



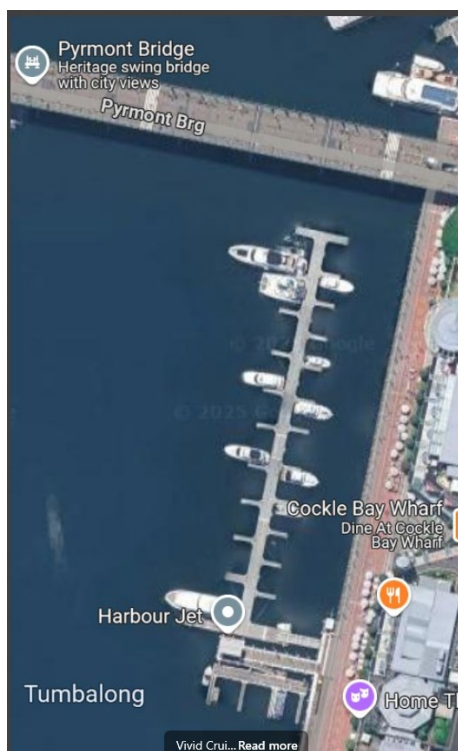
The Vivid Cruise is being led by Leon Wilson.

It will commence on Monday afternoon of the 9th June when all boats will anchor together in the same bay as HMAS Waterhen off Berry Island Reserve, with a view to travelling to Darling Harbour the next morning on the 10th June for the opening of the Pyrmont Bridge and entry into Darling Harbour Marina.

Departure from Darling Harbour is the following Saturday 14th.

The cost is \$140 per berth per day including power and payable to Darling Harbour Marina after arrival.

A google view of the marina is below.



Activities include sundowners on the dock, visiting various attractions, going to the theatre, behind the scenes tours, dining at Darling Harbour, China Town and in the Rocks, going on walks, stopping in for a counter lunch at the many pubs, shopping, ferry rides from Darling Harbour to the Quay for Vivid. The list is endless really. The Art Gallery also hold the Archibald prize at this time of year for those who like art. Last year Leon organised a behind the scenes tour of the Maritime Museum. I understand that this year he is thinking of something involving the old railway tunnels or a behind the scenes tour of the old GPO. I have a feeling that during Vivid the old city tunnels are lit up and open to the public.

For first timers, all boats will enter Darling Harbour at the same time in the morning when the Pyrmont bridge opens. The boats then berth on at a time with those who berth first helping the others with their lines and manoeuvring. The marina also has staff who assist. If you are new, you will be kept informed of group activities so there is no need to worry that you may be left out.

At \$140 a night it will be the best and cheapest room in the City where you are on the water in the comfort of your own boat, with a whole bunch of fellow sailors and instead of some boring hotel room for 4 times the price.

If you want to leave before Saturday there is a bridge opening fee of between \$100 and \$200 from memory. No one usually leaves. On Saturday morning all boats leave together and sail home to Pittwater. This is always a bit competitive, although no one says so – haha.

****An expression of interest will also be sought for the long weekend that precedes the Vivid Festival Cruise (7-9th June) as to whether any are interested in doing something on the Harbour on the Saturday-Monday. This is only for those who want to do something on the harbour before the Vivid Cruise starts.**

In terms of departure, those who wish to be part of the pre-Vivid harbour cruise will most likely sail down together.