

Discover how great is our Great Sandy Strait

Wednesday, 13th December 2017

Departs Urangan 9.00 am returns 3.00 pm

Starts and finishes at the Hervey Bay Boat Club, Urangan where parking is available. The price includes a sandwich lunch on board.

Cost \$100 per person

(payment by cash only when boarding)

(Includes a contribution to the Great Sandy Strait research program now being launched)

The cruise is limited to 50 people. Only people who have previously registered by Email and received confirmation can be included. The \$100 per person will be collected on the morning of the cruise. This cruise is expected to be the forerunner for further similar cruises to raise funds for environmental research on Great Sandy Strait.

This pilot cruise aboard the Hervey Bay Boat Club's *MV Amaroo* aims to explore the major geographical features and the environmental and historical values of this Ramsar listed wetland offers a special opportunity to learn about this wonderful wetland.

The cruise is being organized for a consortium of public interest /conservation groups aimed at raising public awareness and funds for research on the environmental impacts of the Colton Coal mine through the release of acidic and polluted water. This pilot trip will include as specialist guide, John Sinclair, OA from the Fraser Island Defenders Organisation, Lindsay Titmarsh, a local grazier who is an expert on mangroves plus leaders of the campaign reviewing the environmental impact of the mine.

From July to October *MV Amaroo* is part of Hervey Bay's whale watching fleet. It is a shallow draft 20 meter Catamaran that is able to explore places that most other cruise vessels are unable to access. For this cruise the anticipated travelling speed will be approx. 17kt . The route travels down Great Sandy Strait to Sheridan Flats, Garry's Anchorage, and Stewart Island, the most biodiverse part of Great Sandy Strait and the part that will be most heavily impacted by the release of polluted water from the proposed Colton Coal mine. It will also divert up the Mary River to *Tandora*.



To register: Contact Liz Diggles: lizdiggles4562@bigpond.com

If you are interested in future such cruises during January or March please also contact Liz. Your name will be added to a list to be advised by Email of future cruise dates