

# RACQ CQ Rescue - Update

DECEMBER 2011



## ANNUAL APPEAL

RACQ CQ RESCUE'S ANNUAL APPEAL COMMENCED IN SEPTEMBER WITH THE TALLY SO FAR EQUALLING LAST YEAR'S APPEAL.

WITH INCREASED COSTS AND FLIGHT NUMBERS, IT WAS HOPED THIS YEAR'S APPEAL WOULD YIELD MORE FUNDING THAN PREVIOUS YEARS TO HELP WITH OPERATIONAL COSTS.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE STILL CONSIDERING A DONATION, IT'S NOT TOO LATE.

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE BY POSTING YOUR DONATION FORM WITH A CHEQUE OR CREDIT CARD DETAILS; BY PHONING THE OFFICE ON 4998 5232 WITH YOUR CREDIT CARD DETAILS OR VIA PYPAL ON OUR WEBSITE [www.cqrescue.com.au](http://www.cqrescue.com.au).

DONATION FORMS CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM OUR WEBSITE.

## BENEFITS FOR BUSINESS

IN ADDITION TO MAJOR SPONSORSHIP WHICH MAY BE OUT OF REACH FOR SOME ORGANISATIONS, RACQ CQ RESCUE OFFERS COMPANIES, CLUBS AND GROUPS THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THEIR LOGO ON THE RACQ CQ RESCUE WEBSITE.

DONATIONS OF \$5,000 OR MORE ENSURES YOUR LOGO IS ADDED TO [www.cqrescue.com.au](http://www.cqrescue.com.au) UNDER THE 'CORPORATE SUPPORTERS' SECTION.



HOSPITAL TRANSFER FOR PATIENT WITH CRITICAL INJURIES

## OUR YEAR

THE FUNDRAISING YEAR HAS BEEN SLOW IN COMPARISON TO OTHER YEARS HOWEVER THE TORRENTIAL FLOODS AND CYCLONE YASI AT THE BEGINNING OF 2011 MOST LIKELY WERE REASONS BEHIND THE DECLINE IN FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR RACQ CQ RESCUE.

These two major events kept the RACQ CQ Rescue helicopter crews very busy indeed.

During January and February extra crews were deployed to Brisbane and Townsville resulting in an amazing feat of 88 missions carried out by RACQ CQ Rescue in the Brisbane, Townsville and Mackay regions during these first two months of the year.

The crew continued to be busy throughout the year with in excess of 40 missions flown in the months of January, February, March, July and October.

The most frequent destination for the RACQ CQ Rescue crew was Clermont with 55 missions to this area in ten months. Coming in second was Moranbah with 43 missions between January and the end of October.

The most common reason for tasking has been for medical-related issues followed by patients requiring treatment as a result of motor vehicle accidents.

A high percentage of patients were airlifted due to motor vehicle incidents including motor bikes, quad bikes, buggies, cars and trucks; and almost as many patients were flown to hospitals in either Mackay or Townsville due to injuries such as falls, horseriding incidents and sporting injuries.

## ROTARY SUPPORT

Mr Alan Robinson, President of the Rotary Club of Airlie Beach was guest speaker at RACQ CQ Rescue's "Rescue 100 Club" function on Friday 18th November.

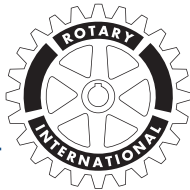
A year ago in November 2010, the Rotary Club of Airlie Beach became the first Rotary Club to support RACQ CQ Rescue at major sponsorship level providing funds to have their logo added to the rescue helicopter.

RACQ CQ Rescue looks forward to a continued relationship with the Rotary Club of Airlie Beach and the many other Rotary Clubs throughout this District.

Rescue 100 Club events are held each quarter for members who pay \$1,000 per annum in support of RACQ CQ Rescue. These events give members the opportunity to meet with other supporters and network their business at these sponsored functions.

For more information about joining the Rescue 100 Club, contact RACQ CQ Rescue on 4998 5232 or email [leonie@cqrescue.com.au](mailto:leonie@cqrescue.com.au).

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## THANK YOU!

With another year coming to an end, we must take time to thank everyone who has generously donated to RACQ CQ Rescue this year and in the past.

Our Platinum Partners, Major Sponsors, Corporate Supporters, Rescue 100 Club members, Community Clubs and Groups, Payroll contributors and individuals within our community all contribute significantly to ensure the rescue helicopter is available when needed.

Also to the volunteers, event organisers and event supporters, please accept this as our personal thanks to each and every person who supported RACQ CQ Rescue in some way during 2011.

We wish you, your family and friends a very safe Festive Season and a Happy New Year.

Take care

*RACQ CQ Rescue  
Management, Staff & Crew*

## TESTING SERVICES

Drug and alcohol testing is becoming part and parcel for employees in this region and this is a service now offered by CQ Rescue Testing Services.

Urine and saliva screening is offered as well as alcohol breath-testing.

There's no need for appointments unless you require testing outside of normal office hours plus all profits from CQ Rescue Testing Services are directed back to the helicopter rescue service.

The office is located at Mackay Airport which is particularly convenient for fly-in, fly-out employees plus it's in close proximity to the Paget industrial area. We can also organise onsite testing to be conducted at your place of business if required.

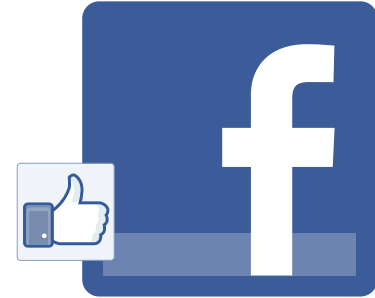
For more information call CQ Rescue Testing Services on 4998 5232 to discuss how the certified testers can accommodate your drug and alcohol testing requirements.

## WEBSITE

While checking out our new-look website you will notice that RACQ CQ Rescue is now on Facebook so you can follow what is happening on a regular basis.

Posts are updated as regularly as possible on weekdays when the crew are tasked to various missions.

Our aim is to continue to improve our communication with the community, who contribute financially to keep our helicopter rescue service flying.



CHANNEL SEVEN'S ROB BROUGH ENJOYED HIS TIME HERE FOR THE GALA DINNER

## RACQ CQ RESCUE'S 15 YEAR GALA DINNER

The recent gala dinner in the RACQ CQ Rescue hangar marking 15 years of aero-medical and search and rescue work for the helicopter rescue service was a huge success.

Channel 7's Rob Brough hosted the evening with 250 people attending the function and entertainment from Sensory Circus headed a full program on the night.

CHC Australia (our helicopter lease company) was a naming-rights sponsor of the dinner and a further \$10,000 was contributed by the crew of the Crash Bash. Many would remember the story of four survivors of a light plane crash at Laguna

Whitsundays in June 2004 who went on to form the Crash Bash, hosting a number of fundraising golf days in support of RACQ CQ Rescue.

The hangar was transformed into a spectacular dining room courtesy of Starcut Flowers & Fiesta Rentals; NE Foods catered for the 250 attendees; Mackay Reef Fish Supplies provided the seafood; and Fosters and Liquorland helped out with the alcohol.

There are far too many organisations to name each of them in this newsletter but we extend our appreciation to every company who provided in-kind support; every organisation who purchased table and dinner sponsorship packages and to those who attended and helped celebrate our 15 years of service.