

# VMRWA UPDATES

## FROM AROUND THE TRAPS



### JURIEN BAY'S NEW RV

As mentioned previously, the new vessel's name wasn't able to be published in the last edition, but we can now, so let us welcome the newest asset into the Marine Rescue fleet the RV "Bay Watch".

No relationship to the American TV show from years ago. A community naming competition was won by 5-year-old boy who had no knowledge of the connection.

We like the ladder concept on the trailer and look forward to feedback on that.

We are certain that Chrissy and the crew will look after her.

### WHERE IS SARDAM?

She has continued to rack up the road miles and was "home" in the shed for a week or so before being transported to Dampier, from there she is now in Pt Walcott to cover off their vessel's refit, then back south for a bit.

The bit of work on her trailer was overdue but thanks to Pt Walcott all done.

The two VMRWA vessels are in demand all over WA and spend very little time with the metro Groups but that doesn't mean they can't.

### ~~2021~~ 2022

And it's a good thing too, as 2021 was more than a wee bit crap, although better here than over east, and still is we believe.

Most marine rescue volunteers by now have registered their vaccination status with VMRWA. DFES and your community thank you.

Now, it's off to get the booster, if you haven't already done so ....

Spare a thought for our people that had to mix it with the fires down south. Personally, I would sooner be on the water. Well done to you all.



### EAST KIMBERLEY & THE RESPONDER

Yet another cyclone delayed our plans to truck the ex-Pt Hedland RV, "Responder" with her new trailer north.

After a hot and humid trip to MR East Kimberley in March, the delivery to the Group of the RV "Responder" was successfully completed. With a new trailer under her keel, she will continue to provide a valuable resource for many years to come.

Thanks to [Alure Craft Boats](#) and Pt Hedland Marine Rescue.

Meanwhile, Camarvon's RV, the "Lady Daph" has been getting a weespruce up and refit down at Dongara Marine and is now back in service.

That will leave old "Tom Reed" getting a few minor bits and pieces sorted before we pick her up for the return to Henderson, and then on to Windy Harbour for the pink boat's next place of residence.

Looking forward to getting some hi-res pics of the southern vollies crewing the pink boat in and around the waters off Windy on the south coast.

There is nothing like a Commander in a pink boat.



## SOME BLATANT VMRWA ADVERTISING

### FEEDBACK IS, THESE WORK WELL WITH A CHEEKY BEVERAGE (OR TWO)

We are aware that these are sensational with a beverage in them, and for \$39.00 plus postage, pure magic! They make stunning gifts, so get two sets 😊.

So please have a look at the new products that are available now from [VMRWA's online store](#).

How do you get them? That is the easy part, simply go [online](#) or send Jamie an email at [sales@vmrwa.org.au](mailto:sales@vmrwa.org.au) with what you require and Jamie will be in contact to put together a plan.

Maybe others in the Group would like something as well, so make it a bulk order as everything is possible.

So, log on to the [VMRWA website](#) and have a look, simple ...

## MORE NEWS

- **REVISION OF EXEMPTION 24**

*"We are over that" you say, so are we, but there are bits that need improvement ...*

AMSA's West Australian Chris Battel is spearheading this revision and the National Marine Search & Rescue Committee (the national body for all things VMR) has already had an initial MS Teams meeting to put together plans for a coordinated submission to AMSA.

- Updates will be circulated as they become available for distribution ... COVID permitting.

- **DFES Marine Services** will be seeking Capital Grant applications if they are not already out there, start writing.

Vessel replacements and refits are done through your DFES Marine Services District Officer.

- **VMRWA** always wants interesting high definition (HD) pics and stories of stuff you are doing for our social media pages and this newsletter. It can be classroom training, out on your vessels, your volunteers doing all sorts of things (legal preferred).

Email to [Media@vmrwa.org.au](mailto:Media@vmrwa.org.au)

# WA EMERGENCY SERVICES VOLUNTEERS HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Emergency Services Volunteers do an amazing job protecting our homes, our communities and our lives. We are proud to support those that support our communities.

The Emergency Services Volunteers Hardship Assistance Scheme provides volunteers with the opportunity to seek financial assistance during times of hardship.



**Hardship is when a volunteer is unable to meet minimum living expenses because of unexpected or unforeseen events, such as:**

- loss of work or a reduction in hours
- illness or death of a family member
- relationship breakdown
- accidental injury or illness
- an emergency event or natural disaster

### What is available?

- full claim where the volunteer can apply for up to \$5000
- emergency claim where the volunteer can apply for up to \$1500
- a Special Emergency Grant may be offered to a volunteer who has lost or had significant damage to their primary place of residence

**Up to \$5,000 of hardship assistance can be provided to assist an eligible applicant to meet the following expenses:**

- outstanding utility accounts and charges
- general household expenses (including emergency primary needs)
- expenses for funeral of a family member
- unexpected accounts due to accident or injury to self or family member
- self-employment expenses
- support for dependent family members
- last resort welfare mechanisms for self or family member
- medical expenses
- municipal rates
- mortgage or lease expenses

Proudly supported by:



Find out more at  
[waesvhas.org.au](http://waesvhas.org.au)



## R.V. NEWS

MR Esperance's "Volunteer IV" being lifted for its minor refit



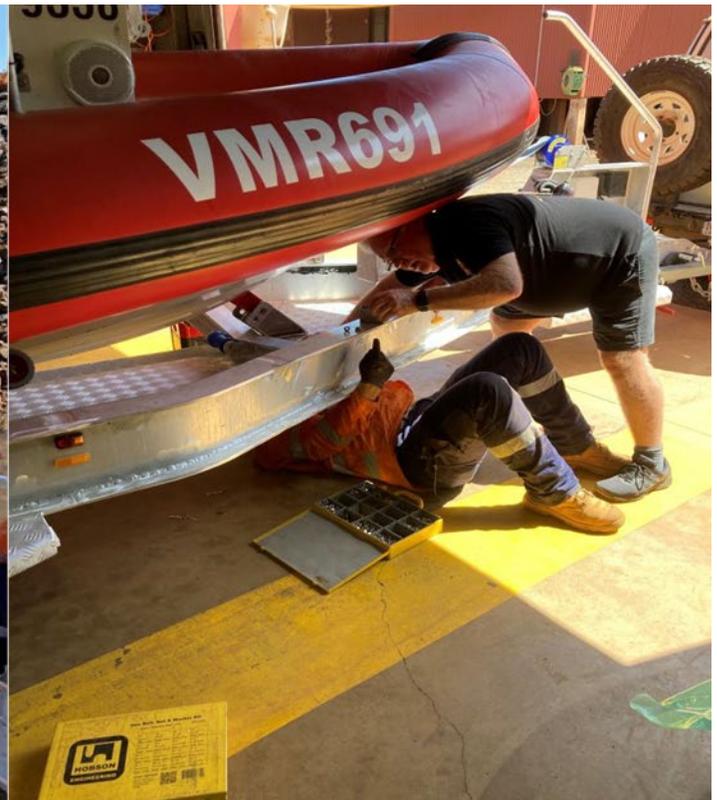
Otherwise known as the "Starship Esperance", the 12 metre RHIB has completed its first 5 years of service.

VMRWA's loan vessel "Tom Reed" in Carnarvon



With the "Lady Daph" back home, Tom is on the way to do some time at Windy Harbour. Thanks to Noel and crew for looking after Tom.

RV "Responder" being loaded onto its new trailer in Pt. Hedland



Considering the trailer was built in Mandurah without the boat, it fitted like a glove except for a couple of slight modifications. Nothing that a borrowed angle grinder to "modify" the handrail and some minor adjustments couldn't fix. Otherwise, a sensational trailer, the bit we "changed" will be tidied up by fabricators in Kununurra.

Just a few random pics: - People in Meekatharra were asking, “why is Marine Rescue in town?” They seemed to accept global warming as an explanation, and that we were there in advance, getting resources into town.



A big thanks from VMRWA must go to Rebeca and Ruby tidying up the Tom Reed ready to go to Windy Harbour. Well done girls and we will get you joined up into Marine Rescue just as soon as we can 😊

Follow us  @vmr.wa  @vmrwa  www.vmrwa.org.au