

VMRWA UPDATES

FROM AROUND THE TRAPS

WAFES Highlights



MARINE RESCUE'S INDIVIDUAL AWARD

WINNER **KRISMA MAY**

As Commander of an all-female leadership team that is committed to creating an all-inclusive and supportive culture. Krisma has been active in recruitment, and furthermore assisted during the Kimberley floods.

Outstanding and well deserved.

YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER

MARINE RESCUE **DAMPIER**

Here is a Group that has actively pursued young volunteers through the Youth in Emergency Services program ensuring they feel valued and empowered along the journey. The program has been so successful that they have a waitlist to join.

Well done.

COMMANDER'S AWARD & MARINE RESCUE TEAM AWARD

M.R. JURIENBAY

What can you say other than Jurien Bay appears to be a magnet for yachts that want to get into trouble big time? Marine Rescue Jurien Bay, led by Chrissie Heu and ably assisted by Mike Cockburn and the rest of the volunteers go and get them.

Well done and much deserved accolades to you all.



JULY BLESSING MR JURIEN BAY NEWEST VESSEL

Jurien Bay getting "stuff" organised for the blessing of their new Rescue Vessel replacing the old Leisurecat. While "RV Crikey" may have served the Group well over the years the new one is so much better.

SOME MORE PIC'S FROM THE JURIEB BLESSING



Last minute tidy up before the Minister arrives ...



Pilbara ladies shine ...

There is obviously something going on in the northern parts of Western Australia, what with the numbers of ladies stepping up into roles that a few years ago would just not have happened. And here is yet another example of ladies excelling, this time as an all-girl crew in Port Hedland. Well done to you all, particularly your Group and community, no wait, the whole State applauds you for your marine achievements and just wait for the crusty old bloke that breaks down and you rescue him 😊
That will be pure gold.



Major update Marine Rescue Augusta's New Building

It's more than a year that Construction was started at the Augusta Boat Harbour. After the main slab footings and the lift shaft pad was laid back in October 2022, for various reasons construction stalled until late September this year. The wall tilt panels have now been poured and are curing ready for final construction.



2023 WAFES Conference and Awards Roundup

More than 700 volunteers who attended this year's WAFES Conference and Awards.

It was a jam-packed two-day program featuring tours and workshops, the welcome sundowner, two outstanding keynote presentations, 12 engaging breakout presentations and of course the announcement of our fifteen 2023 WAFES Award winners.

Winners of the 2023 WAFES Awards were announced at the WAFES Awards gala dinner on Saturday 9 September at Crown Perth

Friday kicked off with various tours including the popular river cruise from Elizabeth Quay to the Fremantle Water Police headquarters in North Fremantle.

Rescue vessels from the four Metropolitan Groups made up the flotilla.

Participants were shown around the newly refurbished Incident Control Centre.



The welcome sundowner at Burswood on the Swan was also well attended with equipment from all branches of DFES represented.



Star of the show from a Marine Rescue perspective was Two Rocks' new Rescue vessel, "*Neptune*".



Keynote Speakers



Justin Langer



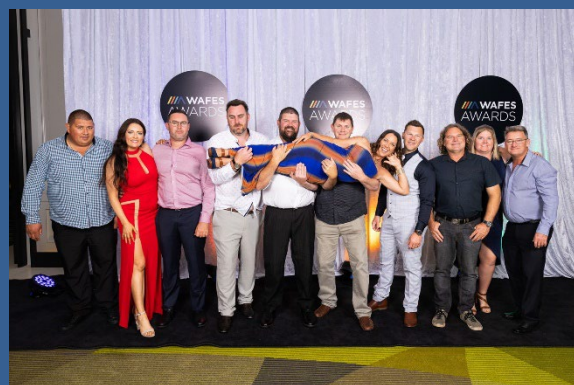
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WAFES Awards Presentations



VMRWA Commander's Award
Marine Rescue Jurien Bay



Marine Rescue Youth Achievement Award
Marine Rescue Dampier



DFES Operational Staff Individual achievement Award
Simon Miller - Midwest/Gascoyne Marine Services



Marine Rescue Individual achievement Award
Krisma May – Commander/Marine Rescue Broome

The **VMRWA AGM** was held on the Saturday Afternoon after the conclusion of the Conference and attended by all affiliated Groups.

VMRWA Committee for 2023/24 is:

Commander — Jeff Howe (Two Rocks)

Secretary & A/Treasurer — Barb Walton (Mandurah)

Media — Ian Beard (Kalbarri)

Vice Commander — Dan Goodlad (Mandurah)

Training Development — Darryl Menaglio (Lancelin)

Projects — Roger Martin (Mandurah)

Regional Commanders

Kimberley/Pilbara — Adam Harffey (Port Walcott)

Mid-West — Barry Kennewell (Kalbarri)

South West — Tony Grasso (Naturaliste)

Great Southern — Currently Unfilled

North West — Greg Ridgley (Shark Bay)

Metropolitan — Jon Beer (Lancelin)

South Coast — Alex Williams (Walpole)

VMRWA Merchandise — Available at the online shop: <https://www.vmrwa.org.au/shop>



VMRWA Turtle Soft Toy - Green



VMRWA Turtle Soft Toy - Pink



MRWA Turtle Soft Toy – Blue



Platypus Soft Toy



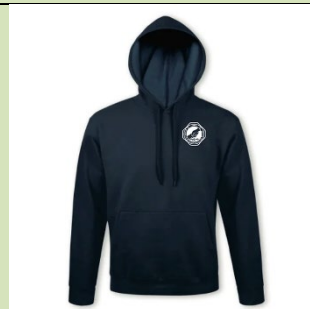
Stemless Wine Glasses with
Timber Coasters Gift Set



VMRWA Hoodies: Pink



VMRWA Hoodies: Black



VMRWA Hoodies: Navy



Blue Cotton Short Sleeved
Tee Shirt