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Image: Sikorsky S76

Thank you FOR SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL SERVICE!

Once again the community of Central Queensland has stepped up to the mark and shown their support by giving generously to the service during our recent Annual Appeal. We value all donations large and small as we recognize that the ability to donate varies with each supporter. Central

Queensland has also recently suffered from severe climatic conditions and this has also impacted on donor finances.

So...where does your money go?

We are a community service dedicated to the local region. **Your donations are spent right here in Central Queensland helping your own community.** That is, from St Lawrence to Agnes Waters along the coast and out to Longreach in the west, and further, if fuel is available. The helicopter is readily available to the mining and rural communities in the Central West as well as the new developments at Alpha and the Galilee Basin. We are also available to shipping vessels and small sea going craft out in the shipping lanes to the east along the Capricorn Coast.

Therefore, your donations are used to care for and service the local region and we would like to say a big 'THANK YOU' to all those who contributed for without



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your kindness and on-going support the service would not be available to those who so badly need it every day of the year.

You ARE making a difference in your local community!



WINGS & WHEELS SUPPORTS LOCAL SERVICE

The Old Station Wings and Wheels Fly-In was held at Raglan over the weekend of 27-29 May. The weekend was a wonderful success raising \$10,000 for the service. The display included a variety of aircraft, antique machinery and an assortment of vehicles. Plans are already in motion for next year's event.

Image: Club President Graham Moller, Kay Becker and Leonie Creed of Old Station



Image: Wrecked vehicle on Springsure Road.



Image: Daniel Millar Rescue Crewman calls in helicopter to winch patient.



Image: Horse fall on property near Marlborough.

ACCIDENT VICTIMS SURVIVE SEVERE IMPACT ON SPRINGSURE ROAD

Rescue 300 responded to a single vehicle accident on the road between Arcturus and Springsure. The vehicle left the road, rolling multiple times. A 17 year old female patient was thrown through the windscreen while a 16 year old female patient remained in the vehicle. They were discovered only minutes later by a passing motorist who quickly called for emergency assistance.

On arrival the flight paramedic quickly took charge stabilising both patients for transport. The 17 year old patient sustained head injuries as well as a broken left forearm, suspected internal bleeding and multiple minor lacerations while the 16 year old patient received minor lacerations as well as suspected spinal injuries. Both were flown back to Rockhampton without further complications.

CREW ASSIST ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY VESSEL

The helicopter was tasked to assist a Royal Australian Navy vessel off the coast of Yeppoon. A 21 year old female sailor had experienced chest pains and shortness of breath. The crew contacted Queensland Ambulance who dispatched an Intensive Care Paramedic with the aircraft to retrieve the patient.

The vessel, a beach landing craft, was required to maintain course through large swells while a Rescue Crewman and Intensive Care Paramedic were winched down to the vessel.

Once the patient was assessed, she and the ICP were hoisted from the vessel, with the Rescue Crewman following. The young sailor was transferred back to Rockhampton for further assessment and treatment.

MISSIONS... FROM DAYLIGHT TILL DARK

The Crew were kept busy with three missions throughout Central Queensland on the same day in early April. The initial task required transportation of a 27 year old male from Moura Hospital to Rockhampton for further treatment following a car accident. He had sustained a dislocated shoulder, abdominal pain and suspected neck injury. The helicopter was then tasked to the Marlborough region to attend a male who had fallen from a horse on a rural property. The aircraft landed adjacent to the homestead and following treatment by the flight paramedic the patient was transported back to Rockhampton for further treatment.

The third task in the evening involved a 67 year old male who had also sustained injuries from a horse fall on a rural property near Gogango. With the assistance of night vision goggles the helicopter landed at the property. The attending Ambulance road units had set up a landing zone using portable single lights and the vehicle lighting. Upon landing the flight paramedic assessed and stabilised the patient who was then flown to Rockhampton Hospital.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We are grateful to individuals and organisations who 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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