>Vessel report -</p> <p>Marine Rescue 1 - Running well GPS alarm on dash now fixed - GPS puck on dash was problem Starboard Hand held spotlight not working – will be fixed by weekend</p> <p>Marine Rescue 2 - Has electrical problem with radios – will be sorted by weekend Running well otherwise</p> <p>Marine Rescue 3 - Running well</p> <p>Marine Rescue 4 - Running well - At Skippers Meeting, Peter Barker agreed to design up a step for trailer to stand on when launching and recovering. In progress</p> <p>Some problems with vessels not being reported. Please ensure this happens.</p> <p>Currently having troubles with day shapes, breaking often. Have spoken to a welder, looking at prices and possibilities of aluminium type. Will keep advised. Does anyone know what happened to the MR2 day shapes. They have just disappeared????</p> <p>Lost property – Please check the bin</p> <p>Please dont bring large rubbish back and leave for VMR to dispose of. If it doesnt fit in our rubbish bin leave it on beach and contact GCWA.</p> <p>Rex Scott has been nominated to do SAR Course at Raby Bay over next 2 weeks. This is the course Police Officers need to do to become SARMACs. Run by the Qld Inspector of Search and Rescue for QPS. Only 10 positions, people coming from VMR Qld, VMR SA and WA. Specific to Marine SAR. Very intense. Rex is the perfect candidate</p> <p>I have undertaken a project to re-fit a VMR vessel from St Pauls in the Torres Straits. Have now got the vessel from Thursday Island to Raby Bay in Brisbane. It is a 9M version of MR3. Have \$35K to spend from a Grant. This boat is a perfect example of how not to maintain a vessel. It is filthy dirty, not much electrical works, radios have been stolen, and generally the vessel is in bad shape. Will be a long project.</p> <p>Thank you for ongoing support.</p>	Glenn Norris
6.8	COMMITTEE MEMBER 1	Absent	Alan Coy
6.9	COMMITTEE	Nothing to report	Helen Stanfield

6.0	Management Reports	Action/Outcome	Officer
	MEMBER 2		
6.10	PRESIDENT	Last meeting as President. Will stand down at AGM. Would like to have some sort of role with the new Committee. Wishes new Committee well.	Dave Macdonald
6.11	UNIT TRAINING CO-ORDINATOR	Currently reviewing all SOP exams for accuracy. Some have been re-written. Ensure when filling in Task books that you are performing what is required. Some members are being signed off, however, when Task book is audited, have no idea of what is required. Skipper revalidations being conducted this month. Skippers please be prepared for these.	Ken Gibbs

7.0	GENERAL BUSINESS	ACTION BY
	<p>Varun Bhandari presented a slide show of the recent Yellow Crew weekend away at Broken Head NSW. Very well compiled by Varun's daughter. Lots of fun had by all at a beautiful location.</p> <p>Guy Coubrough – Gave a rundown of the October training schedule. Please notify the course instructor if you are attending. A Shipboard Safety Course will be held throughout October.</p> <p>Guy also wants the cleaning of the VMR BBQs to improve. After a recent crew the BBQ was a disgrace, full of fat and very dirty. Another crew washed the BBQ on the concrete boat ramp and now the fat has stained the concrete. Guy happy to give BBQ cleaning lessons.</p> <p>Merv Handley – More items have disappeared from the upstairs kitchen. This has to cease immediately. Please be very vigilant of what is occurring and report anything suspicious. Very unfair on other volunteers.</p>	

8.0	Lucky Door Prize – Rex Scott
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Meeting Closed	2000 hours	Next Meeting	1900 hrs - Tuesday 03/10/17
Minutes Signed			
Next Forum Minutes Keeper is – Glenn Norris			
Next Forum BBQ – BLUE CREW			