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“THANKS” TO OUR SPONSORS

CHRS sponsors have been keen to maintain their support for the coming year.

This year we have also seen Zinc Radio join with 4RO to help promote the service in the ever growing Gladstone Region. Staff from Anglo American at Dawson Mine have also chosen to once again go without their Christmas celebrations and kindly contribute the funds to the service.

Kay Becker, Executive Officer for CHRS said “We are extremely grateful to these companies for their continued support as community support now funds approximately half of the operational costs each year.”

“The arrival of the new Sikorsky S76 helicopter, which is a more powerful and capable machine than the Dauphin 365N, means that annual costs have now risen and we are always keen to attract additional sponsors to ensure the continuation of this vital service for Central Queenslanders.”

RACQ Capricorn Helicopter Rescue has been chosen as the 2010 charity recipient of the Boyne Tannum Hook-Up which will be held on the weekend of June 12 & 13. Don't miss the fun and excitement on the Boyne River as they give away a total prize pool of over \$250,000.



CREW MAINTAIN RIGID TRAINING REGIME

The crew maintains a comprehensive training regime which ranges from personal fitness to aircraft and first aid training. The helicopter has a wide range of capabilities such as medical search and rescue, fire bombing, assistance with police searches as well as participating in Australian Marine Safety Authority (AMSA) search and rescue missions at sea.

Therefore, the crew regularly trains with the local Coast Guard and Water Police as well as training paramedics and doctors who accompany them in the helicopter. Training includes a variety of winch training, (e.g. stretcher, tandem hoists, ship transfers etc) fire bombing, advanced first aid, life raft retrieval together with night training exercises.

Image: The crew practice winching on the airfield outside the Canoona Rd Hangar



INTER-HOSPITAL TRANSFERS CAN OCCUR DAY OR NIGHT

Inter-hospital transfers are a necessary and frequent occurrence for the team at the hangar. In February, the Crew was called on to transfer a month old baby boy with serious respiratory distress, from the Biloela Hospital to Rockhampton Hospital. The helicopter was able to land on a sporting oval close to the hospital to minimize the transfer time and help the infant.

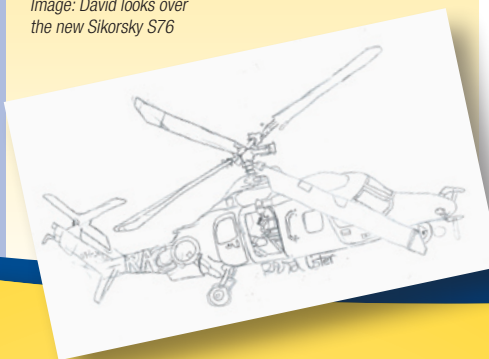
Image: CHRS crew land at sports oval near Biloela Hospital

DAVID SKETCHES NEW HELICOPTER

David who regularly assists with administration duties at CHRS discovered his talent for sketching when his father asked him to design a couple of tattoos for family members.

Since visiting the hangar he has displayed a keen interest in the new Sikorsky S76 and took a few moments to produce the sketch seen here.

Image: David looks over the new Sikorsky S76



REGULAR TRIPS INTO COASTAL SHIPPING LANES

The crew was busy with rescues at sea during February. One incident involved a crew member on the MV Star Sea Bulker who had sustained a fracture and crush injury to his right arm and large laceration to his right leg. As they were unable to land on this vessel the injured man was winched to the aircraft and flown directly to Rockhampton Hospital.

The second incident occurred on the "River Ambley" where an engine fire resulted in three of the ships personnel suffering breathing difficulties and nausea due to smoke inhalation. The Intensive Care Paramedic assessed the men on the vessel and two were flown to Gladstone Hospital for further treatment.

Image: Helicopter lands on "River Ambley"

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We are grateful to individuals and organisations that support our vital life saving service. Every contribution, no matter how small, makes a difference as we strive to reach \$1.5Million each year. It is reassuring to know that these valuable contributions help maintain a FREE and vital service to all residents and visitors to our region.

SPONSORSHIP

CHRS highly values financial support from companies of all sizes. Corporate Social Responsibility is becoming an increasingly important part of business. Sponsorship has taxation advantages and organisations benefit from the goodwill of employees and the general community.

PAYROLL DEDUCTION SCHEME

Payroll giving is the most tax efficient way for PAYE tax payers to give to charity directly from their salary. It is tax effective because the amount you decide to give is deducted from your pay before tax is calculated (the tax savings are even greater for higher-rate payers).

For CHRS, payroll deductions economize on both time and money and ensure a steady cash flow for the service to continue its vital work. The 'Target 10,000' campaign aims to enlist the help of 10,000 employees in the region who are willing to donate just \$2 per week to help achieve our annual \$1.5Million target. However, every dollar helps and you can give as little or as much as your budget allows.

DONATIONS

Gifts to CHRS make a significant difference to the lives of those in need. Many of our donors contribute on a regular basis, monthly, quarterly or half-yearly. Donations can be made by post, phone or bank transfer.

BEQUESTS, IN MEMORY AND GIFTS

Making a Will is not about death or dying - it is about the satisfaction of sharing your good fortune with a cause close to your heart. We have seen a growth in bequests and 'In Memory' giving. Increasingly, people are also donating in lieu of birthday, Christmas and farewell gifts in the workplace. These donations have a lasting impact on the lives of others.

GENERAL FUNDRAISING

Why not hold your own fundraising event? Doing your own fundraising can be hugely successful, and is always good fun! Events such as golf days, auctions, sausage sizzles are just a few ways to have fun and help others.

In an emergency, it is vital to get help to the scene as quickly as possible. With your support we can continue to be there, bringing help and hope to those who need it most.



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