

PILOT'S WISH-LIST:

Senior pilot Vince Corcoran (centre) explains use of the stretcher winch and the need for light collapsible stretchers to (from left) Glen Parkhill (Sensis account director), Susan Denman (Sensis field marketing manager) and Debra Drinan (RACQ Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Service).

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Stretching it

Rescue crew receives safer stretchers

GETTING patients safely to treatment is RACQ Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Service senior pilot Vince Corcoran's priority.

He said sea rescues and high winds made the job of the pilot and medical crew even more difficult.

Vince said the rescue helicopter was equipped with non-collapsible stretchers that were difficult to handle in bad weather.

High on his wish-list are new light, collapsi-

ble stretchers that can be rolled up and carried as a backpack.

Collapsible stretchers wrap around the patient, making it safer and easier to winch them into the helicopter in sea rescues, harsh terrain and extreme weather. Each costs about \$900.

This week, Vince's wish was granted when Sensis (Yellow Pages directory) account manager Glen Parkhill and field marketing manager for Qld/northern NSW Susan Denman presented the

service with a cheque for \$3000.

Susan, of Townsville, said a team of nine was spending three months in the Rockhampton region selling Yellow Pages for the local directory.

Sensis's community partnership program enables it to donate funds for equipment to maintain services and support regional development.

Supporting vital services such as helicopter rescue, surf lifesaving and the RFDS is part of that.