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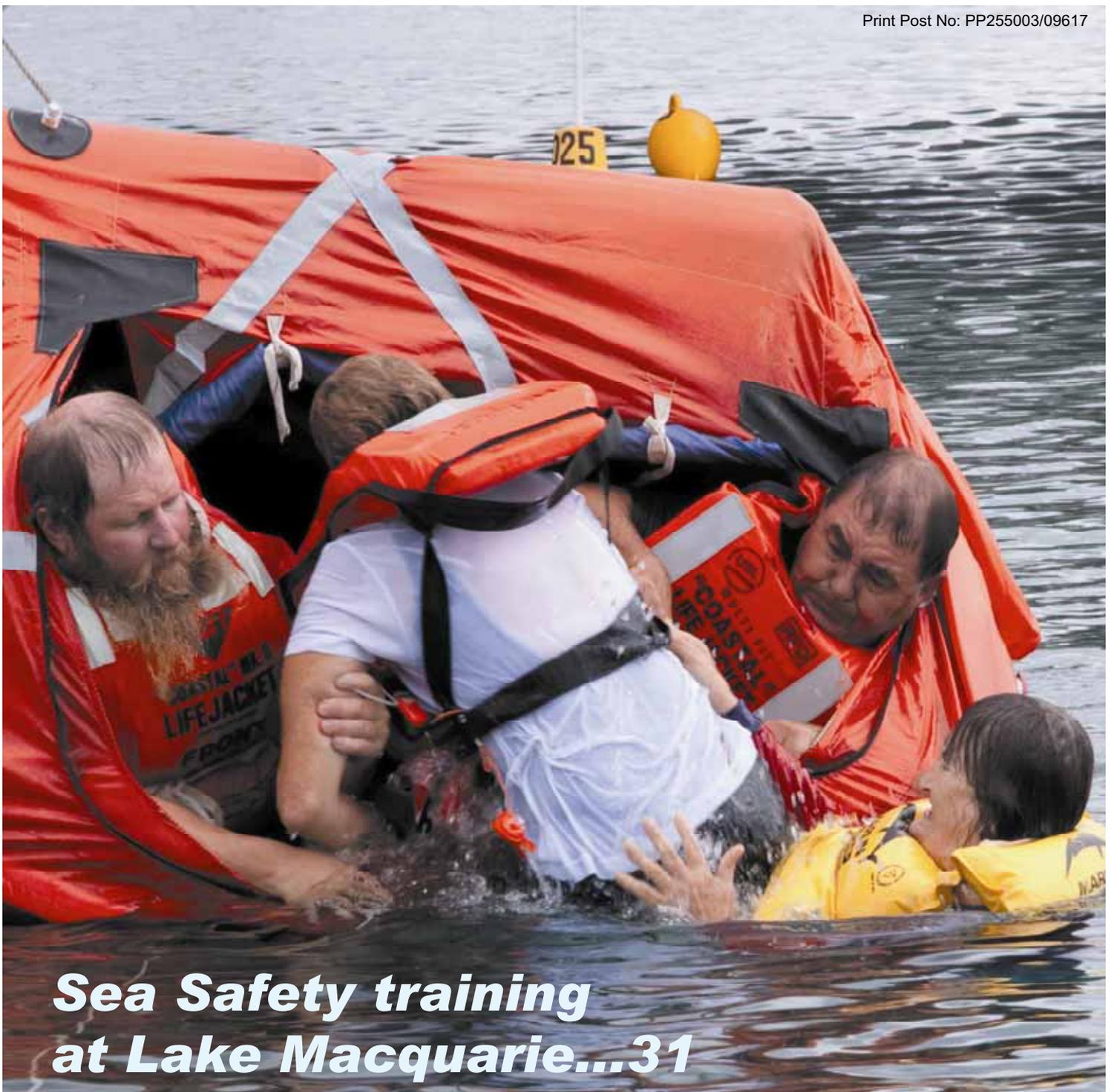
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Sea Safety training is a vital part of Marine Rescue activities. A training day was held by Lake Macquarie Unit in the calm waters of Swan Bay on a fine day on February 13. The photo shows (L/R) Mark Andrews, Cecily Rowland, Ron Miller and Helen Forbes finding out just how difficult it can be to get into a six-man liferaft even in calm conditions.

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From the Editor's Desk



Ron Cole

It is pleasing to note that membership of Marine Rescue NSW is continuing to grow. This growth is not just because new Units have come on board but also because all Units along the coast are reporting interest from many men and women who wish to join their ranks.

Concern has been expressed about the average age of Marine Rescue volunteers. While it is true that today 80% of current membership is 50 years and over, this is already changing. Recent statistics demonstrate that the new organisation is attracting more and younger members (see p35).

To build on this momentum, Marine Rescue NSW is in discussions with

other emergency volunteer organisations including Surf Life Saving Australia, reviewing membership strategies for attracting even more younger members, including issues such as duty hours to cater for those with young families.

Parents in their forties or younger are already under great pressure raising their children and meeting the demands of family life and its varied activities. Those even younger, in their 20s and 30s are seeking different opportunities.

The challenge for Marine Rescue is to design a structure and provide benefits that will enable new members to commit and integrate MR duties and training into their family schedules and social needs.

Mature members of Marine Rescue already make their time available on a regular basis. Marine Rescue's boats and marine radio bases have to be ready for action every day of the year. The work is not seasonal.

Mature volunteers are usually more patient and so they make excellent trainers. The dedication of volunteers is legendary and when the radio traffic is

slow or almost non-existent that's when training scenarios are implemented to assist newcomers.

Mature members are experienced people and willingly pass on their skills to younger members. Some come with a services background; all have long standing vocational skills that they are willing to share. Best of all they have a passionate interest in the sea and boating, and they are prepared to assist their boating local communities.

As younger volunteers join Marine Rescue NSW, our units must evolve to ensure they provide a meaningful and rewarding experience so new members 'stay the course'. The rescue service must become compatible with family activities, the pressure of family life and social needs.

Most volunteers stay for at least 10-15 years, forming the backbone of the organisation and making a regular contribution throughout their service. That's a fair innings by any standard. Could we do without them? No, we could not; in fact, we should encourage more people of all ages to join.

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Levy is recognition of your efforts

With the third issue of Soundings comes the great news that the NSW Government is looking to fund Marine Rescue NSW by an extra \$5 million to a total of \$6.4 million per annum.

This will be based on a \$7.50 funding levy attached to Boating Licenses and Registrations. The intention is for this funding to go entirely into Marine Rescue NSW to help you in the valuable work that you do in assisting the NSW Boating Public through education, communication and dedicated rescue services.

Of course this funding will be linked to our performance. This is how it should be and we encourage this. A lot of work has already been done for us to be at this crossroad, but we are not quite there yet. The levy proposal is out for general consultation and by the time this issue is published, the closing date to provide your support, June 18, will be upon us. I ask that you do everything you can in the time left to ensure your support is recorded and I also ask you to tell your friends, your family and the boating public that you are assisting, to help us and have them cast their vote too.

It is important that, if supported, you vote YES online at the NSW Maritime Authority Web site – www.maritime.nsw.gov.au

It should also be remembered that this levy will only go partially towards what we really need to help bring our



Glenn Finniss, Commissioner, Marine Rescue NSW

organisation up to a world class standard, and it will be all of us, through our fundraising activities at all levels, that will get us there. Remember, too, that this is your organisation, it is not a Government organisation and be proud that through this levy you have finally received bipartisan recognition from Government of the value you provide the people of NSW.

Benefits for boaties from Levy for Marine Rescue gets support by volunteers



Marine Rescue volunteers from Terry Hills (above), Broken Bay (top right) and Middle Harbour (right) showing enthusiastic support for the Marine Rescue Levy. They recognise the benefits for more than 1.5 million people who enjoy boating in NSW.



'On the Rocks' at Ulladulla's 'Potholes'

At 1250hrs on May 12, the duty radio operator at Marine Rescue Ulladulla received a call from Ulladulla Police to say that a boat with two POB was unable to start either of its engines and was drifting on to rocks at Point Nor' east known locally as 'the Potholes'.

The radio operator was unable to use the radio to contact the distressed boat due to poor reception in the area so he phoned the skipper's mobile. He was told that the vessel was now very close to the rocks and the crew, wearing lifejackets, were about to abandon ship.

Two members, Jeff Peterson and Doug Musker, were at the base. They immediately prepared the *Lewis Dunn*, for sea. Duty skipper, Ken Lambert, was called in and as he arrived at the base, the Police advised that they were preparing to send a helicopter to assist

Two minutes later they called to advise that the two men were safe on land. The police requested that the rescue boat check the incident scene. The survivors' mobile phones were no longer in service.

At 1330hrs *Lewis Dunn* arrived at the location. They found the boat firmly grounded on a rock shelf. The survivors had been taken by car to the Ulladulla base after leaving the area via rocky wooded slopes to a bush track. At the base the boat's owner was advised that the rescue crew thought they could get a line to the shore. Though the approach was difficult because of the surf and



Stranded runabout 'on the rocks' at Point Nor' east, Ulladulla

the proximity to the rocks, the boat crew believed they could float a fender in to the rock shelf. The boat's owner immediately returned to the scene.

The rescue crew attached a heaving line, then a 12mm line and finally a towing line, a total of about 100m to a float and then drifted it ashore.

The towing line was attached to the boat then, synchronising with the swell, the boat was towed out and checked for damage before being taken to Ulladulla. She was returned to her owner at 1540.

Doug Musker
Ulladulla



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For further information, please contact the National Search and Rescue Council Secretary, Amanda MacKinnell on 02 6279 5743.

Combined MR and Police SAREX at Eden

Marine Rescue Eden hosted a combined Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX) over the weekend of May 1 and 2. Thirteen Marine Rescue members participated, eight from Eden and five from Merimbula.

The exercise was ably conducted by Eden Water Police, with Sergeant John Ziino and Senior Constable Steve Judd, leading the group through some navigation refresher exercises and the processes associated with coastal search planning.

Theory sessions were the order of day for the group on Saturday, working through several desktop scenarios using *Australian East Coast chart, Aus 806, Gabo Island to Montague Island*. Participants worked in small groups to plot last known positions, work out estimated positions due to the effect of wind, current, elapsed time and determine the search area. Other tables were used and formulae applied in determining the practical track spacing, taking into consideration available search hours, number and speed of vessels as well as weather and sea conditions.

The Merimbula team had an extra early start on Day 2, bringing its vessel, *Sapphire Rescue*, to Eden in time for the 0800hrs start. The forecast for the day's practical exercise was ideal for the on water 'mock' search. The teams again worked through a scenario to determine the search area and search pattern using two vessels, the Police launch *Victor* and *Sapphire Rescue*.

The search was coordinated ashore by John Steele and John Bowles (Eden) and Bill Blakeman (Merimbula) using the radio command centre located on the ground floor of the Eden Base. Everyone else headed out to the search area on the vessels, to commence the search for 'a green box, with rope and buoy attached'.

The first sweep, travelling at 10 knots, took the vessels either side of the estimated drift line. Even though the sea conditions were near perfect, the bright sunny day made it difficult for those observers keeping a lookout on the north-eastern side of the vessels. The search was halted a few times to investigate possible sightings, only to find a bird or large piece of seaweed.

Towards the end of the second sweep an object was spotted by Dave on board *Sapphire Rescue*. Closer inspection confirmed that it was the actual object as described in the scenario. It was successfully recovered and SAR command centre notified. Vessels and crews then returned to base for debrief and lunch.

Many thanks to the Eden Water Police team for a well conducted exercise. Members gained knowledge of the search and rescue processes, and the challenges associated with a search.

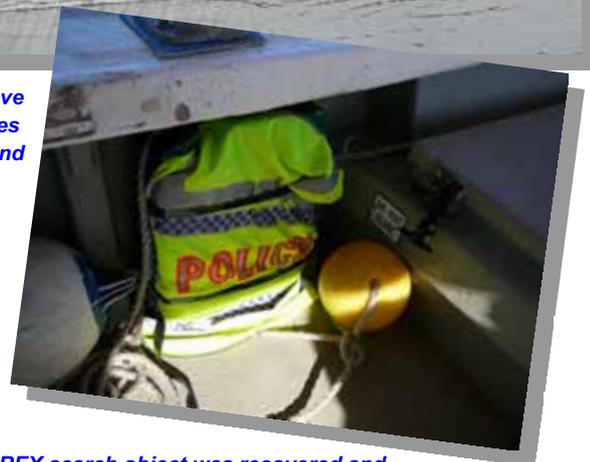
Glenda Wood
Commander



Carol Doorty, Bob Bedwell, John Dickson, John Bowles, Tony Heriot and Alan Greening listening closely during the SAREX theory session.



On board 'Victor', Snr Constable Steve Judd explains crew safety procedures to Eden members Tony, Alan, Bob and John.



The SAREX search object was recovered and safely stowed aboard 'Sapphire Rescue'

A sinking feeling on Mothers Day

At 1530 hours on Mothers Day, Skipper Ian Brown and his crew on 'Central Coast Lifeboat' were conducting training exercises on the Box Head bar near the entrance to Broken Bay from Brisbane Water.



Help is on the way

They received an urgent radio call from Gosford Base, "We have a report of a launch with eight people on board sinking at the north end of Paddy's Channel". The crew responded immediately and, with emergency lights flashing, they raced to Paddys. They discovered a hire launch in an oyster lease at the northern end of the channel. The boat had its bow raised and its stern was down. One man, three women (one pregnant) and two children on board were clustered on the bow and on the cabin top while another two men were bailing frantically. The women and children were wearing life jackets.

The crew was told that the hire boat had strayed into the oyster lease when they 'cut the corner' and struck a submerged post, holing the hired timber launch. The wet and shaken families were transferred to the rescue boat where some were treated for hypothermia. They were taken back to the hire company marina at Ettalong. The hire company later retrieved its damaged vessel.

Ron Cole
PR Officer Central Coast

Promotion prize to member from Sussex Inlet

Congratulations to John Lang of Sussex Inlet Unit, winner of the \$800 'Liquid Edge' Sydney Harbour Cruise Experience in the Marine Rescue NSW Membership Promotion.

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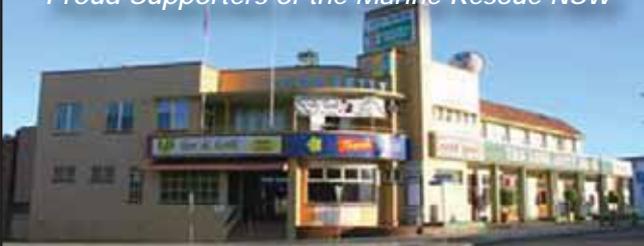

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Camden Haven leads the Lantern Parade

Well after dark, on a perfect moonless Saturday evening on May 1, 'Rescue 2' from Marine Rescue Camden Haven proudly led a flotilla of sixteen vessels in a magnificent lantern parade on the Camden Haven River at Laurieton.

This inaugural parade was the finale of the 15th Annual Music Festival and provided a colourful spectacle of giant lanterns featuring marine and land creatures such as Marlin, Sea Turtle, Shark, Jellyfish, Pelican, Dragon, Kangaroo and more.

The concept was to hold an event with broad community appeal and support, to emphasise the importance of the Camden Haven River to the local community, its economy and its wellbeing. Lantern parades are usually held on land and this was the first time one had been attempted on water in our region.

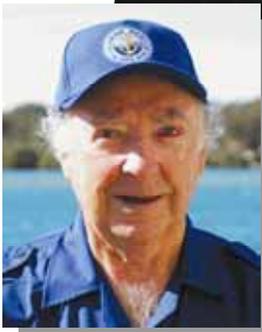
The lanterns were made by volunteers, community groups, clubs and business representatives under the direction of two master lantern makers and two local artists. Some were started as early as January this year. Donations of funds, time, working space and materials were made by the local clubs and businesses.

Rescue 2 was skippered by Terry Sturgeon with Charley Snudden and Alan Stuart as crew. The lantern displayed on *Rescue 2* was the 'Dove of Peace'. The rescue boat travelled at a little under 4

knots and piloted the flotilla twice around a 2nm course, commencing and finishing just outside the Rescue Base.

The parade captured the community's interest as thousands of people lined the banks at vantage points on both sides of the river to cheer as each lantern silently glided by. The flotilla comprised fishing punts, oyster punts, runabouts and launches provided by local boat owners, fishing clubs and businesses. Even the Camden Haven Dragon Boaters were involved and had one a boat in the parade.

Many other members of the Unit were also involved. Ken and Janelle Rutledge carried



(Left) Charles Troup who controlled marine activities, and the 'Pelican' and 'Dragon', lit and aboard their vessels

the Shell on their fishing punt; Ken and Robyn Clancy displayed the Pelican on their runabout while Keith Charman had the Kangaroo on his tinny.

Keith, as skipper of the last boat in the parade, had the added responsibility of providing assistance action should any vessel need it.

Charles Troup, a long time member of the Unit, took charge of arranging and controlling all the marine activities, prior to and during the parade. His efforts, and those of his wife Lynda, were crucial to the safe running and outstanding success of the event.

It didn't stop there. Our Radio Base, manned by Bob Cain, monitored the radio and relayed information to Charles on his boat and to *Rescue 2*. Ken Smith, another of our members, who is also a SES flood boat skipper, was on standby to assist our SES colleagues with their safety boats.

Reports from onlookers told of wonder, amazement and pleasure at the serene way the lanterns just appeared to float over the water. The event brought the community together and showcased the true *Spirit of Camden Haven* which just happens to be the given name of *Rescue 2*.

Ken Clancy
Camden Haven Unit

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2010 National Search and Rescue Award



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The award is open to any individual or organisation that has performed in a significant event or provided a sustained contribution or developed a product that contributes to safety of life at sea.

Further information regarding the award and nomination forms can be found at http://natsar.amsa.gov.au/SAR_Award/ and nominations close 30 July 2010.

The presentation of the Award is usually made in conjunction with the annual National SAR Council meeting, which will be held in Darwin, October 2010.

Your assistance in spreading the word regarding the 2010 National SAR Award would be most gratefully appreciated, any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me,

Amanda MacKinnell
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Busy times at Marine Rescue Coffs Harbour

The past few months have been busy, (even hectic at times) but rewarding. The region's boating community and the general community have been very generous in their financial support.

The number of boat owners joining the Marine Radio Safety Service continues to grow, and currently stands at 449, with most applications coming with a "thank you for the great service you provide". The change to Marine Rescue Coffs Harbour has enabled us to build on our identity within the community and



Top - At the fish auction, (L/R) Andrew Cox, Lindy Powells and Andrew Innes.
Above - Coffs Harbour base in its new colours

Tom O'Shea show how fish should be cleaned

capitalise on discussions with supporters and sponsors.

Saying we have been busy lately is a small understatement. From late March our watch keepers have had some incredibly demanding times. The John Limerick Snr Memorial Mackerel Shoot-out competition was one of our busiest non-Easter weekends ever, with 144 local log-ons, and all the associated radio traffic.

And then came Easter. Each year at the Easter Fishing Classic we enjoy the generosity of the local recreational fishermen and the Coffs Harbour Deep Sea Fishing Club with its Charity Fish Auction. In addition, we ran a barbecue at the Fishing Club and raffled a Wilson Live Fibre rod donated by the Fishing Club.

The competition commenced pre-dawn, with over sixty vessels gathering in the harbour with the Water Police and our rescue vessel CR2 in attendance. At 0600 hours they were led out by the Water Police without incident. The weather and

sea conditions were 'ordinary' to say the least. Nevertheless, the fishermen braved the elements as only fishermen seem to do.

We used three daytime radio operators from Friday 0500 until Sunday 1200hrs. We also staffed the barbecue, sold raffle tickets and cleaned fish.

Faircloth & Reynolds again donated the use of a cool room, and Glen Aylward from Aylward Auctioneers did an incredible job auctioning the fish, particularly as his microphone kept non-functioning.

In spite of the large numbers of boats out, only one required assistance. The results of the weekend: all fishermen home safely, some exhausted Marine Rescue members, lots of goodwill from the fishermen and a healthy boost to our funds of more than \$5,000.

A quick clean-up from Easter and it was off to help our good friends at Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour South with their annual

Bookfest. Each year they are most generous supporters and we help by sorting and setting up the donated books, and then with the opening days of sale. Opening day saw hundreds of people looking for bargains amongst the thousands of books in the pavilion.

On top of the usual base and crew training, we decided to paint the base to coincide with the fitting of our new signage. With advice from Ken McManus on corporate colours and design, the paint was purchased.

In hot, steamy conditions a valiant team of amateur painters was pressed into action under the guidance of Graham Campbell, one of our newest trainees, who just happens to be a painter by trade. The result, Marine Rescue Coffs Harbour is now resplendent in its new colours and I can vouch for the fact it can be seen almost all the way to South Solitary Island!

Lindy Powells
Acting PR Officer

Fire fighting training at Berowra Waters

On Sunday April 1, volunteers from Marine Rescue Units at Hawkesbury and The Entrance attended a comprehensive, full day course to fight, control and extinguish fires on board vessels. The course was conducted by volunteers from Berowra Waters Rural Fire Service unit that is located next to the Marina on the eastern bank of Berowra Waters.

Instructors were Dave Monnies of the RFS and Barry McGrath from MR. The objective of the course was how to prevent death or injuries that could result from a fire on a boat. Eleven MR members and eight RFS members attended.

The principles of fire extinguishment by cooling, smothering, fuel starvation and the interruption of the flame chain reaction were demonstrated.

The morning was a mix of theory on fire emergencies and procedures on board vessels, followed by the combustion process, classes of fire, and choice of extinguisher. The afternoon was spectacular for a while with heavy black smoke during the 'hands on' practical sessions with Class A and Class B fires. The latter was good, as it threw off some substantial heat for the 'trainees'. Portable fire extinguishers were used for all classes of fire.

MR Hawkesbury Unit's Training Officer, Barry McGrath, stated, "The importance of this cross training between the Rural Fire Service and Marine Rescue cannot be over emphasised. Each agency has its own specialist areas that, in times of emergency,



Dave Monnies from RFS Berowra Waters supervising Alan Rose from Marine Rescue Hawkesbury

often overlap. Without this type of training the support provided for each other could lack effectiveness".

The consensus at the debrief, was that this was a very good day, with no injuries or accidents and some very positive feed back.

Kenneth Anthonisz
PR Officer, Hawkesbury

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Central Coast members and supporters celebrate change to Marine Rescue

The start of operations as Marine Rescue NSW, Central Coast Unit, was celebrated on March 29 with a dinner at Pelicans Restaurant at Woy Woy to welcome the change to MRNSW and farewell Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol.

The evening included a continuous display of photos of members, bases, boats and memorabilia featuring events and activities since the Unit's establishment in 1971. Guests of honour included the Mayor of Gosford City Council (Chris Holstein), the State Member for Gosford and Unit Patron (Marie Andrews MP) and the State Member for Terrigal (Chris Hartcher, MP).

Acting Commissioner, Glenn Finnis, and his partner were able to attend and Glenn addressed the many members, wives, partners and friends who enjoyed the good food and a beverage or two. Peter Phillipson, Officer Commanding RVCP helped us say the sad goodbye to our 39-year association with the Coastal Patrol. The Unit is positive about the changes that have been made and those that are still expected.

It was also great to have Glenn Finnis attend one of our monthly Mess Meetings. His presentation attracted a really good attendance of Unit Members and an enjoyable social gathering followed. The first quarter of 2010 has seen the appointment of a new Regional Officer and we welcome Neil Grieves as he takes on his new responsibilities. We look forward to getting to know him and working closely with him.

Rescues in recent months have included a number of quite serious, life threatening events. Notable was a sinking hired launch with eight persons on board (see page 6). Fortunately, the incident occurred when our Category 2 vessel, *Central Coast Lifeboat*, was training nearby at the Box Head Bar and all involved were assisted aboard the rescue vessel without serious injury, other than shock. In May, *Central Coast Lifeboat*, was one of several Marine Rescue vessels that assisted Water Police for over eight hours with the offshore search from Terrigal Haven to Bird Island for those missing off rocks at Catherine Hill Bay

Anzac Day, as in many places, was so wet that the march in Woy Woy was cancelled. Nevertheless, we were represented at the Woy Woy Dawn Service and the mid-morning service at Ettalong Memorial Club.

We enjoyed the very visible benefits of a \$15,000 grant this year from the NSW Community Building Partnership Programme that allowed us to undertake essential maintenance and repainting of the Point Clare Base exterior, as well as install pole caps and enhanced security with a gate on the jetty. Additionally all the new signage that goes with our change of name has been completed at Point Clare. Hopefully, other grant applications will also be successful; they will supplement the funds raised from our annual Boat Raffle that will keep us all busy during winter.

The next big event will be the inaugural AGM for the Unit when a new Unit Commander and Deputy will be elected. I have almost completed four years as Commander of the Division and Unit. It has been an amazing experience, it has certainly not all been easy but the rougher patches have been made a lot smoother by the many members who have given me support. I look forward to taking a break from active Unit demands and I wish the new Commander and Deputy Commander every success.

Patricia Fayers

Unit



Above, Marie Andrews MP (in centre) surrounded by MR members

Commander



Chris Hartcher MP with Elaine O'Reilly



Chris Holstein, Mayor of Gosford (on right) in deep discussions



Peter Phillipson last OC of RVCP said farewell and expressed his confidence in the future of MRNSW



Point Clare Base repainted, external repairs completed and new signage installed



New security gate on Point Clare Jetty

PR & Networking 101. Let's do lunch!

There's a little bit of devilry in long lunches, especially if the weather is warm, the venue stunning, and with breathtaking views of the waterways and hinterland of Port Stephens.

There's also a proven principle that networking and good public relations can be achieved at the same time so business and pleasure can successfully be combined.

Certainly having a long lunch would rank amongst the most pleasurable social memories and certainly no lunch achieved greatness if it was completed within the hour. These days, a long lunch may send out the wrong message but what an ideal opportunity to get out of the radio room, off the lifeboats and invest some time in that most pleasurable of all social activities – entertaining and talking to friends, fellow volunteers, good supporters and our media colleagues.

Point Restaurant was chosen for its panoramic views and location overlooking the soldiers point marina. The setting is complemented by the fine menu, crafted by a specialist chef.

And what better opportunity to get members together, invite Commissioner, Glenn Finnis, get the local and Newcastle press along and take the opportunity to wave the flag for the new Marine Rescue New South Wales. We had a full house, with a welcome drink on the sun drenched terrace and then a wonderful



Glenn Finnis and Malcolm Milliken

three course meal, no formalities, no speeches (well a couple) and no time limit. We started at 12 noon. The last folk were seen to be leaving around 5pm. Now that's an enjoyable lunch!

We may have started a Marine Rescue Nelson Bay tradition.

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May Day! May Day! We are sinking!

On a quiet day Sunday afternoon March 7 with only five vessels on the Log, Ted Snell and Neil Hansford were on radio watch at the Nelson Bay Base.

There were no Broughton Island overnight stays, no incoming OTS vessels or other radio activity except for a Hobie Cat that had floated off the beach at Shoal Bay and around to Nelson Bay. The only radio action was the skeds of the game fishing fleet during this, the last day of its Competition. Suddenly, on Ch16 the radio came to life, "May Day, May Day, May Day - we are sinking!"

It was the call that we train for but hope never to hear. Our reaction was immediate and at 1435hrs the calm of the Base was shattered. An "ALL STATIONS" was broadcast on all emergency frequencies. Then followed phone notifications to the police at VKG, another to our recently appointed OPSO, Andrew MacLachlan. The well-oiled machine was working.

Yes, we did get all the particulars despite the fact that the vessel, *Pure Avida*, was sinking. She was taking water under the hull and one engine had already stopped. Sgt Tony Hogg was monitoring Ch16 and called us immediately for a briefing, as a result there was no delay in Police response.

The Marine Rescue crew, headed by Malcolm Milliken with Erryl Thomas, Alan Stewart, Noel Corcoran, Sue Freeman and Ken Johnson was also assembling on *Danial Thain* to be ready for police instructions. Initially we were not tasked, but then the Water Police decided they would need the pumping capacity and the superior towing capability of *Danial Thain* for the 10.5m vessel.



Malcolm Milliken

OPSO Andrew MacLachlan joined Ted and me at the Base. The Game Fishing Competition had attracted 192 boats but the nearest vessel able to assist was still in excess of one mile away from the distressed vessel and its crew of six. They maintained constant radio contact advising that despite hand pumping they were unable to stem the water ingress, they were sinking and fast.

The first vessel to assist was *Frosty*. They transferred their pump and took the boat under tow but the water flow in from the shaft seal area was unabated with the vessel still in grave danger. The police arrived and they too transferred a salvage pump by inflatable, but it wasn't until the *Danial Thain* arrived with its high capacity pump that any real progress was made.

Throughout, the skipper of *Pure Avida* went from high anxiety to relative calm then to high anxiety again. What that required was firm but friendly reassurances from both Ted and me. Most of all he needed progress updates on the arrival of the rescue boats, encouragement and advice to his crew to keep up their pumping efforts, and calm and re-assurance from the on-shore team that professional help was well underway.

Today, there are six keen fishermen alive and able to tell their tale. An expensive boat has been saved and is now on the hard stand at Noakes. The owner of the boat is grateful to the crews of *Frosty*, *WP24* and the highly trained team from Marine Rescue Nelson Bay. Sgt Tony Hogg, was quick to express his praise on Ch16 for the collective efforts and made it clear that the successful outcome would not have been achieved without the help of the *Daniel Thain*. On the downside, the rescue boat Skipper and Unit Commander, Malcolm Milliken, missed the dinner at the Game Fishing Competition

Neil Hansford
Nelson Bay Unit

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Jessica Watson at the Sydney Boat Show



Jessica Watson, 'the darling of the high seas' who, in less than eight months, circumnavigated the world will appear at the 2010 Sydney International Boat Show to share her story with the visiting public.



Domenic Genua, Marketing and Event Manager for the BIA, said. "It is truly exciting to confirm Jessica Watson as the show's special guest".

Jessica, along with her mentor and fellow adventurer Don McIntyre are just two of many exciting presenters on the Better Boating Lounge. Don is currently involved with the Bounty Boat Expedition.

Other entertainment will include the Nautilus Marine Boat Insurance Fishing Clinic, usually playing to standing room-only audiences. The Historic Boats Display will showcase some magnificent boats that are part of Australia's maritime history. The Boat Building Competition on Saturday 31 July will entertain scores of show visitors as competitive apprentices from local boat builders try to build a boat in two hours and then race it around Cockle Bay.

Throw in the comprehensive Marine Precinct Education Centre that will feature Marine Rescue NSW along with NSW Maritime and other key recreational boating services, the Musto Fashion Parades, the Photography Competition and Discover Sydney Harbour Boating Tours and it's easy to see why the show regularly attracts attendances in the 90,000-plus region.

A show highlight will be the spectacular marina on Cockle Bay, the largest marina specifically assembled for a boat show anywhere in Australia. The Waveney lifeboat from Marine Rescue Botany Bay will be on the marina with members to answer questions from visitors. Add this to the six halls jam-packed full of the best the marine industry has to offer. The Sydney International Boat Show, opens at 10am and is the place to check out the latest models, from boats to trailers, engines to electronics, scuba gear to fishing tackle. It is one of those events in the that no one should miss.

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First Aid Officer, Lorraine Leuckel installing the defibrillator.



(L/ R) Kevin Northcote, Andrew Downes, Mayor Phil Silver, Duncan Woodhead (skipper), Peter McMahon, Tony Hensley and Neil Miles on board the rescue boat.

and the use of AEDs is taught in many first aid classes. The need for a defibrillator was highlighted because of recent drownings at South Ballina Beach. Marine Rescue Ballina were the driving force behind the purchase. First Aid Officer, Lorraine Leuckel installed the unit.

The mayor of Ballina, Phil Silver, recently visited the Unit and undertook a trip aboard our rescue vessel to better understand the role of local Marine Rescue boat crews. The crew provided information about the diverse range of their responsibilities and training ranging from refuelling (which is a problem as we do not have unleaded fuel in Ballina) to crew and boat accreditation.

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OMR and PRS division winner, Phil Day's *Rhythmic* and Bruce Absolon's Volvo 60, *Nikon Spirit of the Maid* that came in second of the monohulls also chose Great Circle Life Rafts.

The company's managing director, Paul Montgomery said about 20 of their rafts were hired for this year's race.

And in last year's Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race, Andrew Saies's handicap winner, *Two True*, had two Oceanmasters aboard, as did many others in the race fleet.

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Many forms of hand held or portable GPS units are widely used today. Portable GPS is commonly used in our cars and is now supplied with many 'upmarket' mobile phones.

Some recreational boaters use these non marine, land based units on their boats, many without understanding that the GPS position indicated on the screen does not relate directly to a position on a marine chart. This is because the land based units default to a GPS digital format that is used on land based maps. Some of these units permit a change to provide the standard marine format of latitude and longitude. This function will be found on the unit's menu. The setting should be changed back to the land based default when the unit is to be used ashore.

Marine Rescue radio operators, when receiving a GPS position from a vessel, should enquire if the GPS information is digital or marine, ie whether it comes from a marine GPS unit or from some other form of GPS, such as a car or phone unit. The initial information recorded to the operator will seem normal but will cause confusion during a search and rescue operation.

When in doubt, base radio operators should check the GPS position provided on a chart and if the position does not relate to the verbal description of the vessel's location then it could be that a digital GPS position has been received. The digital GPS details can be readily converted to Latitude and Longitude to ensure rescue crews have the correct position for marine SAR.

On Google, search for 'Convert Digital GPS to Lat/Long' and choose the US Govt Federal Communications Commission site.

or go to www.fcc.gov/mb/audio/bickel/DDMMSS-decimal.html

Use this mathematical method.

Retain the pre-decimal whole number and then simply multiply the decimal part of the GPS position by 60.

For example:

Digital latitude 33.335556 converts to 33°20'80 using the website utility noted above.

To convert by multiplication, retain the 33° and convert the decimal part, 0.335556, by multiplying by 60 = 20.13336

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Barrie Lovell-Davis (driver) and the rest of the MR Ulladulla support crew at Mollymook Golf Club for the Annual charity golf day



Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie members in a joint training session with the fire fighters from Charlestown Fire Brigade



Combined crews from Marine Rescue Units in Botany Bay, Port Hacking and Cape Solander, 'On the Ramp' early in the morning to meet the boaters.



Mayor Paul Green (left) Dimitri Spyraakis presents an IGA cheque to CMDR John Lang - Sussex Inlet Unit

The skilled volunteer team from the boat crews at Marine Rescue Camden Haven proudly pictured with their rescue vessel



The Blessing of the Fleet is an important annual event for the Ulladulla boating community. Marine Rescue's 'Lewis Dunn' was the water transport for the padre, seen here blessing the trawler 'Kayeabeena'.

New stable for Middle Harbour's workhorse

Marine Rescue Middle Harbour's workhorse, the Atlantic 21 RHIB, has been all over Sydney Harbour in March and April and now has a new stable. The Australian designed and built 'Sea Pen' has just been installed at the Marine Rescue Middle Harbour Base.



The Atlantic 21 RHIB, 'B-554-N' in its new Sea Pen* at Marine Rescue's Base at The Spit in Middle Harbour

The pen hinges down below water level to allow the boat to be driven in. The rear of the pen raises and then a pump excludes all of the water in the pen leaving *BB554N* dry and resting on a woven web mat. The pump maintains the hull in a dry environment stopping marine growth and retarding corrosion.

At the end of March *B-554-N* was part of a large Marine Rescue NSW display at the Rosehill Boat Show mounted jointly by Marine Rescue Units from Middle Harbour and Botany Bay. The exhibit was visited by hundreds of visitors to the show and funds were raised for both units.

A key task for B-554-N was the arrival of Jessica Watson in Sydney on May 15

In April *B-554-N* was a safety boat for the 'Swim for Cancer' project at Balmoral Beach and again for paddlers around the harbour in the annual outrigger canoe carnival. She also escorted the Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton from Homebush Bay to the Opera House.

With Water Police permission, the Middle Harbour Unit has begun after dark security patrols of the mooring areas and marinas in and around Middle Harbour. The vessel shows its 'Red' and 'Blue' flashing lights to advertise its presence. This activity has been welcomed by the authorities and the local User Group.

A key task for *B-554-N* was the arrival of Jessica Watson in Sydney on May 15. The RHIB was used to transfer 'around the world sailors' Mike Perham and Jesse Martin to *Ella's Pink Lady* after she crossed the finish line, and then to transfer a TEN 10



'B-554-N' on duty in Sydney Harbour with 'Ella's Pink Lady'

camera crew to *Pink Lady*. Members of the unit were also in the berthing party when *Pink Lady* berthed at the Opera House steps. Of course, our main task is providing emergency assistance for boats and for their occupants. At the end of April, and in darkness, whilst carrying out an alongside tow of an 11.0m cruiser we were tasked to pick up a 13m trawler drifting off Grotto Point. With both vessels on a stern tow, they were towed through the Spit Bridge and returned to their moorings. Our 7.0m RHIB is certainly a real workhorse.

***Peter Steigrad
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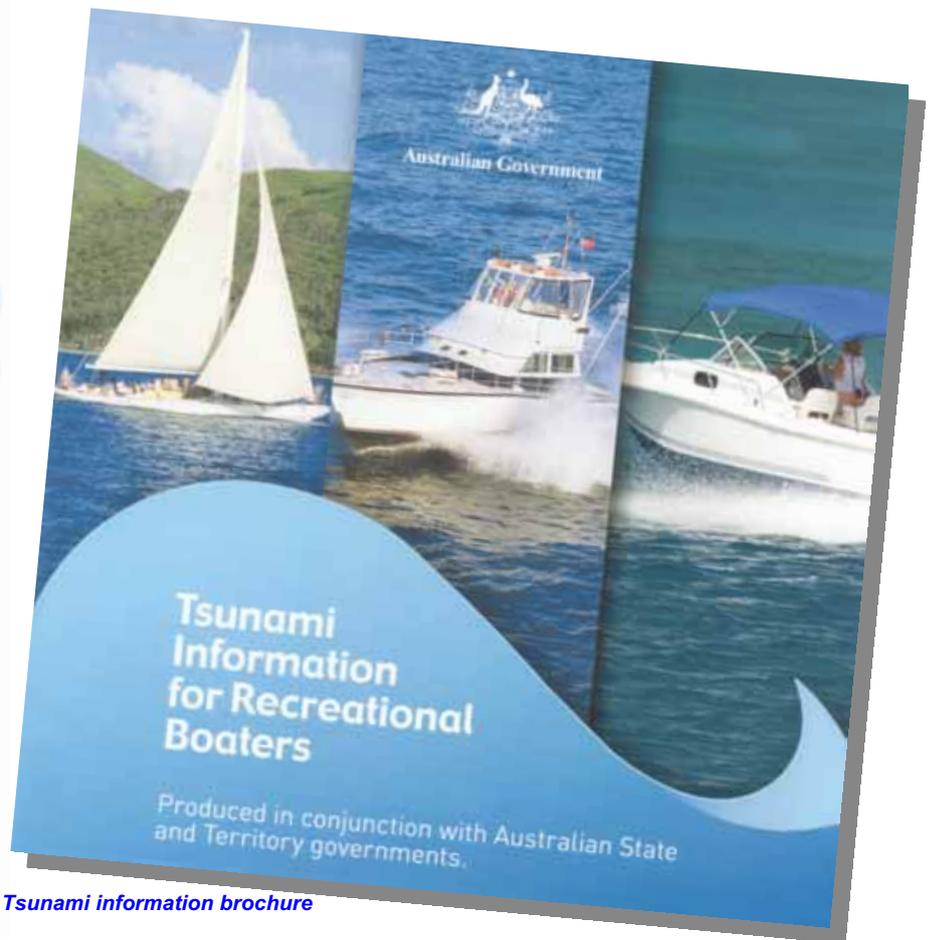
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Recently at a dinner the speaker made some astute comments about the current situation within his organisation. The comments tantalised me, and in reflecting over the past years in Coastal Patrol and now Marine Rescue NSW, I thought them pertinent as we move through changes to a flexible future.

- **Nothing works**
- **Most anything can work a little better**
- **There are no easy answers**
- **There may not be an answer**
- **You can't get there from here**
- **You won't get anywhere unless you start from here**

I had a great mental stimulus playing with the multiple meanings of some key words and capturing the complexity of our current situation. Which of them resonate with you? I have heard statements like these all too often. 'We tried that and it didn't work'.

It seems that 'Nothing works' has also been heard. Not that we are alone in this. Moving around community groups and other institutions I have heard the same.

Yet the first point is modified by the second. While it may be the case that nothing works there are some things that are working. Paradoxical? We live in an age of immense change and that change will ultimately undermine the long term effectiveness of anything we do. Yet there are initiatives that are working, in a humbler way, in the short term. They bear fruit, build community and aid members. These are the things that can be tweaked to respond to change and work better.

The last point was 'you won't get anywhere unless you start from here'. I liked its hopeful pragmatism. 'Here' is all we have, and so 'here' must be our starting point. If we focus on negative difficulties like 'nothing works', there may not be an answer; 'you can't get there from here', then we are bound to fail. We will go nowhere and be nothing if we do not start.

No matter how flawed our goals may be, it is vital (a word at whose core is life) that we begin to move towards them. Along the way we may, indeed will, discover flaws and be in a position to correct them. We may well realise that we cannot reach the 'there' that we set out for. Yet we may find ourselves in a better place than the 'there' that we first envisaged.

Changes are before us, but we start from our 'here', our given starting point; from 'here' let us move forward into our future, blurry and as yet ill-defined with hope and trust. We can navigate through the shoals and weather any storm if committed to the primary goal of being prepared and responsive to the needs of those in difficulties upon the waters'.

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Norah Head members honoured

A presentation dinner, attended by about 40 members and their partners was held on February 20 at the Shore Thyme Restaurant Norah Head to honour 5 senior members of Marine Rescue Norah Head.

Gary Raymond, President of the NSW Volunteer Rescue Association, presented National Medals awarded by the Governor-General to John Brands, Len Hurley, John Finlayson, Geoff Clarke and Phil Williams for fifteen years of service in search and rescue.



Award recipients, L to R, John Brands, Len Hurley, John Finlayson, Geoff Clarke and Phil Williams

Mr Raymond said, "Between them these five have more than 150 years experience in search and rescue. Their knowledge and their assistance in training new volunteers is priceless."

Mr. Raymond also presented President's Commendation Awards to ten boat skippers and crew for their efforts in dangerous seas in January 2009 when searching for a missing swimmer off Shelley Beach.

He said, "At the time of the search the seas were the worst that the members concerned had ever experienced."

The men who received the VRA President's Award were Ross Iserief, Brett Held, Chris Woolcock, Adrian Greenfield, Alan Bull, Ian Likely, Peter Sorenson, Peter Murrel, Rick Hey and John Brands.

Chris Held
Norah Head



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Frank Gosselink (seated) and Graham Martin at Gymea Fair

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The "Moose" is fully equipped with radios, a DVD player and lots of safety equipment. Good crowds were about and everything was going very well with plenty of interest from the local community.

The folk in The Shire (Sutherland) have always supported us well in the past and we were looking forward to an excellent day ahead. Unfortunately at about 1100hrs the sky started to turn grey and it was not long before it blackened and the threatened rain was upon us. The skies opened up and it poured, drenching everything in sight.

People took to the shelters and after about 2 hours the streets were bare and all the stalls were being shut down. It was obvious that not much was going to happen and we decided to join the others and call it a day. Hopefully better weather will prevail next year.

Graham Martin
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Finance briefings for Northern Units

During the recent Easter school break, Lorrae Collins, Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary of Marine Rescue NSW took time away from Marine Rescue Headquarters to visit bases on the North Coast of NSW.

Lorrae, a Chartered Accountant, joined Marine Rescue in November 2009. She brings to the company 30 years experience working in large accounting firms such as KPMG and Deloitte, a Marine Insurance Underwriter for Lloyds of London as well as several not-for-profit public companies including the Sydney Foundation for Medical Research.

Lorrae was accompanied by her husband, Paul (a Mathematics teacher, four time Sydney-Hobart sailor and former Rowing Master at The King's School) and her two daughters. While the family fished and had surfing lessons, Lorrae met with volunteers at eight Marine Rescue Units; Coffs Harbour, Woolgoolga, Cape Byron, Brunswick, Kingscliff, Ballina, Port Macquarie and Camden Haven.

Lorrae outlined the approach to be used for the Marine Rescue MYOB 'Accountright'

system, that Unit Treasurers will access using a remote desktop application. She also responded to members' questions. She explained the COMPASS Standards that is being developed to inform and assist Unit Commanders and Treasurers when accounting.

The acronym 'COMPASS' describes Company Procedures, Accounting Standards and Solutions. Unit Executive members will be alerted when additions to COMPASS are rolled out. They will be available via the 'gbase' database of Marine Rescue information. All members can access 'gbase' to check their own details and find other useful information.

During the meetings, Lorrae also explained the corporate structure of the new Company. As a not-for-profit 'company limited by guarantee', Volunteer Marine Rescue NSW is required to report to ASIC annually as a public company, as well as report to the Australian Taxation Office, to maintain our status as a tax deductible gift recipient.

It is part of Finance's HQ role to ensure all Corporate Governance requirements are met. Lorrae assured all volunteers that HQ Finance aims to make the reporting from Unit Commanders and Treasurers as



Lorrae at MR Cape Byron with Peter Steyne

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Lorrae plans to head south next school holidays to meet with Units on the South Coast. Her family plans to come too!

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ANZAC Day at Ulladulla

ANZAC Day at Ulladulla was special for Commander Doug Musker, who represented the unit at both the Dawn Service and at a later ceremony at the Milton-Ulladulla Ex-Servos Club.



Doug Musker (r), Jerry Bernhard (centre) and RAN Officers

Joining him at the wreath-laying was a family friend of more than 30 years, American ex-serviceman Jerry Bernhard. Jerry is a veteran of the renowned World War II 'Jungle Air Force', the US 13th Air Force that fought in the Pacific and brought Jerry to Australia six decades ago.

The former New Yorker returned 30 years after the war with his wife to visit the friends he and his mates made during wartime R & R in Mackay. The bond formed on that visit brought him back to Australia when his wife died and he met new Australia friends - including the Muskens. He also met his second wife, Doone, and they eventually settled in Ulladulla. Unfortunately Doone passed away last year.

The ANZAC Day march has become a tradition for Jerry and he was delighted to join Doug for the big day in Ulladulla, meeting the new breed of servicemen who formed the RAN honour guard at the solemn ceremony.

Jamie Roberts
PR Officer Ulladulla

Changes at Bermagui

The first quarter of the year has been relatively quiet in Bermagui with only a few rescues undertaken but a valuable increase in training hours.

The most recent rescue was a yacht in a 3-4 m swell that was very interesting as the tow rope constantly disappeared from view in the swell. Crew training has continued with John Perry (skipper) filling the gap with boat training once a week. Several new members are on the radios and doing a great job.

The Bermagui Unit's elections were held on May 14. David Gelme, the current Commander, stepped down and with only one nomination no vote was necessary. John Perry (pictured) was elected as Unit Commander and Alec Percival as Deputy Commander and Operations Officer. Brian and Dawn Kenyon announced that they will retire in 2012. Dawn and Brian have been the organisers of the BBQ and as our principal fund raisers they will be greatly missed.



Denise Page
PR Officer Bermagui



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Scouting is Challenging!

Scouts challenge their minds as well as their bodies. Not everyone looks for the outdoor buzz all the time, so Scouts have challenging activities linked with the internet and amateur radio, performance arts such as singing, dancing, and acting and awards linked to citizenship, community service and personal spiritual development.

Scouting is Commitment!

Scouting makes a direct and positive impact on the community by teaching positive values and leadership skills to youth. Every year, Scouts and their leaders contribute thousands of volunteer hours to their local communities. Sharing time with the aged in the local community, helping with Clean Up Australia Day, and planting trees to help rescue the Murray River are just a few examples of the commitment Scouts make to their communities.

As a parent of a youth member, you are encouraged to contribute some of your time to the Group either through fundraising, working on the Group Committee or assisting with some of the activities.

For more information, please call 1800 SCOUTS (726887) or visit www.scouts.com.au

Volcano delays Forster Tuncurry refit

You wouldn't read about it! But this time you will – right here. First, however, it is pleasing to report that since the last issue of Soundings our intrepid Unit Commander, Graeme Parker, has recovered from his heart attack and is well and truly back in the saddle. That means, with great joy, that I am again Operations Officer, though for how long remains to be seen as Unit elections are imminent.

The biggest task the Unit has undertaken lately is the full overhaul of Forster Rescue 20, *Amanda Lani*.

Ray Mazurek, Special Projects Officer, was responsible for the refit and his comments follow.

Terry Jobson
Operations Officer, Forster Tuncurry

After about a year of planning, on April 7 our rescue vessel, *Amanda Lani*, was lifted out of the water for a major refit. This included the removal of both main engines and stern drives for a workshop overhaul and fitting a keel, something the vessel did not have from the start due the interference of water flow over the props in a hard turn.

Engineering design has overcome that problem by fitting a shorter keel. During the time the engines were away we had the hull blasted only to find more osmosis than we anticipated so the hull repair took about a week with three people working eight hours a day and then the keel fitting was three days on top of that. We managed to get it done and now have a clean, osmosis



'Amanda Lani' on the hard stand awaiting her engines

free hull but no engines. The reason, of all things, is the volcano in Iceland. One critical part for the stern drives was not available at a local level, so we have to wait.

During the hull maintenance our own members cleaned off the old polish to get ready for a new coat. At the time of writing the boat has been out of the water for four weeks and it may be another two weeks before completion.

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One by one the engines were carefully removed



The new keel being fitted



Osmosis under repair



Our local business community was of great assistance with the refit project. Graham Barclay Oysters provided space in his yard for the boat, Alan Steber (Steber International) supplied the cradle free of charge and a heavily discounted price for the keel, hull work and legals. Steve Barnett donated transport of the cradle between Taree and Forster, Jason Sullivan (Twin Town Cranes) gave free lifts, and Peter Elms gave a discount on all the mechanical work.

The Unit is also grateful to Graeme Parker for his sterling efforts over the last two and a quarter years as Division Commander and Unit Commander. Graeme has decided that discretion is the better part of valour and is not contesting the upcoming elections, so from the whole Unit, congratulations on a job well done. Perhaps he will be sought out for another role within MRNSW.

Ray Mazurek
Special Projects, Forster Tuncurry

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Three yachts in trouble off Ulladulla

Marine Rescue crews from Ulladulla went to the assistance of three yachts in separate incidents over the very active weekend of May 1-2.

In the first, a 47ft yacht was becalmed 17nm north-east of the harbour and called for help when its engine failed. The duty boat crew took the rapid response catamaran, *Lewis Dunn*, to assist in an operation that lasted more than six hours. The lone skipper aboard the yacht was exhausted with his efforts as he struggled to keep his vessel underway and was grateful to see the rescue crew. The yacht was taken in tow and rescue crew member, Richard Brooks, an experienced ocean yachtsman, boarded to help the skipper with the sails.

While the crew was attending to the first incident, another sailor called to say the extremely light winds had becalmed him 12nm east of the harbour. He indicated that he could need help.

By using a light auxiliary motor he managed to slowly move inshore and dropped anchor off Mollymook for the night with the *Lewis Dunn* on standby to help if needed.

In a pre-dawn operation on Sunday May 2, the crew was again called out to help a 38ft yacht 3nm off the coast. With four persons on board, the yacht had suffered a complete power loss knocking out its radios, and there was insufficient wind to enable it to make any headway. Fortunately, a crew member had a



Sunrise during the tow (L to R) George Hamza and Jeff Petersen

mobile phone and she rang her husband in Melbourne. He in turn alerted Marine Rescue Ulladulla and the duty crew on *Lewis Dunn* towed the vessel into Ulladulla Harbour just after sunrise.

Jamie Roberts
PR Officer Ulladulla

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Non stop activity at Lake Macquarie

Summer holidays and up to Easter are the busiest times for Lake Macquarie Unit's rescue boat crews and radio operators. Add in our training programme that has numerous new members in the various courses and we have been stretched.



The Lake Mac display at Boatfest at Toronto at Easter

Our year didn't start well with the shock retirement of Commander Frank Jarvie due to ill health; we are pleased to advise that his health is improving. Margaret Teal took over the helm as Acting Unit Commander until the election of a new Commander. She has done a great job ensuring the Unit operated smoothly..

Our rescue boat crews have been busy with a steady need for assists and rescues. In addition, our boat and crew provided security for fireworks on the lake at the Belmont Festival and another over at Rathmines.

At the Combined High School Sailing Championships our crews were on the water for four days providing safety and rescue services. It was great to see the large number of school children competing and enjoying the sport.

We look forward to the arrival of a new Category 1 Rescue Boat currently being built by Seatamer. Our fundraisers have worked tirelessly for the cash needed for this purchase; a big thank you to Thelma McCard and her team.

Boatfest was held at Toronto over the Easter weekend. We had a display to provide information to the public and boating community about Marine Rescue and of course, we sold boat raffle tickets.

Bob Diamond was presented with the National Medal by Federal Member, Jill Hall MP. Bob had many years service with Coastal Patrol and as Operations Officer plays a major part in the Marine Rescue Unit. We congratulate Bob on his achievements and his contribution to the Community.

Jim Wright
PR Officer – Lake Macquarie



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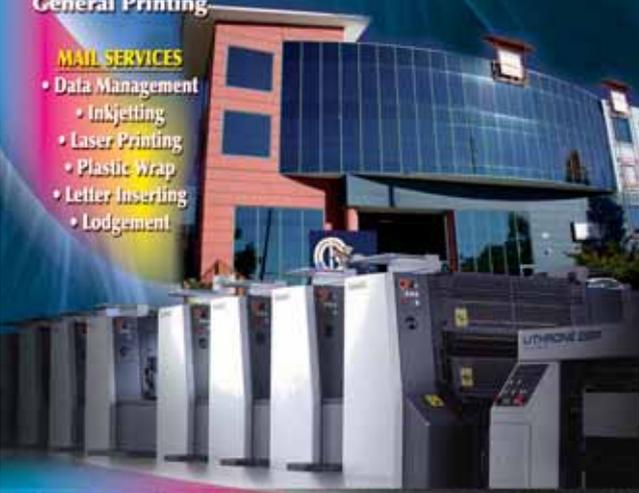
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Many take part in Anzac ceremonies at The Entrance

Members of Marine Rescue The Entrance participated in two Anzac Marches, the first was on Sunday April 18 when eleven members represented the Unit at the Wallarah Bay Recreation Club.



Anzac Day marchers from The Entrance Unit

As well, our rescue vessel, with skippers John Adair & Dave Smith, was positioned close to shore in full view of the Service that was held on a magnificent sunny morning.

On Anzac Day, the weather for the March at The Entrance was a little different with showers. This did not dampen the enthusiasm of the watching crowd who clapped, cheered and waved to show their respect for the fallen Diggers and those who returned. Thirteen members marched in full uniform with yellow wet weather gear the order of the day.



Lorraine Lawry & Ray Kenny back in the school room

Ray Kenny, our Boat Licence Training Officer, has been hard at work over the past few months, coordinating Boat Licence Courses for several local schools in our region. The first was carried out for students of St. Peters Catholic College.

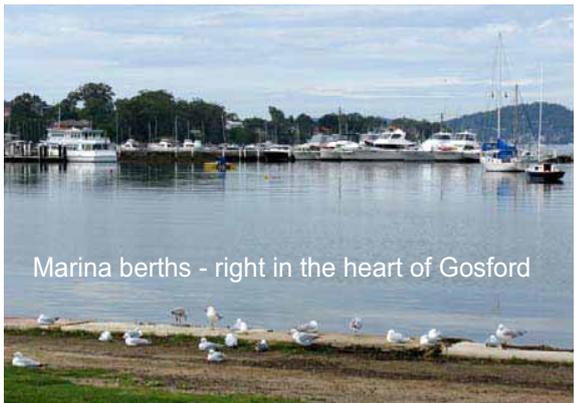
Ray noted how different it was presenting to a group of school students instead of the normal Boat Licence Course where members of the public attend. He said that it was great to be well supported by his "Regular Training Support Team" of Ronda Keenahan, Lorraine Lawry, John Adair and Dave Smith.

More schools have also signed on for future courses and several of our Skippers have agreed to be involved in providing the practical training requirements as well. It's an exciting new direction for all concerned and an important opportunity to help ensure safe boating skills from an early age.

Denis O'Mara.
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Great inter-agency cooperation clears the air in Eden

Eden Unit was in need of some expertise to help remove some vegetation on the headland below its Base. Radiata pines, in particular, had self-seeded over the years and grown so tall that they impacted on our ability to see some areas of our waterways.



SES member Alan Greening at work dissecting a pine tree

Permission to remove some of the vegetation was sought and granted from the local Shire Council. Through the Local Emergency Management Officers' network, we also sought the assistance of our local SES Unit. With their chainsaw and rope climbing skills the SES members were the ideal choice, as some of the larger trees were growing just over the edge of the headland. John Lacey, SES Local Controller Bega Valley and leader of the Eden SES, agreed his team could assist.

Over the past months, SES member Alan Greening (also a MR Eden member), along with a couple of his colleagues has been steadily working to remove the vegetation. Our view of vessel movements on the waterway is improving all the time.

Not only has the SES helped out, our local Bega Valley Shire Council Town Team has assisted by removing the cut vegetation. Great teamwork and cooperation all round. Many thanks to all.

Glenda Wood
Unit Commander

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Soundings is great reading for everyone concerned about the safety of life at sea. It keeps everyone – volunteers, supporters, boating and fishing enthusiasts, suppliers to the boating industry and those just interested in 'messing around in boats' – up to date with what's happening around the various Marine Rescue NSW Units. Apart from being a genuine "What's What", there is also much great reading – the news and stories from the waterfront, boating safety tips, snips from many units and much, much more.

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Ballina assists 'MV Pacific Link'

On May 20 Marine Rescue Ballina was tasked to assist the 'MV Pacific Link' during its berthing in the Richmond River at Ballina. The 37m 283 tonne vessel stopped while on its way to Papua New Guinea with medical supplies.



The *Pacific Link* is operated by Marine Reach, the maritime arm of Marine Reach Ministries, a volunteer Christian organisation of professionals and dedicated individuals using waterborne vessels to demonstrate the hope and compassion of Jesus Christ to those in need around the world via oceans, seas, lakes and rivers.

The *Pacific Link* has onboard facilities to bring healing to many in need; from simple treatment of infection to life changing cataract surgeries. Through this ship, Marine Reach is bringing both physical and spiritual healing to isolated people groups.

Many islands in the Pacific Region lack the basic medical services that are typically accessible to first world nations. A simple infection can often become a life threatening illness if left untreated. Poor water and sanitation facilities can bring disease and sickness to entire villages with devastating results.

The ship spent a very successful week in Newcastle where it was open for tours of the ship, and opportunities for people to meet the volunteer crew. Ballina was one of 16 ports, the 50 berth vessel will stay on its journey from Newcastle.

Donated medical supplies are on board for to Papua New Guinea and the crew is still collecting spectacles for PNG where over half a million people could have their sight restored simply by being provided with corrective spectacles. The people of Ballina were asked to donate old spectacles during the visit.

The Marine Rescue Unit's vessel assisted the *Pacific Link* safely complete a 180° turn in the narrow Richmond River channel so that it could complete its berthing in Ballina.

Norm Lannoy
Commander Ballina

Who's Who at HQ

Ken McManus recently spoke to Lavinia Schivella, Chief Strategic Development Officer at Marine Rescue headquarters about her role with MRNSW.



What has been the best thing about working with MRNSW ?
Undoubtedly, getting to know the volunteer members. With all the things we are doing at Headquarters, it's not easy to get out to meet many of them, but those I have met or spoken to impress me with their amazing spirit of service. Since meeting the volunteers in 2007, I am constantly touched by their generosity and their sense of serving the community. I believe it's something uniquely Australian. It's that spirit we would like to see coming from headquarters. We are here to serve our members, to help them deliver the services that led to them joining MRNSW. The other privilege is the fact that I can be involved at the genesis of an amazing new organisation.

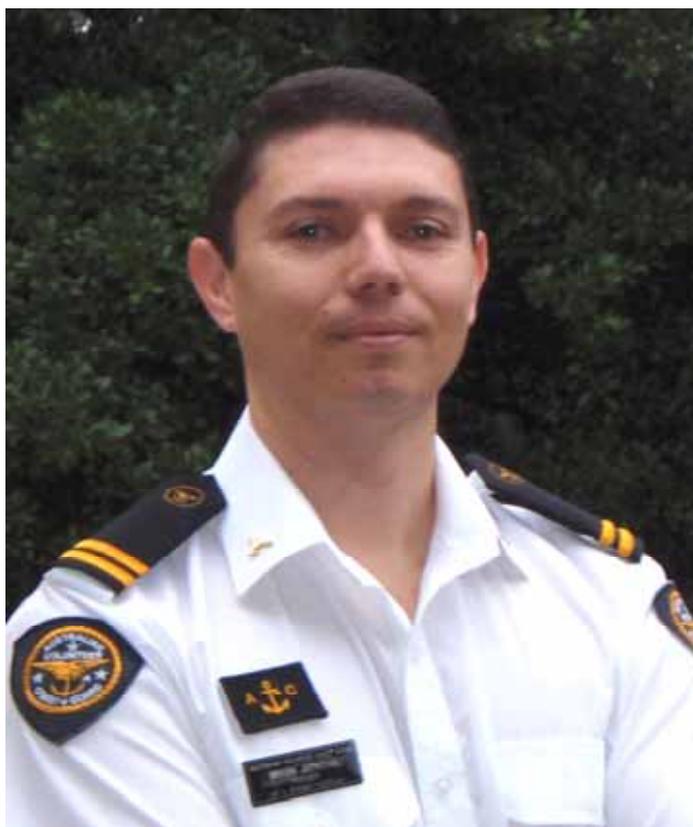
What brought you to the world of boating and to MRNSW?
In 1999 I started with the Marina Association of Australia. It morphed into the Boating Industry Association (BIA). I knew very little about marinas and boating but my background in management, HR, training and the tourism sector helped me. I love the industry and met my husband through the BIA; he is a marina manager, is a shipwright by trade and very passionate about the industry. He has been boating since he was a small child. In the past few years I have been involved in policy development with an emphasis on boating safety so I appreciate its importance. It is vitally important for me to make a difference in our society. I think MRNSW does make a difference and will continue to do so.

What do you bring to MRNSW?
Truthfully, my wish is to help the volunteers in NSW continue their role in providing the best possible rescue and support services and safety education to boaters and the NSW community. There are so many things they need to do. They need to be supported from above and for now that is my role together with the other staff at HQ. My years in a welfare environment, in training and managing offices with up to 100 staff, the experience I was able to gain through the BIA, and my years of policy development all go to giving me the skills needed to take on the strategic role I have been tasked with.

So what's your message to the volunteers of MRNSW?
Help us make a difference to the way our organisation goes forward. You are the central part of MRNSW and we at HQ want to make it work for you. There will be some challenges, but none that this amazing group of almost 2600 people cannot get through together.

Meet the Members

*Bryan Jephtha
Port Jackson*



I joined Coast Guard in Port Jackson, Sydney 2½ years ago. I am 41 years old and happily married to Tanya. We have two children, a 17-year old daughter, and a 6-year old son. I have a passion for boats, some sailing experience, so when I was looking for a way to help in the community with volunteer work I couldn't find a better way than to join a volunteer marine rescue organisation.

Since I was also planning to purchase a power boat, the boating skills I would learn as a result would also be of great personal value.

Currently I spend one weekend in four 'on-duty' at the Port Jackson base, either on radio or on the rescue boat. I am now rated as 'Advanced Crew', and my training is progressing toward my Coxswains Certificate.

More recently, I was appointed to the Coast Guard Executive as Purser (Treasurer) of Port Jackson Flotilla. I am able to contribute positively in this role as I own a business providing tax and GST compliance, management reporting and bookkeeping services to small business.

I enjoy being in Coast Guard. Both radio and boat duties get me on or near the water and I meet a variety of people with a common interest, members of Coast Guard, Maritime, Water Police and of course the members of the public that we assist.

Last year I helped out at the Sydney Boat Show and met many new Marine Rescue people. It was interesting learning of the different approaches to training and fundraising used in the various rescue groups participating.

As for the future and Marine Rescue NSW, what I want is 'For the clouds to lift, for it to happen so we can just get on with it'. One organisation will, in the end, be so much better for the public and for the volunteers.

The young faces of Marine Rescue

*Volunteer membership ageing?? Nonsense!
This is not so at many bases. One of the best examples is the Cottage Point Marine Rescue Base in Sydney which boasts one of the youngest and brightest groups of members.*



L to R Michael Cairns, Adam Rowlings, John Bensley, Rob Macpherson, Eathan Ellem. Inset Viv Lewis.

The Cottage Point B1 Team (above) has an average age of just 23 years and a wealth of talent, ability and enthusiasm that has earned them the respect and admiration of their peers.

At 26, John Bensley is the team's leader and mentor, with over six years service and over 150 assists under his belt. John is a senior Motor Technician and also works with the youth in his Church community. He is a future Marine Rescue leader, Advanced Crewman (Skipper 1) and will soon achieve his full Coxswain (Skipper 3) qualification.

Eathan Ellem, 23, joined Cottage Point 18 months ago with little maritime experience. He has completed his Competent Crewman qualifications and been involved in dozens of assists in all weather conditions. He has proven to be a talented radio operator and vessel helmsman. Eathan is currently studying a Sports Science degree at UWS.

At 20, Rob Macpherson has two years experience with Team B1. He has a natural flair for vessel handling and is the team's coolest member with his cutting edge clothes, hairdos, outrageous hats and a refreshingly fun outlook on life. Rob is completing his Carpentry apprenticeship.

Michael Cairns, 19, an apprentice motor mechanic, is the youngest in the team with just a year's membership. He has grown significantly in experience and confidence since joining and is progressing towards Competent Crew and Radio Operator qualifications.

Adam Rowlings, 27, is the newest member of Team B1, having only recently joined Cottage Point. He is looking forward to the fun and challenges that lie ahead and has shown an early aptitude for vessel handling. Adam is studying Event Management at TAFE.

Viv Lewis, in her early 30s, is a veteran of six years service. Viv has built on the skills mastered in her volunteer work and has forged a successful career as a Commercial Coxswain with Sydney Ports Authority. She expects to complete her Master 5 in the coming months.

Fundraising and fun in Narooma

Our hard working Fundraising team does a sausage sizzle/BBQ every Sunday at the Apex Boat Ramp in Narooma. It does a roaring trade with all the boats coming and going, plus there is the boardwalk and of course the nearby beach.



Kathy Stockings waves to the crowd during the Oyster Festival Parade at Narooma

Lots of people come to buy and the BBQ is gaining in popularity; I've even known people to drive to the boat ramp just to buy lunch or a cold drink. The volunteers all enjoy their task immensely each Summer and can't wait to get started again the next October. They do a fabulous job and there are other members who fill in from time to time when any of the regulars can't make it.

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The BBQ team 'thought' it was on holidays from now until October since the inlet isn't busy during the winter months. But the Unit has put on a car boot sale/garage sale on the long weekend in June at its Narooma Base. We envisage a carnival good fun atmosphere and if our actions match our enthusiasm it could be bigger than Ben Hur. We will be having an ice cream man in an old Mr Whippy Van, a raffle as well as craft and other stalls.

The MR Narooma Unit also participated in the 3rd Annual Oyster Festival Parade in May. It was headed up by Masterchef Julie Goodwin, co-opted because her parents live here. Our group did themselves and Marine Rescue proud. They wore their biggest smiles and had a happy attitude, even though it was a bleak, dark day.

The volunteers all looked very smart in their new blue uniforms. Alfred Schroeder drove the Monaro Region's Marine Rescue Command and Response vehicle accompanied by Rowland Bull (see photo above). Walking (and waving to the crowd) is Kathy Stockings. The vehicle is towing the fast response rubber duckie of our new MR friends from VRA-Marine Narooma. We're already planning our participation for next year and plan to make it bigger and better again as we raise the profile of Marine Rescue in this area.

Wendy Brown
The Narooma Unit Commander's Cheese and Kisses.

We welcome your Email



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Dear Editor

Some of you may remember Chief Inspector Gordon Wellings and me as representatives of NSW Marine Area Command on the Volunteer Marine Rescue Council from its inauguration until our retirements. During that period it was our belief that amalgamation was the way to go for the three volunteer marine rescue organisations although we had difficulty trying to convince Council members at that time.

I have known Inspector, now Acting Commissioner, Glenn Finnis for many years and was also aware and impressed with his ability to carry out tasks to the highest level together with dedication, professionalism and enthusiasm towards his duties.

Since my retirement I have kept in touch with him and his progress dealing with the issue of amalgamation of the three Marine Rescue Units. Without a doubt he has exceeded my expectations in dealing with this difficult and complex task and has succeeded. Of course this couldn't have happened without the assistance of the NSW Government and also the cooperation of the three rescue groups. I have heard that there have been a few rumblings but these would be a very small percentage to the people who were and are now in favour of this new and exciting rescue unit. I have just received and read issue 2 of *Soundings* and this in itself is a new modern and informative magazine.

Congratulations to one and all who are involved in Marine Rescue NSW, whether you are a newcomer or a long time member. I am sure that the way you are heading is in the right direction.

Again, all the best for the future to all involved.

John Gibbons.

Retired Senior Sergeant
NSW Marine Area Command.

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