

THE WOODEN BOAT  
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Celebrating the diversity and enjoyment of Wooden Boats

# THE LOG

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*"Even if it is made up of gold, the sailing boat can go nowhere without the humble wind".*

*Mehmet Murat Iiddan*



**BOBCATS BEAT THE WIND AT WIVENHOE**  
*Story inside*

*Photo Alex Malcolm*



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## Regular Meetings and Activities

A monthly Social BBQ for Members and Guests is held on the second Tuesday of the month commencing from 5.30pm. A short report on the previous Committee Meeting is given at about 6.30 pm followed by a Guest Speaker. Bring along your plans, projects and problems for group attention.

Don't forget something for SHOW, TELL & ASK.

Until further notice, the Committee Meetings are held by video at 4:30 pm on the Monday preceding the monthly Social BBQ.

### WE MEET AT

**THE BOATSHED, 39 ARGYLE ST,  
ALBION**

Messabouts are held monthly. For details of these and other wooden boat events, refer to the calendar of events later in this newsletter or check the calendar on the WBAQ website.

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Your contributions to the LOG are sought and welcomed. Articles in MS word with JPEG photos are the preferred format. Email if possible. The Log is generally finalised the day after the monthly meeting. Editor Ian Primrose  
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**Sailing at Pt Talburp Nov 2022**



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**FROM THE CAPTAIN'S CABIN**

In January 2020, the WBAQ held the last BBQ and Meeting at the Queensland Maritime Museum. Argyle Street was still work in progress. The Wynnum Manly and District Mens Shed offered their meeting room for our monthly meetings and David Payne kindly offered the use of his back deck to the Association to conduct the Committee meetings.

The Committee preserved with negotiations with the BCC and the other Tenants for the use of Argyle Street.

Fours years have passed and the Association is well placed with a WorkShop, the Mac Finch Library, a meeting room a great BBQ area under a spreading Moreton Bay Fig Tree. Having a Member building one boat, a Bobcat, and Members finishing a Joey dinghy, the WorkShop is a welcome addition to our assets. We are sorting tools and building storage in the WorkShop. The Lazy E has a section of the port side removed for repair.

Anne is sorting and cataloguing the books in the Mac Finch Library.

Where we have multiple copies of books or magazines, the excess is available to Members at no cost. Just come along to a Monthly BBQ and Meeting and feel free to select books or magazines on the table in the entrance to the Meeting Room.

One of the themes, while I have been President, in the "From the Captain's Cabin" has been the use of life jackets, or more the non-use of life jackets. A couple of weeks ago on a overcast day with a strong gusty south-easterly blowing, Helen and I were having a cup of coffee at the Pelican Café on the banks of Weinam Creek. We noticed a tinnie at the pontoon being loaded to the gunwales with obviously the week's shopping and fuel supplies. The skipper then loaded a toddler into a seat located in the port rear quarter.

The skipper then started moving his load as we remarked "I hope he is looking for the life jackets" After moving the load around, the skipper started the outboard, cast off and headed out through the mouth of the Creek. Everyone sitting on the Cafe's deck were horrified at what we were seeing. At least the tinnie had a bailing bucket as it was in use bailing the water out of the tinnie while under way.

The Notice of Annual General Meeting and Election of Office Bearers has been emailed to Members. As a Member has to be a Financial Member to nominate a Financial Member for position or to vote at the AGM. Nominations for Office Bearers are now being called. If you feel that you can contribute to the running of the Association, now if the time to act and nominate as an Office Bearer. Our Secretary has indicated that he is standing down from the position of Secretary.

**Jim**

**WOODEN BOAT ASSOCIATION QLD**  
**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH AT 7PM FOLLOWING THE USUAL BBQ.**

**All positions will be declared vacant.**  
**Nominations for positions to the Secretary**

[secretary@woodenboat.org.au](mailto:secretary@woodenboat.org.au)

**LAUNCHINGS**



**NAVAL flags meaning "Well Done"**  
**None advised**

**NEW MEMBERS**  
**A hearty Welcome to:**

**Colin Nalder** of Woodridge who has built and restored a number of boats. His current boat is a 16ft Savage dolphin motor sailor



He saw us from our website and came along to the last meeting

**Hugh Smith** of Capalaba no boat just now. Contacted us from the website.

**Alex Dunlop & Maxine Dunlop** of Manly

Boat, currently building a Ross Lillistone 15. Many years ago he built a Hartley 16 Found about us through Ross Lillistone

**REPORTS**

**ENOGGERA DAM PADDLE FAIL**  
10<sup>th</sup> January



Four sturdy participants carried / wheeled their canoes down to the lovely water of the dam. Shock – horror! There was a sign saying paddled craft prohibited due to high water. Too much water? You can never have too much water!

Apparently the dam was spilling over due to recent rain. There was a brief thought to “not see” the sign but a ranger turned up. Lug the canoes back up the hill.

It would have been more helpful if the sign had been placed at the top in the carpark.

**BEATEN BY THE WEATHER**  
10<sup>th</sup> February  
But not everyone!

The weather is as unpredictable as the wheels on a Woolworth’s shopping trolley.

This unpredictability claimed two events on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February. Firstly, our Manly to King Island Cruise and the Second – the Point Talburpin Sailing Day. Both events were cancelled due to predicted strong winds of 35 + km per hour. Just did not happen. At midday, winds were between 7 and 11 km per hour- great sailing weather.

The fault does not lie with event organisers. They must always err on the side of safety. The predictors have the benefit of science but often the science fails.

That is the unreliability and nature of the weather- like a naughty child, sometimes it just does what it wants to do, not what you want it to do. So sad!

**HOWEVER... there was a Plan B....says Alex**

The King Island Messabout on the 10<sup>th</sup> February was cancelled due to high winds expected as was the Point Talburpin sailing gathering, so Dick Reynolds and Alex Malcolm went to Lake Wivenhoe instead (Activating Ron Prescott’s plan B).

**On Saturday** the weather was cloudy with light winds of about 10 knots. We sailed from Captain Logan ramp and headed towards Varleys Cove. We pulled up in a nice sheltered grassy banked southerly shore. Dick had two friends with him so plenty of ballast. This didn't help him at all when trying to match paces with the Explorer. I was surprised that he didn't throw them overboard or make them walk the plank.



**Dick used the opportunity to do a practice tip-over**

On the way back to the ramp the wind picked up and 4 to 5 knots boat speed was averaged. 8.75 nautical miles made.

The next Day Alex sailed again at Lake Wivenhoe and explored Davis Bay which is opposite Harmons Cove.

Here there is quite a large area of water that is sheltered from the south easterly wind. The sky



became dark and cloudy with an occasional squall passing over on the way back. 11.78 nautical miles made.



So now it looks like this. All we have to do is to reconstruct the missing bits. Simple... maybe.



**NEWS**

**THE LAZY E PROJECT**

Surgery has started on the Lazy E to remove the rot in one side. The boat at some time must have been stored up on its side allowing water to get in. One side good – other side bad! The boat has now been turned over on the trailer. This was the result.



With great precision, the “surgeons” removed the rotten panels and frames. No chainsaws were used in the process.

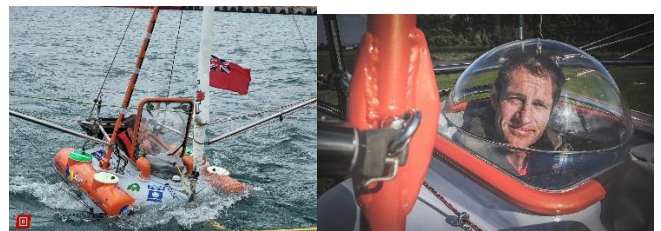


**JETSAM**  
**THERE MUST BE A STORY HERE...**



Ross O’Brien writes that grandsons, Zac and Connor found this on the Cotton Tree beach at Maroochydore on Wednesday. “I was dumbfounded”, he says “I’m very sure it was there by accident somehow. It was amazing, and lucky, that it was found by one of “us”. Cheers, Ross.

**“BIG C” – BIG FAIL**





In the Log of November 2022, we reported that this bloke was going to sail 1900 miles across the Atlantic in a 3' 10" boat called "Big C"

Well, apparently he only got a few hours into his journey when "Big C" started to take on "significant amounts of water". (Should have called it the "Big Leak") Somehow he made it back to the dock and the boat fell apart while being lifted out of the water. He has given up. Adventurous or crazy? A lucky escape, perhaps.

## BRIBIE CLASSIC REGATTA 24-26 MAY

The committee for the **25<sup>th</sup> Bribie Classic Boat Regatta, May 24-26<sup>th</sup> 2024** is now on **countdown** and for opening our registrations on March 30th.

Please follow us on **Facebook** and share our posts to your own friends to spread the word. (One recent reel has had over 1000 fans) Also check out Instagram. Please share!

Check out our **REGISTRATION webpage** at- <https://bace.org.au/register-for-regatta-24/>

- Note there are now separate links for AWARDS DINNER or BOAT REGISTRATION.
- This year's Dinner will be at the BRIBIE ISLAND HOTEL. (the RSL is under renovation and unavailable in May) in function format like the past two dinners.
- Inflation has unfortunately caught up with us and this year dinner will cost \$35 per person and boat registration has also increased slightly. (We haven't increased these costs to you for many years.)
- Meet and Greet venue on Friday evening is still to be settled, but we are looking at the OYSTER BAR at SANDSTONE POINT HOTEL
- Our BACE storage trailer is at present under construction.
- Our extra marker buoy and PA system speaker with accessories have arrived and that Grant successfully acquitted!
- Our CLASSIC SAILING DINGHY (and trailer) is being done up at David Tripcony's place and we are organising the Raffle tickets at this stage. Ticket numbers will be increased from last year when we had to limit sales!

- Raffle tickets will be \$5 per ticket again. Let us know if you are available to sell some books for us when we have them ready. Thanks.
- CC & Warwick McLean had a meeting with MBRT recently to discuss the future of the Regatta considering its increasing popularity with boaties and the public. MBRT may be interested in making it a Moreton City Event in 2025, but in the meantime we still need sponsors. If you have any good ideas, please let us know.
- We will also be actively seeking volunteers for the weekend 25-26 May, but I will let you know more about that in a later newsletter.

We are looking forward to you being here in May. Keep safe, and Happy Boating.

Dr Doug, Secretary  
BACE Inc. 0407 118 904

## STORIES

### TRAILER RESCUE WHEEL *Dick Reynolds*

As I only have a small front drive "tow" car for the Bobcat, I have been limited in my options to launch - basically, only at public ramps. As the initiated would know, this is not always desirable!

Whilst trawling the web for ideas and dreaming of cunning plans to make a beach launch possible, I came across the Recue Hub Kit. If you know all about this, please bail out now!

Essentially, you can make the trailer spare wheel into a third trailer wheel. Quite cheaply as it turns out. This allows the trailer to be pulled out by a rope from some distance should the car be likely to bog, or incapable of towing the boat out.

**Couplemate Trailer Parts** in Wynnum have a kit to suit most trailers. Mine was for a Holden Slimline Hub, with Falcon bearings and cost \$112. Be careful to have the appropriate length "U" bolts to suit your trailer.

It took me about 1.5 hours to install, and I am now looking to find a suitable launch site to test it.



The Rescue Hub



In use by others



As a spare

**A TALE OF TWO KAYAKS**  
*David Micklethwaite*

Actually it's a tale of 3 (or 4) kayaks. For years I enjoyed trundling around the eastern half of Australia in my red troopy, minimalist camping often on the banks of rivers or lakes. The idea of having a boat with me took hold but it had to travel inside not on a trailer or the roof so it would be ready for instant use. If I folded the front passenger seat down there was about 9' 6" space between the rear door and the windscreen. Paul Hernes pointed me towards [Ross Lillistone's Water Rat](#); the short version is 9 feet long. I built the boat in 6 weeks over the Christmas period in 2015 and you can read about that [in my blog](#). I paddled "Rakali" for years in all sorts of places from the mouth of the Murray to Bundaberg. Here we are at the Dig Tree camp on Cooper Creek.



On the road ready



Wheel down - Ready to launch



When at home I paddled the Water Rat regularly on the Brisbane River between the Moggill Ferry and Colleges Crossing setting off against the tide and then drifting back with it and collecting rubbish.



On these outings I met other paddlers in a variety of kayaks including one beautiful boat made by [Struer in Denmark](#). Watching this boat started me thinking about building a longer paddle craft similar in appearance to the Struer. I was concerned about two things; could I manage the lifting involved in transporting a long boat on top of a car and would I enjoy it. I decided to build a quick and easy, low cost, stitch and glue kayak - a Chesapeake Light Craft CLC 16 - before I began a longer term, more difficult, higher cost strip built kayak,

The whole build is described in words and photos in [the blog](#). When I look at the blog now it seems incomplete but it describes the hardest part of the build, joining the two halves of the hull together. Here is what I was up against.

The CLC 16 was a quick and easy build and proved that I could handle it and enjoy using it but I found the keyhole shaped cockpit opening was too small for my long and not so bendy legs so I made it bigger. This was the second in the Tale of Two Kayaks and I called it Stop Gap in keeping with its temporary status. Here it is:



The problem was actually worse than it looks because one half was a good deal wider than the other. Pulling them together vertically was hard but do-able with a lot of ratchet straps. Lining the edges up sideways was much harder. The fore deck was not too bad and could be held with fibreglass reinforced packing tape. The aft deck had spread more and needed a lot more clamping force.



So, that's the background to my decision to build [Nick Schade's Solo microBootlegger](#). It is similar to the Struer kayak that I admired but with a wider beam and larger cockpit. Here's a picture of one that I found on the Internet. This was to be the third in the Tale of Two Kayaks.

Once the edges were lined up the inside seam was finished with wide fibreglass tape and plenty of resin. After this had set and clamps removed the stem and stern pieces were fitted and shaped.







After that there was a lot of sanding and varnishing, it seemed endless at the time. While waiting for epoxy to dry I had made the seat and footrest and with them fitted it was time to launch her. She's called "Isolation" because I built her during the Covid lockdown!



At the end of the build I had a lot of cedar strips left – about 80% of what was needed for a second kayak to the same design. I had the mould so I milled more strips and started again! The main reason was to see if I could avoid the problem encountered in joining the half hulls together. So this became the fourth in the Tale of Two Kayaks.

Second time around was easier and quicker and the two hulls joined up nicely. Just after joining them and fitting the stem and stern pieces I moved to a 2BR unit in Wynnum. I joined the Mens Shed and used their facilities to refinish Isolation and to complete the second kayak.

Here they both are at the shed.



Shortly after that I sold them both. Now I only have one boat: Rakali the Water Rat, the first of the 2-3-4 kayaks, is still here.

## BOATING IN CANBERRA

*John Brickhill*

*John is the Secretary of the Traditional Boat Squadron of Australia, based in Canberra.*

**Lake Burley Griffin (LBG)** is the centrepiece of the landscape design of Canberra. It is formed by the waters of the Molonglo River impounded by Scrivener Dam, holding 33 GL of water in an area of 716 ha. If you follow the bends in the lake from its eastern end to the dam it is about 10 km long. Much of the lake is relatively shallow, about 3-5 m, with the greatest depth of 17 m.

All the national institutions can be seen from a boat, including National Museum, Library, Art Gallery, Portrait Gallery, High Court, Parliament House, old parliament house and the War Memorial. As well, in winter, the snow-capped mountains on the western edge of the ACT are easily visible.

Typical of politics in Australia, LBG is managed by a Federal body, the National Capital Authority, (NCA) while a little piece at the eastern end, and the Molonglo River upstream is managed by the Australian Capital Territory.

Being an artificial shallow inland water body, LBG can suffer from blue-green algae in summer, with nutrients coming from the agricultural catchment that includes Queanbeyan sewerage works. After heavy rain, there can be high levels of bacteria from urban runoff, and water quality is monitored weekly in summer. If the Molonglo River floods, logs and branches from fallen trees arrive in the lake. Your taxes pay for the removal of such debris.

The formal central part of the lake has edges made from stone walls, and bike / walking paths follow the edge. The rest of the lake has natural edging, and there are several beaches in the western parts. Some of these beaches have small swimming enclosures, but with the lack of hot weather in Canberra, swimming is not popular. The weather in Canberra can include strong north-westerly winds in summer. These winds can kick up a decent chop, and that can get complex when it bounces off the stone walls.



The NW wind also rolls over Black Mountain that is adjacent to the lake, so sailing can be 'interesting' with winds highly variable in strength and direction. One of the main users of the lake are rowers, with Rowing Australia training Olympic hopefuls, several rowing clubs, and rowing conducted by about 6 private schools and ANU. Rowing is usually an early morning event, and then it does not interact with other boats. Yarralumla Reach at the western end of the lake has an 1800 m rowing course with 4 lanes marked by buoys.

Dragon boating is very popular in Canberra with several clubs, with men's, ladies and mixed crews. Dragon boaters have a large shed on the norther shore of the lake, and their own competition course marked with buoys.

There are two sailing clubs, the Canberra Yacht Club being the larger. This club has summer weekly race program for a large range of boat sizes, from 8 m trailer sailers to Optimists for juniors. The CYC runs many learn-to-sail programs for a range of ages. The YMCA sailing club is smaller, mainly sailing skiffs. The NCA holds quarterly Lake User Group meetings, where issues that affect boaters and the lake management are discussed. Current issues are the proposed lowering of lake levels because of dam strengthening works, seaplane use of the lake, and water quality.

#### ***All powerboats must have a permit...***

All powerboats must have a permit to use the lake. Permits are issued by NCA for coaching boats for rowers and sailors, commercial activities, and maintenance boats. There are a few boats that run tours of the lake. Private fishing boats must use electric motors. The ski-boat fraternity have their own area well upstream of LBG, in the Molonglo River.

#### ***Now for the Traditional Boat Squadron...***

The lake recreation policy allows for permits for 'special interest' boats that add 'aesthetic interest' to the lake to use internal combustion engines, but not to exceed 10 knots. **The Traditional Boat Squadron of Australia** uses this exemption so members can use traditional putt-putts. However, members of the TBSA also have traditional rowing and sailing skiffs, and steam and electric boats, most of them wooden. The Squadron is a small group, with about 20 members. Boating activities and meetings occur

monthly, but boating usually does not occur in the winter, but other activities, such as shed visits, or tours in an enclosed tour boat are popular. Because LBG is relatively small, our boating usually involves a morning tea stop to display our boats at a popular boardwalk, then a run to one end or other of the lake and lunch on Springbank Island.

#### **Some of the TBSA member's boats are listed below:**

- **Elektra** is a 20' Thames Slipper launch built in plywood over wooden frames, and powered by twin electric motors.
- **Cormorant** is a clinker putt-putt with a 5/7 hp Blaxland Chapman twin cylinder motor, originally built in the 1950's, and extensively restored after being rescued from a paddock near Wagga. It is listed on the Australian Register of Historic Vessels.
- **Njord** is a Herreshoff inspired double ended 17' row boat, age unknown but recently restored.
- **Noosa** was built in the 1920s as a hire boat on the Noosa River in Queensland. It has White Beech planking. After being rescued from the mangrove mud, extensive renovations over 23 years, involved new bottom planks and decks of NZ kauri, interior timbers of celery top pine and fitting a 5 hp BRIT motor.
- **Lady Ciara** is a fibreglass clinker style boat with a vertical fire tube boiler, single cylinder reversing steam engine built by its owner over the years 2003 – 2013
- **Southern Rose** is a clinker dinghy with an inboard electric motor, using a vertical battery, and all timberwork is varnished. *Southern Rose* is about to try a solo trip on the Murray, from Mildura to Goolwa.
- **Grey Noddy** is a 12' m clinker dinghy from an Iain Oughtred 'Shearwater' design, built by its owner in 2013, and despite it being a sailing dinghy usually has a Torqeedo outboard so it can stay with the fleet in windless days.
- **Eleanor** is a replica 22 foot 1950s gentleman's runabout, built over 6 years with all Australian timbers. Powered by a modern 6 litre V8 motor with the full range of anti-pollution gear, she rarely gets above idle on Lake Burley Griffin.
- **Skerry** is a Eun Na Mara design from Ian Oughtred, built by its owner over 8 years. It is fitted with an electric pod.
- **Zuidersee** is a copy of a Dutch canal punt, recently completed by its owner who has built 8 boats over the last 9 years.
- **Aquilo** is a 25 foot two masted schooner, fitted with a diesel auxiliary motor. The two bridges across the lake severely limit the sailing range of this boat.



- **Kodok** originated in Vietnam, and was rescued from a local paddock and restored by its current owner. It has a paint scheme including green hull, blue cabin, and red and yellow gunwales.

John Brickhill

**COMING EVENT:**

The Traditional Boat Squadron in Canberra will hold a Traditional Boat festival (a BoatFest) to be held on Lake Burley Griffin on 13+14 April, 2024. This will be one event of the Canberra Heritage Festival. See all the National Institutions and the Governor General’s residence from your boat. Further details will be available on our website [www.canberraboating.com](http://www.canberraboating.com)

**THINK ABOUT THIS 😊**

***I KNOW HOW IT WILL END FOR ME.  
ONE OF MY KIDS WILL UNPLUG MY LIFE SUPPORT TO CHARGE THEIR IPAD.***

**JUST FOR PUN 😊**

**I was told not to steal kitchen utensils but it is a whisk I’m willing to take.**

**A BIT OF TRIVIA..**

Do you own a pen knife? Why is it called a pen knife? In times past, a small knife was kept to sharpen a quill (a “pen”). The quill had to be sharpened regularly and if fine writing was done, then it had to have a finer point. Over time a small knife became known as a pen knife.

**WHAT HAPPENED AT THE LAST MEETING**

**Adrian Fawcett & Jess Dobie of SWITCH SAILS on the Redcliffe Peninsula (website [Switch sails](http://Switch sails) )** gave us a talk based on questions from the audience. We had a tour of the various types of sail cloth and there was a discussion about sail design.

At Switch Sails they not only make sails that perform, but make them look good as well. For our boats their sails are made with narrow vertical strips, the traditional way as the material in the past was woven on a narrow loom.

We found out there was a lot in the design of a sail. These days the design is made on a computer and the sail is computer-cut as well. It still has to be stitched. Interesting, sails have made great technological advances since Australia II won the America Cup and even more advances in the last 5 years.

Adrian & Jess keep up with the latest in design techniques and technology. They are both avid sailing competitors who seek maximum performance from their boat(s).

A Lesson: Tell-tales should be placed in the centre of the sail.

Jess demonstrated a range of soft shackles that she has made from Dyneema. She says that she learnt most of this craft from Youtube videos.

About a dozen members use Switch sails and most would recommend them.

**WORKSHOP INDUCTION AND TRAINING DAY**

**SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 9 AM**  
(Voting Day – vote early )

Gain use of the Workshop safely.

REGISTER at [presiden@woodenboat.org.au](mailto:presiden@woodenboat.org.au)

**THE WBAQ SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2024 IS NOW DUE**

**WE WELCOME THE RENEWAL OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP.**



**CALENDAR OF MESSABOUTS & EVENTS**

**One day, weekend and week-long Messabouts and big events in 2024**

**NOTE:** Due to the wide range of boat sizes and types, and relative seaworthiness, it always remains the Skipper's decision whether to participate or not. Aim to launch & depart from ramps by 0900 hrs unless otherwise advised. All week long events have a "Plan B" to be Wivenhoe Dam or Atkinson's Dam. For last minute information contact the nominated organiser (listed below) or a Messabout Committee member: Darrell Spiers 3298 5394 Jim Jones 0408 443 291

**IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT MEMBERS CARRY PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE TO \$10M WHEN PARTICIPATING IN MESSABOUTS (OR AT ALL TIMES WHEN USING YOUR BOAT FOR THAT MATTER) YOU ARE THE SKIPPER – YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE!**

*If you are intending to go to a Messabout, Please advise the Host in case there are any last-minute changes (due to weather or other unavoidable changes).*

Type of Event: P= Paddle, R= Row, S= Sail, M= Motor BB Big Boats Brackets ( ) indicate possible but not reco'md

MONTH	TYPE	MESSABOUT	EVENTS
FEBRUARY	S,M,P,R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Saturday 17th- Saturday 25th, Lake Cootharaba camp, Boreen Point.</li> </ul>	
MARCH	S,M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Saturday 9th;</b> Cabbage Tree Creek; sail, motor, out to leads and choose direction depending on wind. High tide 2.67m at 0851 hrs.</li> <li><b>Sat 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 am</b> Workshop induction Morning</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>  <b>CLEAN UP AUST DAY</b>                  See below</p>
APRIL	P	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Saturday 13th, Paddle at non tidal location.</li> </ul>	
MAY	S,M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3-5<sup>th</sup> Maleny Wood Expo – Boats on display &amp; Kid's Workshop</li> <li>Saturday 27th, sail, motor, Colmslie or Raby Bay. High tide 1.83m at 1114hrs.</li> </ul>	<p><b>24-26<sup>th</sup> Bribie Classic</b>  <b>Regatta</b></p>



**COMING EVENT DETAILS**

**Mark your calendar now.  
 Contact the Host if you are attending**

**MESSABOUT CO-ORDINATOR** Phil Brown 0416 057 277  
 Contact designated host for each event where stated.

**3<sup>rd</sup> March CLEAN UP AUST DAY** The Association has joined up to conduct a Clean Up Australia Event on Sunday 3rd March 2024 commencing at 9am.  
 The location of the clean up is **Eparpah Creek at Thornlands**. The Association has organised the use of Redland City Marina for the launching and retrieving of boats. Car and trailer parking will be available.  
 If you would like to participate in this worthwhile event, please **Contact Jim 0408 443 291 by Wed 14th February** with name, type of boat and car registration. The car rego is required by Redland City Marina for insurance purposes.



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**My contact details Tony Torpy Mob**  
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**FOR SALE: A 1971 spotted gum Fleming cabin cruiser**, currently floating at Tin Can Bay. It needs work and would be a good project for someone. Attached are some of photos of the boat. Please let us know if this is something that your Club members could be interested in.

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**FOR SALE YACHT "Eric IV"**

Open to reasonable offers.  
 Details:- Design by Kel Steinman Launched: 1986  
 Length overall: 9.4 M (31ft) Beam: 2.96 M  
 Draft: 2.1 M (ballasted drop board - approx. 0.6M retracted) Hull: Western Red Cedar using West Epoxy, sheathed inside 2 x glass Kevlar & outside 2 x glass Deck: Gaboon Ply and glass sheathed  
**Maurie Munro ph 0419 170 386** for an inspection and/or test sail.



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