



**CAPRICORN
HELICOPTER
RESCUE**

2009 ANNUAL APPEAL



It costs approximately \$3.5 Million to operate the service each year of which we need to raise \$1 Million from the local community.

Your 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 to help you when you need it most.

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Ryan Hiscox



Robert Zoutenbier



Tony Minns

Tony Minns was rescued with his mates floating out at sea. Below, Tony describes his experience:

"...Robert, Ryan and myself were out fishing when our boat started taking on water. Ryan managed to place one call from his mobile before we went down.

I was caught in the cab as the boat sank but managed to break free and join the guys who were clinging to the esky. The esky didn't have a bung so we took it in turns to stick our finger in the hole to keep it afloat.

We were stung by jellyfish all night, Robert was in shock and we were all extremely cold as it was winter. We sang songs and told jokes to keep our spirits up. The weather turned ugly with a massive storm and we were tossed around in 4 metre swells. The night seemed long and hypothermia set in.

Just after day break we saw the Capricorn Helicopter as it flew over us several times until at last, at 10.40am the helicopter flew straight overhead and Matt Cook was winched down to help us. Robert was winched first, then Ryan and myself. The crew on the helicopter were magnificent and shared a few jokes and their 'jatz' with us. We still keep in touch with Matt Cook. We all feel that the crew are our heroes and we thank them and RACQ Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Service from the bottom of our hearts."

Deadly serious - AMSA Search

In March this year the crew was called on to take part in a search and rescue for a fishing trawler lost at sea during 'Hamish' a category 5 cyclone. The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) coordinated the search from the CHRS hangar in Canoona Rd. Around 100 people took part in the search. The only survivor was rescued due to activating an EPIRB found floating in the debris as he drifted miles from his capsized vessel. The EPIRB had in fact been lost from another craft a month prior to the incident. Sadly the two other occupants of the vessel were never found.

Matt Cook, the Senior Base Crewman who was later winched to the trawler wreckage stated that it was "...the scariest moment of my career when I entered the unstable vessel balancing on its side, on the reef." Matt carefully crawled through the wreck gaining valuable footage of the internal damage as well as underwater footage which helped authorities to assess the situation.

Interhospital Transfers

"After a long labour I had an emergency C section to deliver our beautiful son Lane. I had been diagnosed with Gestational Diabetes during my pregnancy and the Emerald Hospital arranged for the Capricorn Helicopter to fly Lane and my husband into Rockhampton for further tests. Lane was released a few days later with the 'all clear' and we are very grateful that your helicopter was available at our time of need. Lane became a high flyer at only 30 hours of age - it will be a great story he can tell when he's older." Kerry said.



Pictured inset: Kerry, Gene and baby Lane Warcon



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