

# 2010 ANNUAL APPEAL

*Making a difference*



*Image: Helicopter lands on sports oval near Biloela Hospital to transfer a month old baby with respiratory distress.*

## 2010 \$1.5 Million Appeal

It costs approximately \$3.5 Million to operate the service each year of which we need to raise \$1.5 Million from the Central Queensland community.

Your FREE local helicopter rescue service provides a rapid response unit for emergencies that threaten your life, health or safety through accidents, illness or natural disasters.

Whether you need to be rescued or retrieved on land or at sea, in a dry rocky creek bed, at a mining site, from a rural property, on a main highway or simply transferred between hospitals, the helicopter and crew are ready 24/7, 365 days a year to help you when you need it most.

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## SHARK BITE AT REEF

John Pengelly and a couple of his dive mates had gone spear fishing at Lamont Reef near Heron Is. He had just ascended to the boat from spearing a fish when he was hit.

“It was something like being tackled in football and it came out of no where,” said John.

The bull shark, which they estimated to be 8 ft long, inflicted severe lacerations to John’s left hand and arm.

He was transported to Heron Is for treatment and then airlifted by the helicopter to Rockhampton. John was subsequently transferred to the Royal Brisbane Hospital for specialist treatment.

*Image: John Pengelly (diver) being prepared to be air-lifted to Rockhampton.*



## HORSE RIDING ACCIDENTS A COMMON OCCURRENCE

Accidents from horse falls are prevalent in the surrounding rural districts of Rockhampton. During the last 4 months of 2009 the helicopter was called to attend 11 horse riding accidents in the region.

On this occasion a 34 year old man had suffered head injuries following a fall from a horse. The man had been riding at Nuga Nuga station, 130 miles south west of Rockhampton when he was thrown from the horse, with the horse landing on him.

Ambulance crews were dispatched to the station together with the RACQ Capricorn Helicopter Rescue aircraft. Upon arriving at the scene the man was assessed as having suspected spinal and internal abdominal injuries and was flown back to Rockhampton for a CT scan and further testing.

*Image: Horse riding accident at Nuga Nuga.*

## CONTAINER-TRAILER ROLLOVER NEAR PORT ALMA

The crew is regularly called to a variety of motor vehicle accidents whether on country roads or main highways. This accident occurred when the load in the container shifted and the tyres on the vehicle were caught in the loose gravel beside the road.

This caused the driver to lose control and the vehicle rolled down a 2 metre embankment. It took approximately two hours for the driver to be freed from the wreckage and a crane was used to right the trailer and its load.

The driver sustained multiple injuries and was transported by helicopter to the Rockhampton Hospital where he was discharged a couple of hours later after treatment.

*Image: Aerial view of a container-vehicle rollover from approaching helicopter.*

## SNAKE BITE ON COMANCHIE STATION

The helicopter was called to Comanchie Station (near Glenroy) to assist a 33 year old man who had been bitten on the leg by a snake. The patient was unable to identify the type of snake which had attacked him and begun feeling associated symptoms soon after the strike.

The Intensive Care Paramedic (ICP) took antivenene drugs as a precaution but fortunately they were not required. The patient was stabilised at the property before being airlifted to Rockhampton for further medical assessment and treatment.

*Image: Helicopter lands at front door of homestead.*

