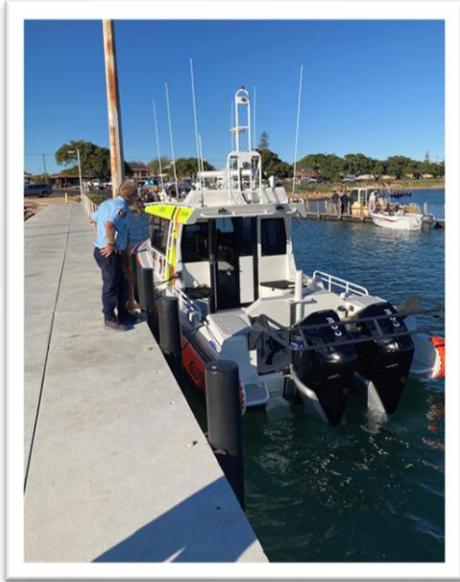


# VMRWA UPDATES

## FROM AROUND THE TRAPS



### PORT DENISON'S

#### "RV THUNGARA"

Port Denison has welcomed their new Rescue Vessel with a good crowd of their members, also from surrounding Volunteer Marine Rescue Groups and the general public all keen to get a look at what is a truly sensational vessel. Congratulations to the Group in putting together a vessel that will serve them well for years to come. She was blessed in style and her given her official name being the "RV Thungara".



### SARDAM'S COMING HOME?

Well maybe, as Sardam's time in Lancelin is almost over with the full refit of the Lancelin vessel by Dongara Marine nearly completed and their RV resplendent in the new livery coming home soon.

Sardam should then be coming back having been away for the last two years. Time just for a quick tidy up and a wee bit of R & R before the next round of refits begins all over again.



Leeman showing off the new livery for vehicles with their new RAM 1500 light truck.

### ALBANY PRESENTATIONS

It was good to be in Albany with DFES's Mark Eatts recently to present some of their members with the various DFES Long Service Awards and Medals while a significant number of their members were also presented with their National Medal's, while some received clasps as well.

Good to see the turnout from the members and thanks for the invitation to attend.



### CONGRATULATIONS TO SANDRA LYMBERY ESM

As alluded to in the last edition of "VMRWA Updates" VMR Coral Bay's one and only Sandra Lymbery was recognised by Silver Chain with the very prestigious award that epitomizes Sandra to a "T", that being the "*Lifetime Contribution to Volunteering*" at a gala dinner in Perth.

This award was truly deserved so Sandra please accept the congratulations from us all in the volunteer marine rescue space....

## Spotlight on Marine Rescue East Kimberley

This is a Group that have endured all of the things that everyone else has had to but done it in relative isolation and with less members and with far less assistance available to them, but they succeeded against the odds.

They house their larger Air Rider vessel & truck in Wyndham to cover off the gulf and the various creeks and rivers there and are now looking for a second smaller vessel for the water around Kununurra. Lake Argyle and the Ord is regarded as a fair bit of water when all is said and done.

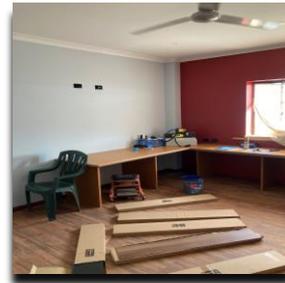


### ORIGINAL MEETING AREA

COCKBURN RANGE TRUCK BAY

In the early days with members coming from both Wyndham and Kununurra, meetings were often held "halfway" at the Cockburn Range truck bay where they would bring in everything, generator, lights the lot and some people grumble about stacking up the chairs after a meeting. ☺

As rudimentary as it was the members both past and present shared a vision that is coming to fruition now and will serve both communities well into the future.



LH pic shows the radio room that is under construction with floor covering getting laid and RH pic shows the new kitchen unit and ablution facilities installed on the mezzanine level.

### INTERNAL FITOUT IN FULL SWING





Rear of the East Kimberley building with boat launching ramp to the front of the building and off to the right



Wash down pad



New kitchen area



Planning?

With the fit out nearing its very much anticipated completion the Group will finally have the facilities that one reasonably expects for a Volunteer Marine Rescue Group in 2021 to have.

With a large number of the deployable marine incidents emanating from recreational mariners either in the creeks inside or the waters outside of the Cambridge Gulf this building will become the hub for marine rescue activity in the region. Well done to everyone past, present and the future volllies.



## MORE FROM THE NORTH

This time from a recent event in the Pilbara ...



Paul Davenport & Allan Brown



Deputy Mayor Kelly Nunn & Allan Brown



Port Walcott Operations Center

Congratulations to Allan Brown for 20 years of service with Marine Rescue Port Walcott!

Each year the City of Karratha formally recognises significant contributions from emergency services volunteers.

At a ceremony in held in Karratha to mark National Volunteer Week (17 to 23 May 2021), Allan was the recipient of a 20-year City of Karratha Emergency Services Award, presented by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Kelly Nunn.

At the same ceremony, Allan also received the 20-year clasp for his VMRS Long Service Award and medal from DFES.

In his presentation speech, Marine Rescue Pt. Walcott Commander, Paul Davenport observed,

“Allan Brown started volunteering at the age of 18 years at the Cockburn Power Boat Association, which later became Cockburn Volunteer Sea Search and Rescue.

Then in 2000 he made the move north to Wickham and joined the Port Walcott Marine Rescue as Crewman and Duty Skipper.

He then set up a marine rescue radio base station both at his house and at the then thriving Port Walcott Yacht Club.

Since then, Allan has manned the radio and has been a welcoming and recognisable voice during the everyday log on and log off situations as the many fishing comps, all the time serving his community proudly.

Allan Brown thank you for your 20 plus years of service.”