

VMRWA UPDATES

AROUND THE TRAPS



Our New Shed at Henderson ([click here for a fly around](#))

ABOUT IN 2021

It would be fair to say that 2021 has been significantly better than 2020 it has posed its fair share of interesting “stuff” for those in the VMR world to deal with, COVID, cyclones and even some marine rescues.

CYCLONE SEROJA

Who will forget cyclone Seroja, certainly not Kalbarri VMR as it caused immense damage to their infrastructure and the town alike. Mercifully most of our volunteers fared slightly better but it has changed the way they operate for now.

TRAGEDIES

It has been noticed that during the pandemic (and it is not slowing down) a significant number of Groups have been involved in recoveries that involved the loss of life, while it is not a pleasant task it is what we do so to all Groups look after your people and take care.



RECENT TRIP NORTH

One of the really neat things VMRWA gets to do is while away you get to be part of the presentation of various awards and while in Derby recently we presented some Long Service Medals to the VMR volunteers. Ranging from 5 to 25 years all of which are significant achievements.

Well done to you all and thanks for your hospitality while we were there it was appreciated.

New RV's & refits all happening

Sardam, in particular has been doing some road miles getting about WA covering refits and is now in Lancelin having come down from Derby via Coral Bay while the Tom Reed has been "relaxing" in Augusta after a short stint in Leeman. Marg's is next for Tom.

Shark Bay albeit a while ago now and Pt Denison have new rescue vessels and Jurien Bay will have theirs soon.

The refit and replacement program is well underway and the quality of work from the builders is outstanding.

There will be several more contractors to come online very soon now that the procurement process has been completed.



2021 CONFERENCE & AWARDS NIGHT

IT'S ON AGAIN BUT IN A REVISED FORMAT - CURSE COVID

While the award nominations have closed it is fair to say that while there are "heaps" of really good nominations received it is like "pulling teeth".

Now we know that you all regard it simply as "it's what we do" but please get out there and tell the world, the Emergency Services world at least.

Be aware 2022 is coming and by then you will all have done some more remarkable stuff so tell us, please.

The ESC to be held on Friday the 10th & Saturday the 11th of September 2021 will be slightly expanded this year but nowhere near where it has been in the past. That said information as to who can attend and where it will be is coming, we promise.

VMRWA AGM 2021

The call for nominations will be coming out soon so take the time to consider being part of the team.

It is after all your Association and it isn't too arduous a task to get around to your neighboring Marine Rescue Groups, well maybe slightly more difficult in the Pilbara and the Kimberley regions but nothing is insurmountable as COVID has proved to us all. And certainly not picking on Adam here just using the region as an example 😊.

All sorts of expertise and experience is valuable so do not discount yourself.

MS Teams works and is a useful tool, recognising that Face 2 Face is the best but not always achievable.

So please think about it and give it a go.





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