

# VMRWA UPDATES

## FROM AROUND THE TRAPS - MARINE RESCUE AWARDS EDITION



### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE 2021 MARINE RESCUE AWARD RECIPIENTS

**Youth Achievement -**  
Zac Bergland

**Outstanding Group Operations -**  
Marine Rescue Albany

**Outstanding Individual -**  
Alex Williams ESM

**Commanders Award -**  
Marine Rescue East Kimberley

### WHAT MORE CAN YOU SAY?

We had examples from the younger end of the age spectrum to the more senior end (sorry Alex, respectfully).

From the Kimberleys to the Great Southern and from everywhere in between so many examples of volunteers doing what they do best.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Must go to all of the finalists and the many nominations that were rightfully received by the judging panel. Don't make their job easy.

Also, a big thankyou to all those who took the time to nominate the Marine Rescue volunteers throughout Western Australia.



### MRG KALBARRI & TC SEROJA

Ian Beard, VMRWA's Communications Officer recently had the privilege of attending a presentation ceremony where June and Murray McClaren received Life Memberships together with a number of other Kalbarri's members due to receive Long Service Awards albeit they were lost in the cyclone and are on "back order" 😊.

Ian took the opportunity to present the Group a cheque donated by members of the public to VMRWA for MR Kalbarri Group as a result of cyclone SEROJA. The funds will go some way toward replacing items lost that insurance didn't cover.

## A quick look at who are Marine Rescue Lancelin

No different to so many towns around WA where the “locals” are asked to be members of multiple Emergency Services all of which are needed.

Everyone, well most everyone, knows about the “desert” behind the town that provides 4WD aficionados endless hours of fun, not to mention the RAC helicopter and local ambulance people endless casualties.

There is also an abundance of tourists partaking in offshore boating and fishing, while others (kite & wind surfers) utilise the fairly consistent winds; all of which provides endless opportunities for marine rescues by a band of dedicated men and women who are Marine Rescue Lancelin.

Like all VMR Groups, renewal is part of the requirement for success and here Lancelin is no different. By tearing down (before it fell down) the original storage facility, they have given the land back to the community, thus increasing the size of the park located on the foreshore.

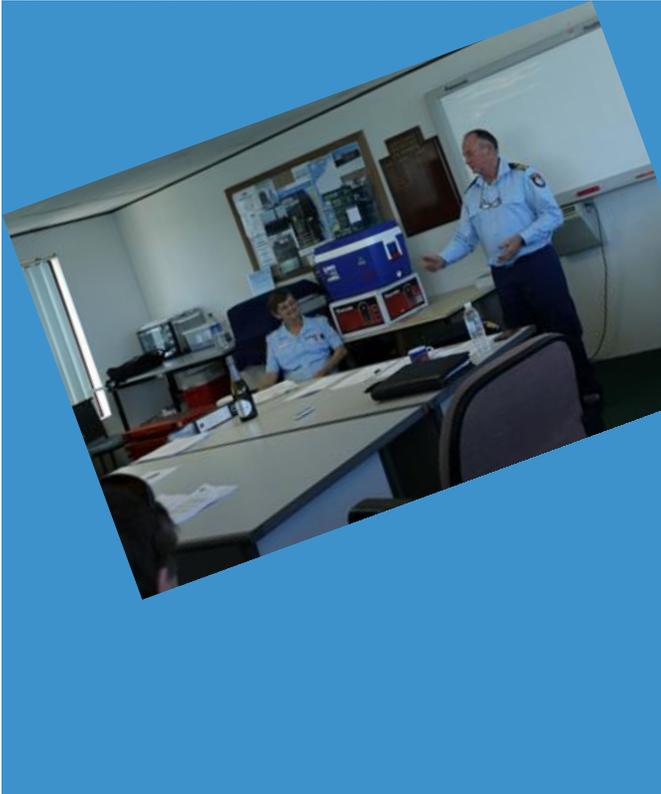
They now have a “flash harry” operations, training, admin & storage facility in the town’s Emergency Services precinct.

The Radio Room remains, albeit under some threat caused by severe winter storms eroding the foreshore.

Just another obstacle that the Group will work through in order to provide the service that has existed for many years now and the community has come to expect.

Well done to all of the volunteers that have made Lancelin the Group it is today.





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