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STATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



And POW! Just like that another three months have flown by. Are we really busier than ever? I know it seems to be getting ever tougher to get everything done; I can't count the number of things I would have liked to have done over the last three months, but just didn't get time.

However, all is not just grinding hard work, from time to time, my duties definitely involve interacting with some wonderful people and so it was at the state meeting held in August. At this meeting, my predecessor Mr John Jacobsen was awarded life membership of the state association and it was my pleasant duty to present this award. There can be no doubt that John has and still does carry both a heart and a passion for this organisation, so it was an honour to present John's life membership to him at our state dinner. I'm encouraged that John continues to serve with VMR Jacobs Well to this day. John is still available to me on those occasions when I need the 'voice of experience' and John I thank you for your serious dedication to Marine Rescue in Queensland.

It's so easy to get caught up in all the day to day stuff in our business that I can almost end up forgetting the big picture of why we are here. In being a little introspective recently I asked myself this question: If I'm asked to summarise in one sentence what my vision and passion are for this organisation, how would I answer? After all we already have so many fantastic people carrying incredible workloads in our squadrons, so what difference am I making? I guess my answer to summarise is that I am desperate to see one single 'Marine Rescue Qld' rather than 25 squadrons. I want to see us come together for a common cause. Our people already work so hard, I'd like to see sharing, communication and collaboration, anything that makes our lives easier. There is no doubt in my mind that change will come and when we face these changes, I want to present one united Marine Rescue Qld as a single highly trained, motivated and dedicated organisation. VMR is my life's passion and an organisation of which I am incredibly proud. I'm particularly pleased to be receiving 100% support from the State Council in this regard, for me they have been a wonderful team of people to work with.

Towards my vision of a single Marine Rescue Qld, as I move around the state I notice that many people have moved away from our dress uniform under operational circumstances and

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moved towards a polo shirt with Marine Rescue written in it in one form or another. The trouble is that many areas have produced their own shirt, all different to each other. Folks we are making a move towards a standard shirt for all of Queensland. This will be a navy blue polo shirt with yellow flashes. There will be a VMR badge on the left breast pocket and 'Marine Rescue' written in bold yellow across the back. I have tried to be as sensitive as I can to all areas, including some who have made investments in alternative products, but at the end of the day I believe we will be more professionally presented in the public eye by wearing a common uniform. I have already spoken about this vision in many areas across the state, but management teams should feel free to contact me if they have any queries.

Recently I attended a national volunteer marine meeting held with AMSA in Canberra. The big message from them is their high degree of gratitude for the efforts on volunteers within the marine rescue industry in Australia. They are very sensitive to the fact that without a volunteer workforce, there would be no marine rescue in this country. They are paying more than 'lip service', here indeed, they acknowledge both our efforts and our professionalism and they are keen to develop partnerships with us wherever we have common goals. They have advised me of two key areas at this point. One is getting the safety message out to the recreational community with respect to updating and registering EPIRB's. Still in 2013, 30% of EPIRB activations come from unregistered EPIRB's. This means large delays whilst research is done and a location established. Registering an EPIRB means the vessel owner's details and home port are known. Also in the early days of 406MHz EPIRB's, GPS equipped beacons were far more expensive and generally not considered by the recreational user, the price difference is now much smaller. VMR vessels should, and all recreational users are encouraged, to replace out of date EPIRB's with GPS equipped devices. This would then mean that when your EPIRB is deployed, the precise location is known by AMSA instantly, instead of having to wait for passing satellite to be in the right place. A worthy safety

message indeed. The second key point is that AMSA are interested in learning about any SAREX that is being held. I ask all squadrons to notify me when they are planning a SAREX and I will pass the details on to AMSA.

Also whilst in Canberra, a representative from the Australian Media and Communication Authority (ACMA) attended and gave a presentation on the Australian Waters Qualification (AWQ). For those who may not be aware, this is a marine VHF radio qualification aimed at the recreational public. They recognise that amongst the recreation public, there is a poor take-up of the formal MROCP and MROVCP official license. In response to this, the AWQ is aiming to teach basic information about VHF radio use including such things as channel selection and making emergency calls. Information such as maintenance DSC etc. has been removed. They seek the assistance of VMR in delivering this qualification to the recreational public. The programme is set to commence in the middle of 2014. More information can be found by doing a google search on 'ACMA AWQ'. Just to be clear, VMR crews will still need to obtain a MROCP to progress their maritime qualifications.

It's always dangerous for me to mention outstanding members, because we have over 1500. Suffice it to say it has been my great pleasure over the last three months to be asked to hand out many awards including new recipients of the national medal. This medal recognises 15 years of effort of significant service that has placed the recipient in harm's way. I warmly congratulate those worthy recipients and thank you for your service to the Queensland Community.

Well everyone, Christmas is almost upon us. As I talk to various crews the conversation has inevitably turned to the state of preparation of VMR vessels and equipment to face the coming holiday season. Many recent holiday seasons have involved large scale disasters and VMR volunteers have more than played their part. I'm deeply proud to serve with you across this busy time. On a personal level, I hope that everyone has a Merry Christmas and I extend my best wishes for the New Year.

Keith Williams

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SUCCESSFUL SEARCH AND RESCUE

On a Saturday night in October a vessel got into trouble and washed towards a windward shore with breaking waves eventually filling the boat with water and overturning it. A search and Rescue Operation was activated and the occupants and their pets were found and transported back to base by Marine Rescue Jacobs Well, very cold and wet, and were collected by family. The tinnie was recovered later and also towed back to our base. Some paint and a few repairs should see it right although the engine did take a long swim. Be careful out there.



INTERCLUB BAY CRUISE

This club held its annual cruise in our area of operation during September. Around 60 vessels anchored near Harrigans Hotel at Calypso Bay and members attended dinner and a fund raising event for Marine Rescue Jacobs Well, there, during the evening. We thank Commodore John Elliott, the committee and members for their efforts.



Commodore John taking the salute during the sail past near the measured mile

DONATION FROM JOHN PAUL COLLEGE—YR.10 BUSINESS CLASS

A recent donation from John Paul College is one of the more unusual we have received. The covering letter reads; "As teachers at John Paul College we not only teach subject matter but also try to encourage social responsibility in students. As part of our second term's Business assignment the classes were tasked with designing a business that sell a product and attempt to generate a profit. The businesses that were created by our classes included creating





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Perspex identity bag tags and friendship bracelets. The profits of the business were then to be donated to a charity or organisation of our choice. I am writing to you today to inform that we would like to contribute \$453 profits from our Business assignments to Marine Rescue Jacobs Well. Receive this with appreciation for the dedication of your organisation to creating safer waterways.

Rebecca Peall and Richard Graf

Marine Rescue Jacobs Well wish to thank the students and teachers from John Paul College for their efforts. They are appreciated.



Skipper Alan and crewmen Ian (ex JP College) accepting the donation.

FUND RAISING

Picture shows the Chapman family accepting first prize from Vice President Roger Hawkes, of a houseboat holiday, from a recent raffle. The prize was kindly donated by Fantaseas Houseboats of Coomera. (www.fantaseashouseboats.com.au) We thank them and all sponsors for donations and support in the never ending task of raising enough funds to provide safety on the waterways.



Chapman family accepting first prize from Vice President Roger Hawkes.



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NEW SULLAGE TANK

Another major project recently undertaken at the base was the replacement of the old sullage tank. This project was managed by one of our members, Mario Magro and we thank him for his efforts in bringing it to a successful conclusion.

Some of the action around the base at the time.



LIFE MEMBERSHIP

At the October general meeting long serving member Greg Litte was honoured with life membership of Marine Rescue Jacobs Well. Greg was a member for over 21 years and says of his time with marine rescue "It was one of the most pleasant and memorable times of my life. I was very happy to be able to help the wonderful people who put in the hours to make the organisation function and my heart goes out to them for their efforts. Thanks for the memories and I accept this honour on their behalf." Volunteer organisations are blessed to have people of this caliber in their ranks.



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PEDDLE BOAT RACE



Energex Bribie One tows the three peddle boats out to the starting line for "The Great Peddle Boat Race. *Picture by Peter McNamara*

Family Fun Day on Sunday, October 27, 2013, at the Crest Park vicinity, three peddle boats lined up for a race from the bridge to the Bellara Pontoon as part of the Bribie Island Festival's celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Bribie Island Bridge. The Volunteer Marine Rescue Bribie Island (VMR) towed the peddle boats to the start line and provided an escort and safety vessel throughout the race. At commencement of the tow, the leading peddle boat was nearly swamped, then approaching the bridge the tow line between peddle boats one and two came adrift (connected by race organisers, not VMR). The competitors chose to line up from where they were, which shortened the course by some 50% and raced current and wind to the finish. Wyatt Roy MP and Tony Bristol from the Bribie Festival Committee won mainly from local and tactical knowledge!



Competitors narrowly avoid a dunking. *Picture by John Traill*



Energex Bribie One about to tow the three peddle boats to the starting line for "The Great Peddle Boat Race" ... Wyatt Roy and Tony Bristol in the centre of the picture were the eventual winners of the 'race'. *Picture by Peter McNamara*



Winner of the 'Peddle Boat Race' Wyatt Roy MP flanked by, from left to right the VMR's Commodore Wayne Sclater, Annette Mengel and Graeme Symons who provide the tow to the start and the escort/safety vessel throughout the race. *Picture by John Traill*

BRIBIE ISLAND MARINE RESCUE QLD



VMR PROMOTES ANNETTE MENGEL TO COXSWAIN



Pictured in the front row is the Commodore of the Volunteer Marine Rescue Bribe Island, Wayne Sclater and Vice Commodore Bob Skinner presenting Annette Mengel with her Coxswain Certificate. The Blue Sunday Crew watching on, from the left are Jason Colston, Adrian Westerman, Steve Kiely, Ray Fox, Simon Middap and Paul Sears.



The Volunteer Marine Rescue Bribe Island presented a plaque to BCF at Morayfield in appreciation for contributing to our recent Free Safe Boating Seminars. The presentation was made by the Commodore Wayne Sclater other VMR members in attendance were Vice Commodore Bob Skinner, Public Relations Officer John Traill and Radio Officer Peter McNamara. Picture shows left to right Vice Commodore Bob Skinner, Matthew McGruther from BCF Morayfield and Commodore Wayne Sclater. *Picture by Peter McNamara*

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NTH STRADBROKE MARINE RESCUE QLD

A relatively quiet Spring was had by the unit with mainly the odd medivac over the September school holiday period as well as some 'RACQ' type work.

Had to feel sorry for one young guy who broke down off Peel Island in his father's boat and needed a tow back to Wienam Creek. Dad had a mechanic tend to the problem only for his son to break down with the same problem in exactly the same spot one week later. Suppose the mechanic has been fired.

With Summer upon us and the mention of the possibility of cyclones visiting us down this far, a number of agencies and groups have been proactive in preparing for emergencies on the island mainly focusing on disasters, such as the cyclones mentioned above, as well as fires.

I was invited to attend an AIIMS (Australasian Inter-Service Incident Management System) exercise at SES HQ on Stradbroke Island where the QFS ran the role playing exercise involving QFS, QAS, QPS, Marine Rescue, Rangers, Lands Department as well as valuable input from Sibelco, the sand mining company on the island. Although the scenario involved the outbreak of a fire on the island and did not involve us to a great degree, the real benefit was learning how this system is now being used by most emergency services through Australasia.

The functional management involved five areas:

Control, Planning, Public Information, Operations and Logistics.

I was also made aware that in the event of a catastrophic event such as a cyclone, this management system would also be followed by Redland City Council who is the council responsible for North Stradbroke Island.

HOW DOES THIS INVOLVE MARINE RESCUE?

It is important for Marine Rescue to be recognised for the resources and expertise of personnel that we can provide in any emergency. Remembering that we are on an island and the logistics involved, not only in providing medical evacuation, but also in transporting people and equipment to and fro may be a necessity.

Further to this, a committee is also operating to organise the provision of resilience centres in each of the three townships, Point Lookout, Amity and Dunwich and we have been asked for our input.

In the past we have felt that we have been forgotten about or perhaps, more accurately, not been thought of as far as what we can provide in times of emergency on our island paradise. It is good that we are now being included as we have always felt that our role, in our unique situation, is not only to the boating community but for the service of the whole Stradbroke Island community wherever we can within our expertise and capacities.

In the middle of November we were activated by the Water Police to conduct an SAR for possibly two people in the water off Flinders Beach. The conditions were less than favourable given that it was night, having to cross the South Passage Bar on an ebb tide through the Amity Channel, the wind being strong and the swell variable and lumpy at best, as well as being hit by a storm some hours into the search. We were accompanied by a Police vessel and one of Marine Rescue Raby Bay's boats, later to be joined by another Raby Bay boat and another from the Coastguard. The search was conducted parallel to Flinders Beach in a NW course to past the Amity channel of the bar towards Moreton Island. Unfortunately the

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search had to be called off and resumed early the next morning. Sadly a deceased person was spotted by a search helicopter soon after the resumption. Our thoughts go out to the friends and family of the young backpacker who was here for a holiday of a lifetime no doubt.

We are eagerly awaiting two outcomes at the moment. For those of you who have visited our base, you would be well aware that it is not the most inviting space. Through the good graces of a grant from Redland City Council and the ongoing support of Sibelco and their Sand Mining Community Fund, we are just nearing the completion of a renovation of the internal space. Once this work is completed, we will be embarking on further external additions.

The second eagerly anticipated outcome is the picking up of our Kevlacat, *Blue Diamond*, from Eagle Catamarans

at Steiglitz. Len Perry and his crew have done a fantastic job of fitting a new hardtop and all-round glass as well as other bits and pieces. You will no longer have to be either John Eales or Danny Devito to see forward anymore. Our electrician, Wayne Love has done his usual professional job.

Hopefully, we will also be able to fit new Suzuki 175's in the near future given the result of another grant. Cross fingers. We were initially told that we would not be able to fit more than 150's given their weight, however, we have subsequently found out the weight difference is negligible so 175's it is. More down low grunt is what we want.

Let's hope the up-coming holiday period will be a safe and incident free time for the boating community. Best wishes for the season to all volunteers in all units no matter what capacity you may fill.

Doug Fraser

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ROUND HILL MARINE RESCUE QLD

We have moved to social media in an endeavour to recruit new members and expressions of interest have been pleasing with two potential new crew members and radio operators. (see information on right)

At the annual fishing visit by Ausfish members in September we were presented with a donation of \$2590 from a great evening of fun at their cook off barbecue. Not only do they support us but the \$ value to our small community with houses rented/visits to the tavern/fuel/food etc by 100 people is an enormous boost to the community – thank you one and all!

We also hosted the Marine Studies students from the Rosedale High School in October. This was an informative morning with assistance from the Water Police and others. Some great questions were asked by the students that kept all on their toes.

Since July 1 to November 30, 2013 Round Hill Rescue has been activated seven times returning 20 persons to safety using 1521 litres of fuel.

We are finding that TOO many boaties are relying on their mobile phones instead of their marine radios to communicate with us. Please where possible USE your RADIO. The VHF Repeater system is a good tool up and down the coast.



left: Some of the students onboard Round Hill Rescue.

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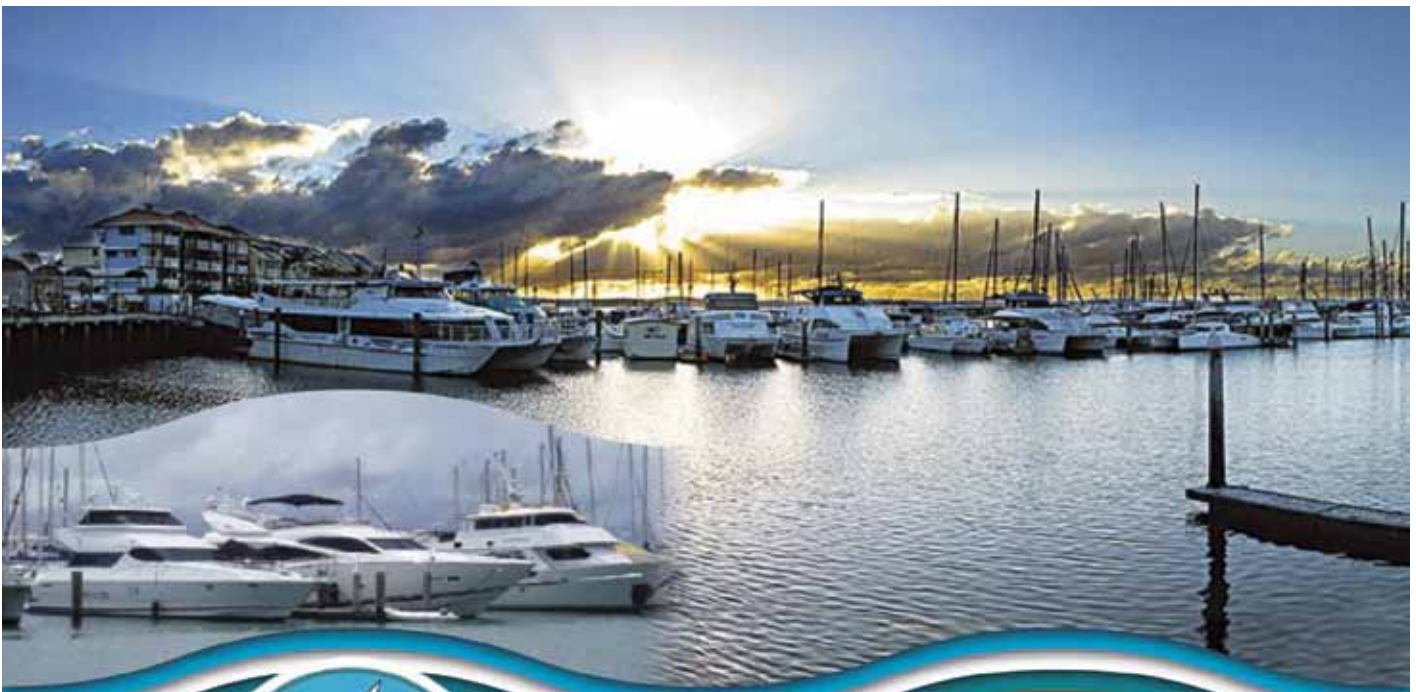
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Barry O'Driscoll recently celebrated 20 years as a volunteer with us at Victoria Point and here he is following that up being presented with the 2013 Inaugural Senior Volunteer Award from the Order of Australia Committee Queensland.

I do not remember seeing Barry wear a bow tie on our rescue vessels but he is an inspiration to us all.

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BUNDABERG MARINE RESCUE QLD

ACTIVATIONS

Spring 2013 has been relatively quiet for activations at Marine Rescue Bundaberg, with only five callouts. Three were for breakdowns, one for grounding and another to avert a potential sinking.

The grounding incident occurred on September 12. We were activated just after 13:00 to go to the assistance of a yacht that was sinking off Elliott Heads. VMR President Garry Dick said activation came from Water Police after a 000 call. The yacht was taking water in rough seas and the solo sailor could not identify the cause of the problem.

Bundy Rescue was dispatched under the command of Bill Ker, who had only limited telephone contact with the yacht. *Bundy Rescue* arrived off Elliott Heads at 14:35 to find the 37' sloop aground on the southern end of Dr May's Island in the mouth of the Elliott River. Even though it was only two hours after high tide *Bundy Rescue* could only get within 0.5 mile of the shore and could not contact the yacht skipper.

The solo sailor had prepared for this and rendezvoused with *Bundy Rescue* using his inflatable tender at 14:45. The sailor, his tender and several most valued possessions were taken aboard *Bundy Rescue* for the return to Burnett Heads. Bill Ker noted that the 20kt NW wind made for an uncomfortable trip back to Burnett Heads (see photos).

It transpired the yacht's skipper had purposely grounded the yacht to avoid sinking. The yacht had been recently purchased and was being taken to Yeppoon. The yacht was salvaged the next day by a commercial salvage company.

On November 12 Volunteer Marine Rescue Bundaberg brought a 46' ex-trawler to safety after it was disabled and in danger of sinking some 24nm north of Burnett Heads.

Skipper, Bill Ker said he got a call at 04:00 after the owner was directed to him by the VMR after hours service. *Bundy Rescue*, with five crew members, departed at 05:30 and rendezvoused with the vessel at 06:40. The vessel's engine would not run for more than a few minutes without over-heating and there was a heavy ingress of water between planks.

A VMR crewman and a petrol engine pump were put aboard the disabled vessel to assist the single person on board and a tow line attached for the return to Burnett Heads. VMR's secondary vessel, *Bundy Rum*, was launched and on standby to supply additional fuel should the pump have to operate continuously.

Bundy Rescue brought the vessel into the river, where it was safely placed on the mobile lift at Bundaberg Port Marina at 10:30 and lifted from the water.

It appears the vessel was recently purchased in Gladstone and was heading for Maryborough to be slipped for repairs. Given the state of the vessel the repairs should have been effected in Gladstone. It was extremely fortunate that sea conditions were quite calm, otherwise the outcome might not have been so favourable.

Without VMR's assistance it is highly likely the vessel would have sunk.



Bundy Rescue approaches Burnett Heads with the disabled trawler.



Bundy Rescue returning to Burnett Heads with rescued yachtsman.



Job done, with the disabled trawler entering the mobile lift.

BUNDABERG MARINE RESCUE QLD



AVIAN VISITORS



above left: Osprey leaving the nest on the comms tower at Marine Rescue Bundaberg in August 2013. photo NewsMail photo

above right: Empty nest October 2013. photo Trevor Walden

Earlier this year (May-June) we watched a pair of Ospreys build their nest on the MSQ Communications tower just outside our radio room. The tower became the preferred site after the previous perennial nest on a channel marker in the river was lost when the marker became a casualty of the 2013 Burnett River Flood. While the building operation provided great entertainment for the Fishing Classic crowd June 22-24, our front deck was getting a regular dressing of guano.

Unfortunately for the Ospreys no chicks were seen this nesting season and the empty nest was confirmed by a helicopter overflight by a local pilot. Were viable eggs a

casualty of the site between two microwave dishes? MSQ have undertaken to remove the nest.

TRAINING



Bundy Rescue tows Bundy Rum during training.

The Saturday morning training continues to focus on practical skills associated with search and rescue. During a recent outing where *Bundy Rum* was under tow by *Bundy Rescue* a MOB was declared from the towed vessel. *Bundy Rum's* skipper opted to drop his silver rope tow line, knowing it would float and be readily recovered after dealing with the MOB.

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The next practical incident involved a call from *Bundy Rum* that there were three injured crew (one with broken legs and unable to move and two unconscious with head injuries) the vessel was found to be still underway when *Bundy Rescue* arrived on scene. *Bundy Rescue*'s crew then had to deal with securing the target vessel and the severe injury scenario.

The major learning from this was the difficulty of using the collapsible stretcher in the confined space on a small vessel, given the likelihood of spinal injury. Other options considered included use of the rolled blanket transfer technique.

Crews found both exercises valuable and were looking forward to more similar activity.

Our new gas powered fire box was activated on September 21 as part of ESS training. One of the early learnings was need for some long-handled piezo-electric ignition tool, as the gas would not ignite until a sufficient gas/oxygen mix was available above the water – then whoosh!

The other learning was the fire was more easily smothered by dry powder or foam extinguishers than the old drum fire. It is an improved and safer system? – on balance when compared dealing with a real fire in the drum fire box with 8-10 extinguishers and water hose backup, probably not!

The other big change in our ESS training was the move from life raft training in the river to a public pool in Bundaberg. The change means that life raft training can now only be conducted between September and April when the pool is open, putting pressure on completion of some ESS qualifications within the required six month period.



The new gas powered fire box used for ESS training at Marine Rescue Bundaberg.

above left: The gas bottle operator. above right: Putting it out.

Life raft training at Bundaberg's Anzac Pool



top: UTC John O'Callaghan demonstrates righting a raft

above: Trainees about to right the raft.



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MACKAY ESS COURSE

September 2013

In September the training staff from VMRAQ, busy as always, were in Mackay to present the Elements of Shipboard Safety to recipients of the VMR Base in Mackay. The course was well attended and under the leadership of Rob Brock, State Training Manager, I was unleashed on the unsuspecting group. I had the privilege of standing in for Gary Radford who was in hospital at the time.

We were picked up at the airport and transported to the base by Russel McLennan, where we were met by Sharon McLain, secretary of VMR Mackay, and whose assistance was invaluable to us during our time at Mackay.

All parts of the ESS Module were presented and covered, as in all cases the lectures were interspersed with practical training ie., vessel inspection, flare demonstrations and best of all, the morning spent in the pool doing the survival at sea component

It was a pleasure to meet the president, Peter Smith, and with the enthusiasm that was shown, the future looks good for VMR Mackay.

Well done everyone.

Tom Hudson
State Training Officer

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GLADSTONE MARINE RESCUE QLD

Boating incidents for the last few months have generally been pretty normal, with the usual breakdowns requiring our assistance. One incident that stood out, that some of the crew would rather forget, involved the towing of a 9m displacement cruiser that had broken down 20m out. A severe weather change had come through and like all changes



MSQ Class of 2013.



What's the joke Tom?



Jeff Kidner presenting Lift Membership to Russ Charles.

the wind speed picks up for about 12 hours then eases down. In these conditions we would normally advise people to seek shelter at the adjacent islands and when the wind abates we would come out and render assistance. However in this case the skipper advised us that he was broken down and did not have an anchor and was drifting. So despite the fact that there was a strong wind warning current and it was at night our VMR crew successfully towed the boat to Gladstone. However there were a couple of occasions when consideration was given to severing the tow.

On a separate issue we have also rebuilt our website, thanks to the assistance of Gary Adams from VMR Bribie Island who helped us through the difficult phases of understanding the ins and outs of CMS type of websites. Since it has been active we have received in excess of 30

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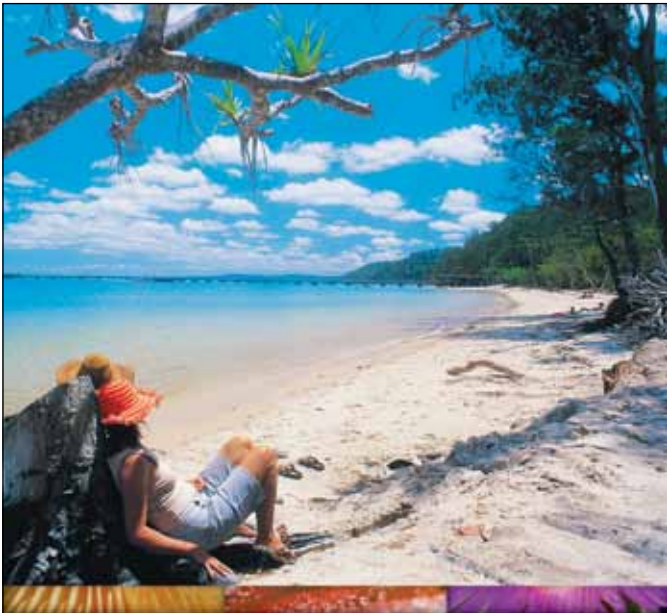
Jeff Kidner explaining to Kimberley our area of operation.

new members who have joined on line. If you can spare the time visit our site at www.vmr Gladstone.org.au

We also hosted a MSQ Coxswain course in Gladstone which was attended by a number of members from some of the Gulf Squadrons. The course was great a success and there was much interaction between the

Gladstone members and the Gulf members. The course was sponsored by a donation from QGC for training. Additionally QGC funding was used for a Cert 4 training course also held in Gladstone.

We participated in a Creek to Coast session also funded by QGC to promote our profile. We were expecting a



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production team to roll up but the team comprised of a cameraman and Kimberley Busted. Kimberley is the daughter of one of our long standing members and boat skipper Brad Busted. The final result will appear on Creek to Coast firstly on December 21 which will be after this journal publication and a second episode sometime in the New Year. If you miss it the past episodes are on line at www.creektocoast.com.au

I can't finish without mentioning Russ Charles who received a Life Membership of VMR Gladstone. Russ has been an active member for 30 years and due to his busy retirement schedule the presentation wasn't made until six months after the AGM. Russ had the misfortune to be available for the tow mentioned early on in this report.

Until next time.

above left: Jeff Caldwell sharing a joke with Kimberley.

left: Kimberley interviewing Terry Werder about his time with VMR Gladstone.

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GLADSTONE COXSWAIN COURSE

October 20-28, 2013



The team from VMRAQ, S.T.M Rob Brock & S.T.O Gary Radford made the journey to Gladstone to present the Coxswains Course at VMR Gladstone. I joined Gary later on to assist as Rob had other commitments to fulfil.

I had the privilege to meet with the course attendees from various VMR zones and units.

GULF ZONE

Eunice Hosea and John Wigness from St. Paul's, Herbert Yunkaporta from Aurukun, Clargie Saltmere from Mornington Island who is also the President of Mornington Island, Francis Nai and Simon Naawi from Yorke Island.

NORTHERN ZONE

Robert Murolo travelled from Midge Point to be part of the course.

CENTRAL ZONE

The crew from Gladstone were very welcoming to us and made the course relatively easy for us to administer as in all groups there is always someone who is Court Jester. In this group we had two. Greg Klease and Rob Plumridge made the course happy and enjoyable together with the following members from Gladstone – Stefanie Stevens, Mira Tolloczko, Steve Hindle, Dale Coward and Kerry Moore.

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Gary Radford, Tom Hudson, John & Eunice Hosea from St Pauls, Herbert Yunkaporta from Aurukun, Clargie Saltmere from Mornington Island, Francis Nai and Simon Naawi from Yorke Island and Rob Brock.



THE COURSE

The course is full on, but with a number of breaks, people's interests were kept at the forefront. Our thanks must go to Andrea for the assistance she accorded us, the catering was excellent and nobody went hungry.

For the Training Team, extra time was needed from the initial course for assessments to be completed. An observation that I made on this course is that some of the participants are not having their task books filled in prior to the course. It is up to the individual to make sure that their unit skippers know what areas need to be addressed in their task books so they (skippers) can sign off on each individual.

For me as a S.T.O., it was also a learning curve and as I enjoy learning, it was a pleasurable experience.

A 'very well done' to all those who participated.

**Tom Hudson
State Training Officer**



Barge trip out of Gladstone Harbour.



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Join VMR Sandgate on a tour to Norfolk Island!

Paul Hollingdale from VMR Sandgate's Charlie crew works for Go See Touring and reports on a recent trip to Norfolk Island. He's now planning a trip to Norfolk for VMR in April 2014 and says everyone is welcome.

By Paul Hollingdale

NORFOLK ISLAND

This little rock in the Pacific Ocean located between Australia, New Zealand and New Caledonia is an amazing find. Approximately 877 miles directly east of mainland Australia and about 560 miles from Lord Howe Island. Part of the Commonwealth of Australia, the island has a large degree of self-governance and forms one of Australia's external territories. Norfolk Island is similar to a small country town but stuck in the middle of the Pacific Ocean and flying in you can't help but notice the green pastures and rocky coastline that makes access by sea a major challenge especially in inclement weather conditions. Home to a population of approximately 2000 people Norfolk is only 35km². So its little wonder that the average kilometres travelled in local resident's cars is only around 3000-5000km per year ...

Originally settled by East Polynesians, Norfolk Island was colonised by Great Britain as part of its settlement of Australia in 1788. The island served as a convict penal settlement until May 1855. In 1856 permanent civilian residence on the island began when it was re-settled by the Pitcairn Islanders, some of whom were descendants of Fletcher Christian. In 1901, the island became a part of the Commonwealth of Australia which it has remained until this day.

The famous Norfolk Island pine is a symbol of the island and thus pictured on its flag. Native to the island, the

pine was a key export industry for Norfolk Island, being a popular ornamental tree on mainland Australia, where two related species grow, and also in Europe. Although a beautiful timber with a cylindrical trunk resembling a ship's mast the timber has many knots and after several attempts at using such timber Captain James Cook entered in his journal that the timber was of no use for this purpose. However, the oily timber made it a perfect material for building the hulls for the lighters and tenders that are still being built and used to the present day.

Standing on the summit of Mt Pitt the second tallest mountain and boasting the best views, you can sense the remoteness as the ocean surrounds this picture perfect Island.

While fishing off Norfolk Island is as popular for the locals as it is for the tourists, launching a boat is an experience in itself. There are two rock piers and one launch ramp that is seldom used due to weather. Both rock piers feature





a gantry with a block and tackle and most trailer boats have a lifting rig permanently attached. When the boat is in position and attached to the block and tackle the tow vehicle is then attached to the end of the wire rope so as the vehicle reverses the vessel lifts off the trailer and is lowered into the sea. Sounds complicated but the locals make it look easier than launching our boats on a conventional ramp..!

met on the shores of Pitcairn Island sometime after the mutiny. Today, much of Norfolk Island is about re-enactment and the locals have had years to perfect it from nightly shows like the *Bounty Show*, *Fletcher's Fate Dinner*, to the annual *Bounty Day* re-enactment. Norfolk Island is like a country town in the middle of the ocean. The air is pure, the food mostly organically grown (You can taste the difference) and the locals keen to tell a story or two!

Expect to catch a handsome amount of local trumpeter (our Sweetlip) the occasional Kingfish as well as Snapper. The local fish and chip shop sells fresh fish – I know I saw their boats come in..! And, seeing as I wasn't there for the famous 'Island Fish Fry' I just had to indulge myself in a medley of freshly battered Trumpeter – (well there goes the diet...) Fresh wet fish sells for around \$25 / kilo but catching your own is of course half the fun. Eating freshly caught fish is so popular that local tour operator Pine Tree Tours has a dedicated 'Island Fish Fry' evening at Puppies Point reserve overlooking the rocky western shores of the Island. Complete with local entertainment, island salads, and magical sunsets, and of course plenty of battered fish fillets this is the most popular tour with visitors.

Tourism is the largest business on the island and in the good old days of the 80's and 90's it wasn't uncommon for Norfolk Island to host between 35,000 and 40,000 visitors a year. The last decade has seen a decline in part due to the competition of other destinations, cruising and more grey nomads hitting the roads at home in caravans and motorhomes.

Listen carefully to the locals – you'll notice some interesting dialect called Norfolk speak. Your tour driver will give you a quick explanation of some of the more popular phrases such as 'wutaway' – how are you? 'Dar-de-way' – that's the way, 'Webout you gwen?' – where are you going? At first it might sound like someone's had too many rums the night before but it's actually a mixture of old English and Tahitian!

If you've been to Norfolk Island it's a great opportunity to revisit and experience some things you might have missed last time. Regardless if you've been there or not; my company Go See Touring has an organised group tour for VMR members, family and friends departing April 26, 2014. A lot of fun is planned with a night as a convict, fishing trip (weather permitting), Mutiny on the Bounty Show, Island Fish Fry, 4WD tour, Glass bottom boat trip at Emily Bay plus much more. The tour includes cooked breakfast daily, dinners nightly, return economy air travel and seven night's accommodation at the South Pacific Resort Hotel.

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KARUMBA FIRST AID COURSE

October 7-12, 2013

In company with Gary Radford, we travelled to Mt Isa from Brisbane by plane, and then drove from Mt Isa to Karumba, arriving late in the afternoon. On driving into Karumba we were amazed by the hundreds of kangaroos feeding off the only green grass (Karumba Sports Field) for miles.

On arrival we checked into the Karumba Hotel and prepared our equipment ready for the next day.

We then met with President Bruce Handsford and the Secretary of VMR Karumba, Kyra Hill.

The course presentation was made easy by the goodwill and participation by all who attended. We originally had 60 persons to undertake the First Aid Course, but with attrition 31 persons attended the course. The participants came from various local groups including members of VMR and local fisherman.

ATTENDEES WERE

Lynette Baldwin, Scott Bolton, Gary Lee, Rob Jones, Stevern Rollo, Jeff Newman, Sandi Newman, Kyra Hill, Candice Hammann, Geoff Moore, John Kemeridis, Bruce Hansford, Andrew Stark, Paul Croften, Dabid Hobbs, Juston Hook, Tyyzane Costelow, Mark Ambrose, Kimerley Wells, Henry Ambrose, Gary Ward, Claudine Ward, Shane Ward, Michael Macdonald, Harry Ward, Julie-Anne Ward, Graham Ward, Ian Wilson, Brad Bosel, Peter Coop and Graham Cavanough.

Claudine Ward and Kyra Hill were available to us and without their assistance our role would have been so much harder.

The CPR equipment was supplied by Burketown VMR and thanks must go to them for their input.

The friendship that was accorded to us the VMRAQ Training Officers was excellent and to top it all, we were invited to attend next year's course.

Congratulations to all participants.

Tom Hudson
State Training Officer



Early morning on the River at Karumba.



The only green patch of grass in Karumba.



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INVESTIGATION

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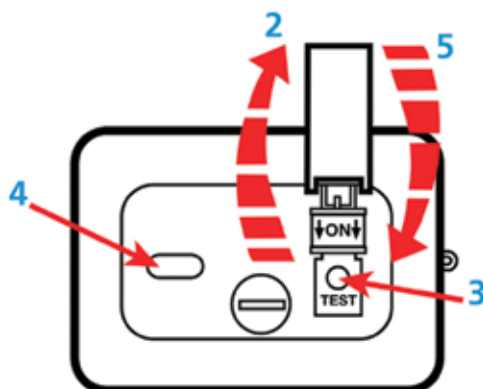
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RABY BAY MARINE RESCUE QLD

As the deadline for submissions for this last journal of 2013 draws near, so does Christmas, and with it the year's end. VMR Raby Bay has had a truly successful year, which bodes well for 2014. Our accomplishments this year should be surpassed by those in the next. Warm wishes for a safe holiday season are extended to all Marine Rescue personnel throughout the state and to all the boating public. It is also time to thank our major sponsor Energex for their continuing support over the last three years.



EVENTS

Vessels from Raby Bay were involved in two major events in the past quarter.

Energex Medivac and *RBII* took part in the 2013 Sunsuper Riverfire in September. Energex Medivac was again the VIP vessel for the Sunsuper officials. *RB II* fulfilled her usual role as a water police support vessel. (Our only call for assistance that day was from a Gold Coast identity, and sometime contributor to this journal, who had a starting problem. Batteries are no respecter of celebrity.)

In October, *RB II* and *RB IV* were active as support vessels for the filming that took place near Peel Island. One of our crew lent a helping hand to a certain passenger, who shall remain nameless. Whether Bob has washed that hand since is uncertain. Mind you, there is some question regarding him having ever washed it before.

BASE INFRASTRUCTURE

The security system project is complete and commissioned and our new Windtracker is up and running. Thanks to Redland City Council for the grants that made these projects possible. All radio antennae have been replaced and re-cabled.

A grant from Redlands RSL has enabled the purchase of a modern multifunctional projector for our large training

room. All that remains is the inevitable train-the-trainers program. (Old dogs – new tricks)

Other notable changes include the extension to the public car-park in preparation for the forthcoming new public ramp and pontoon and, as much as we'd like to, let us not forget the great 'Gravity vs. the giant roller-door' incident. For those who missed it, one of our large roller doors jumped its bracket and plummeted to earth. The replacement is to be ordered this month. (Door, not planet.)

The building sub-committee are currently planning the next stage of building development. We are hoping to widen our shed and commission an extension to our own ramp.

Our IT team, in consultation with a local company are now busy specifying the requirements for an integrated solution to meet our current and future IT needs.

Go-Pro cameras are to be fitted to each of the three front-line boats. This will give us access to real-world incidents for training purposes and as video or photographic testimony in incident reporting if required.

These last two projects and a long awaited upgrade to our website have been funded by the Gambling Community Benefit Fund.

THE FLEET

RBII – operational.

Whilst *RB II* has remained operational there was a problem reported with her air conditioning. This was traced back to a generator fault, which has now been fixed. Good timing with the hotter weather now approaching.

Energex Medivac (RBIII) – operational.

She had a short spell off the water while she was repowered but is now back on-line sporting a new pair of Suzuki's lean-burn 300hp units.

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RBIV – operational.

RBIV is a six metre, aluminium hulled RIB and serves as our fast-response boat. She was recently sent up to Woody Marine with suspected stress fractures which fortunately turned out to be purely cosmetic. However, while she was out of commission, we took the opportunity to replace the clears and had the engines replaced too. A pair of fly-by-wire 175's have turned what was merely a fast boat into a highly manoeuvrable fast boat.



PERSONNEL

Several valuable members have been lost from our active crew roster. Boat skipper Kevin Carpenter (crew two) and crew members Josh Mulholland (crew one) and Rebecca Vandermeer (crew two) have resigned under the pressures of work. Kelly Smith (crew six) has had to withdraw from service for personal reasons. All will be sorely missed.

This decline has been offset by the return of Darryl Francis and the induction of several new members.



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MEMBERSHIP AND TRAINING

Active crew numbers remain fairly static at around 65, with some members operational on more than one crew. We have up to 12 members on any crew and all at different levels of skill and experience. This can make training on crew days rather difficult. However, in spite of this our trainers and skippers are doing a great job and many of our members are progressing rapidly towards competent crew and coxswain levels.



skippers as well as a ramp, car-park and bay-weather camera which are to be installed shortly. These cameras will benefit the community through our website, which is also due to be redesigned in the near future.

We were recently the subject of an article in the *Redland Times* in which we were able to raise awareness covering pre-boating season maintenance, batteries and old fuel as well as safety equipment problems. It was also a great opportunity to get the Energex Medivac boat into the picture as part of our ongoing gratitude to Energex for their unwavering support.

THIRD QUARTER STATISTICS

The 2012/2013 3rd Quarter Comparisons are:

While medivacs and breakdowns are both up a modest amount, time spent training is up significantly on last year's third quarter. (see graph below)

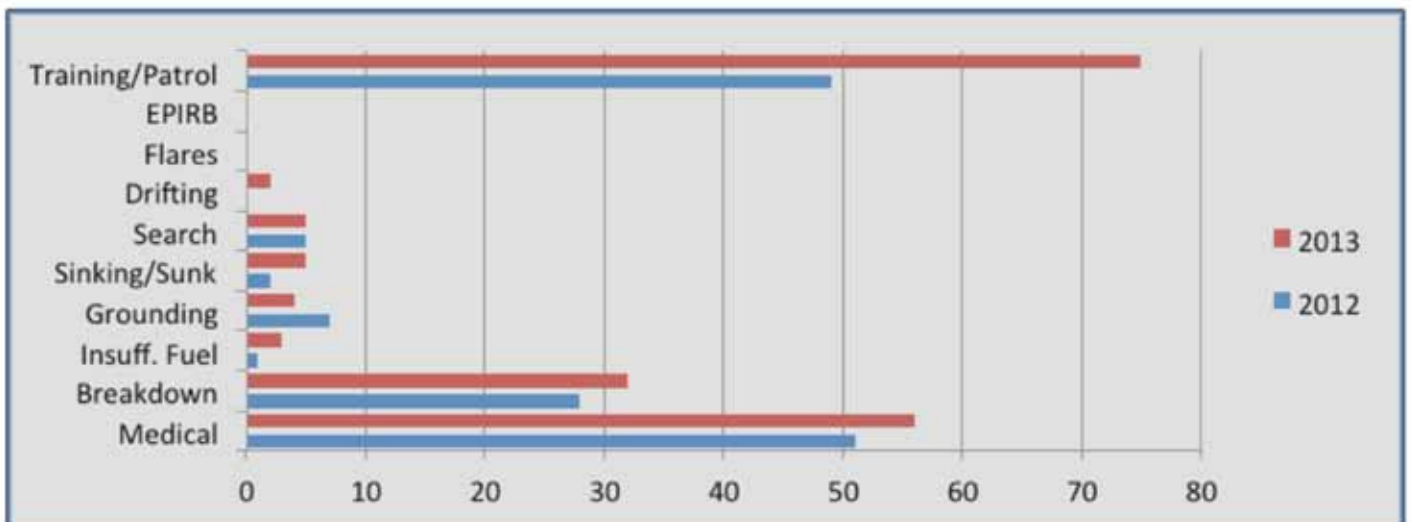
An interesting statistic not recorded on the graph is that despite the rise in activation-hours, our operational hourly fuel consumption rate dropped from 2012's 57 litres per hour to this quarter's 51 litres. That represents over 1700 litres of fuel! That's equivalent to approximately \$2000 or 34 hours of activation!



FUND RAISING

Unfortunately our Saturday morning collections at the Cleveland Stocklands shopping centre are no longer available at this time. Thanks are due to the Stocklands management for their support over the past years and hopefully our collections may resume there in the new-year. Although our city collections are also down, our grants team have been particularly active and are making up for some of the short-fall.

Thanks again to Redland City Council and the Gambling Community Benefit Fund for grants that we recently received for funding a bar-crossing course for our





A new era for search and rescue

Weipa Volunteer Marine Rescue president Crazy Pete and one of the Unmanned Aerial Vehicles that could be used to assist in search and rescue.
Photo and Photoshop compilation by Giembra Busmer.

Search and rescue in the Gulf of Carpentaria and the Torres Strait is about to enter a new era with the addition of high-tech assistance in the form of state-of-the-art Unmanned Aerial Vehicles more commonly referred to as drones.

The president of the Volunteer Marine Rescue Weipa, Crazy Pete, has secured funding from Marine Rescue Queensland to continue his research into the most suitable unit for the Gulf region.

Crazy has convinced the State association that UAV's are the next big thing in almost every section of industry. Small, unmanned vehicles are already operating in survey work, real estate and a variety of other situations with small remote-controlled units.

The unit that is under investigation for VMR is a much larger aircraft. The unit has been in military operation since 2004 and has thousands of hours flying in all types of weather and conditions.

"I have been meeting with staff from the Australian Research Centre for Aerospace Automation who are keen to assist us with our modifications to the aircraft," Crazy said.

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"I have also met with members of the Australian and American armies who have been operating UAV's in Afghanistan and other countries for target acquisition tasks.

"With the cost to replace a rescue vessel similar to *Weipa's Rescue One* around \$750,000 and a small fortune to fuel and maintain, anything that can reduce costs and keep crews to a minimum amount of time in harm's way will always get a look in," continued Crazy.

The UAV will considerably reduce the time crews will need to spend scouring seas for hours on end, often in heavy weather before locating the vessel or persons in distress.

The unit is capable of cruising at a maximum height of five kilometres and a top speed of around 12kph and can stay aloft for up to three hours. Day and night vision cameras feed real time footage back to a receiver in Weipa.

The UAV's will not replace a vessel but will reduce the exposure of crews and vessels and greatly reduce operating costs.

The manufacturer of the aircraft are keen to co-partner with Weipa VMR to assist in breaking the units into the public sector. Crazy recently represented Marine Rescue at conferences in Rostock, Germany in September and a futher one in London later that month.

Sgt Blake also attended the overseas conferences with Crazy and observed UAV's in operation by Scotland Yard in London and the FBI in America.

"These units will be utilised not only for marine rescue tasks but I imagine they will be called upon to monitor bush fires in remote areas, customs and immigration activities, mining, land and sea ranger groups, SES, fisheries and a host of other tasks.

"They will revolutionise the way we do things here in the more remote parts of the country."

Crazy said that although the Weipa unit was small in comparison to its counterparts on the east coast it has provided leadership for the organisation in several areas since its inception in Weipa in 1995. It is also noteworthy that Weipa is the most highly decorated marine rescue unit in Queensland.

It is most likely that the first UAV's to commence operations would be with VMR units in the Torres Strait which

has the dubious title of being the busiest search and rescue area in Australia.

"To establish four UAV's and train crews to 'pilot' level would come at a cost of \$4 million," Crazy said.

"When you consider that one helicopter can run up numbers like that in no time at all, then you add in the cost of other assets such as rescue vessels, fixed-wing aircraft, training of crews, water police, pilots etc it is a one off bargain."

"There are challenges in positioning these aircraft into the Civil Aviation Safety Authorities legislation although once the emergency service gets the go ahead we are hopeful the program will begin as soon as practicable.

"It will mean faster response times in getting searches underway and much faster times reaching the target than by vessel," he concluded.

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see the critical mass of marine industry professionals who are based within the massive & iconic facility that they all call 'home'. It is without doubt that this wealth of knowledge and the concentration of marine professionals at GCCM, give strength to produce the ultimate service experience to its customers.

This hub of the marine industry is built on by the variety of wholesalers, retailers and specialist marine trades people; however that is only part of the picture, as when you scratch beneath the surface you discover it's the people who make the GCCM experience complete.

PEOPLE

One of the first faces you come across when you want work done on your boat is GCCM's Shipyard Operations Manager, Kym Fleet. Lifting and hardstand requirements are just the beginning. Kym is more than happy to co-ordinate all the professionals you need to have your boat running at its best. With a solid background in Mechanical, Engineering and Marine Industries, his ability to advise you as to the best course of action is backed by years of experience as Mustang Australia's Production Manager. The always-approachable Kym will connect you with the right professional to assist with your requirements.

On-site businesses at the GCCM cover all facets of the Marine Industry, more often than not there's two or more options which make it truly the one stop shop. There is a lot more to each business than first meets the eye. At GCCM there is a trimming company with a team member who fine-tuned his trade in the leather department of Rolls Royce. There's boat builders who completed their apprenticeships

with Lloyd's Ships, back in the old days. We even have a stainless steel fabricator who is not just a welder but also an artist. The variety of skills and interests at the GCCM expand well beyond the immediate obvious.

COMMUNITY

Outside of daily business there is a real community focus with people at GCCM. The GM Steve Sammes, a Certified Marina Manager is also the president of the local Coomera River Rotary Club. A firm believer that marinas must become an integral part of the local community, The Rotary network regularly hold fund raising events at the GCCM marine facility. Additionally, Steve is also involved with the National Marina Industries Association – Education Committee.

With such an expansive concreted area bordering the Coomera River and the Bellingham floating dock marina berths, plus a waterfront restaurant, GCCM has become the obvious choice for events. GCCM and the on-site businesses are proud to be the major sponsors and host the Gold Coast Light Tackle Fishing competition held in January, along with the Heavy Tackle Tournament in April.

One of the most notable events prior to summer is the Gold Coast International Marine Expo. As one of the founding partners and hosts of this not for profit event, GCCM is proud to support the three day boating and marine industry extravaganza. The Expo proudly supports the local charities that benefit from it.

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BURDEKIN MARINE RESCUE QLD



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Volunteer Marine Rescue Burdekin Inc. held its annual general meeting on September 11, 2013, and members were very pleased to welcome State President Keith Williams, Zone President Don Martindale, and Zone Vice President Rob Murolo as guests. After the usual formalities with Minutes and Auditor's Report, President Vince Papale delivered his annual report. Vince paid tribute to the efforts of the

management committee, rescue crews, radio personnel and the training officer over the past 12 months and thanked them for their contributions to the association and the running of the squadron.

The election of office bearers for the ensuing year saw the existing committee re-elected, as follows:-

- President Vince Papale
- Vice-President Lionel Appenden

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- Secretary Rod Schultz
- Treasurer Dianne Schultz
- Search and Rescue Coordinator Arthur Woods
- Rescue Vessel Officer Russell Young

Highlights of the year for the association have been:-

1. Commissioning of the new primary rescue vessel *Delta One*. Crews are slowly but surely ironing out all the little problems with the vessel, and all rescue crews are extremely happy with its performance to date. It is a vast improvement on the performance and ride of *Bravo One*. Whenever the opportunity arises, the squad displays *Delta One* at public events including the Burdekin Water Festival, the Home Hill Harvest Festival, and the Burdekin Shire Council's 'Get Ready' Cyclone Saturday event.
2. The squad has been successful with funding applications and has been able to acquire the following:-
 - a. Volunteer Grants 2013 – a new refrigerator and a compactus filing system.
 - b. Safer Queensland Community Grant – security cameras at Ocean Creek Boat Landing.

This new secondary rescue vessel will be much easier for crews to launch in a hurry and can be handled by smaller crews

PURCHASE OF MINOR RESCUE VESSEL AND NEW VEHICLE

The squad is now the proud owner of a brand spanking new secondary rescue vessel and a new multi-purpose 4WD vehicle.

The squad decided earlier in the year to purchase a new secondary vessel which crews can activate as a quick response vessel – an Inflatable Ribs Marine AIRIB 6.2m Rover Rigid Inflatable Boat. Crews will be able to launch the vessel off the beach and from boat landings at low tides – to attend minor inshore and river/estuarine rescues. Whilst *Delta One* is a magnificent vessel and very appropriate for off shore rescues, it is a large vessel which can become a major exercise to deploy. It requires a significant amount of water to launch and is sometimes delayed because of the Burdekin's lack of all tidal access.

This new secondary rescue vessel will be much easier for crews to launch in a hurry and can be handled by smaller crews. It will also be an invaluable tool for training of crews.

Of course, with the purchase of a new vessel, came the need to acquire a smaller tow vehicle. Members of the squad had previously identified a need to acquire a vehicle they could use to transport members for training and meetings. The logical solution was to purchase a Dual Cab Utility to serve both purposes.

Members successfully negotiated a sponsorship deal with Honeycombes Sales and Service in Ayr for a Mazda BT50 XTR 4 x 4 Dual Cab Ute, and took delivery of it a couple of days before several members drove to Brisbane to collect the new AIRIB.

Although the squad's funds have certainly been diminished with recent purchases, it is still reasonably financial and the next major project it needs to adopt, is the acquisition of a replacement truck to tow *Delta One*.

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