



Stanage Bay Rollover

One of the more critical missions our crew completed over the Christmas break was in the Stanage Bay area when Queensland Health tasked Rescue300 to the scene of a serious motor vehicle accident.

Prior to the arrival of the RACQ CapRescue helicopter, a Queensland Ambulance officer was in attendance and attempted to provide initial treatment to the patient who was still entrapped in the vehicle. The driver, and sole occupant, was pinned between the steering wheel and seat of the car, which had come to rest on its roof.

Emergency crews faced difficult conditions extracting the patient due to the proximity of the vehicle to the riverbed and his position within the car. It took Queensland Fire and Rescue approximately 2 hours to free the man who was suffering serious lower limb injuries from the vehicle.

The man in his 20s, a French National had been holidaying in Australia for the last year. He was eventually removed from the vehicle and loaded onto the helicopter for onward flight to Rockhampton Hospital. He remained in a serious but stable condition for the duration of the flight.

This was the second trip to the Stanage Bay area within 12 hours following a task the previous evening to retrieve a woman who had sustained facial injuries. She too was flown to Rockhampton Base Hospital in a stable condition.



Clouds Of Colour In Gladstone

In October 2020, RACQ CapRescue held its first colour run in Gladstone. The turnout from the community was fantastic with over 250 people joining in the fun at Colour Me Capricorn Gladstone, presented by Jemena. Participants ran, walked, danced, or strolled their way along the course, creating clouds of colour through the Gladstone Ports Corporation Marina Parklands. It was great to see so many families come out early on their Sunday morning to participate in a colourful and fun event which raised over \$15,000.

An incredible 18 volunteers stepped up to assist throughout the day, collectively clocking up an amazing 97 hours of assistance over the weekend. Approximately half of our volunteers at the event were Youth Volunteers. It's always encouraging to see our younger generation step up and make a difference within their community. Volunteers are an integral part of any fundraising event and we could not have hosted the event without the support of our Step Up CapRescue Volunteers.

Colour Me Capricorn Gladstone was proudly supported by Jemena, Gladstone Regional Council, Gladstone Area Water Board, Optima Dental Care Gladstone, Rio Tinto Yarwun and Stockland Gladstone.

Save the date for:

Colour Me Capricorn **Rockhampton** | March 28th
Colour Me Capricorn **Biloela** | August 1st
Colour Me Capricorn **Gladstone** | October 18th

Follow our social pages for more information closer to the dates.





Making An Impact

As one of the world's largest globally diversified natural resource companies, Glencore operates five coal mining sites within the Central Queensland region: Clermont, Oaky Creek, Rolleston, Newlands and Collinsville. Across all Glencore operations, their reigning priority is maintaining safe work practices and environments for all staff, sustainable mining and making positive impacts on the communities that host the mining operations. RACQ CapRescue is proud to have been supported by Glencore for the last 12 years, their contribution has allowed us to continue our vital, lifesaving service to those of CQ, free of charge since the beginning in 1996.

Glencore's main focus for their support of the service is heavily based on providing the necessary resources to allow the crew to perform training exercises. Just another way to ensure they keep their CQ worker's and all communities within, safe!

RACQ CapRescue's rescue crew performed various training exercises throughout this quarter in order to continue to ensure their currency is completely up to date. These vital exercises are performed in our hangar, on the airfield of

Rockhampton Airport, as well as in conjunction with the Yeppoon Coast Guard at Wreck Point in Yeppoon.

The newest Rescue Crew Officer to join the ranks at RACQ Capricorn Rescue is Cameron Fewtrell, who's been in the position for almost two years, and has "loved every minute". Cameron enjoys the excitement that every day brings, as the crew never know what the day is going to entail when coming to work.

As a crewman of RACQ CapRescue, remaining current across all areas of training is a necessity.

"Winch training is especially important to the rescue crewman within RACQ CapRescue, as winch related tasks can be particularly trying and require utmost level of focus and having the most up to date training allows us to do our jobs in the most efficient and safest manner."

Cameron reflects on a recent winch task where the regular training he undergoes came into real life practice. "My most memorable and challenging moment where our prior training came into action was a winch off Kemp Hill in 2019. I was unable to use any of the usual rescue equipment as the cliff was too steep for proper footholds. We elected to use a rescue stop in order to complete the task because it was the only viable option at the time".

"Through the support of Glencore, we are able to continue our training and maintain our currency to always be able to perform the role of Rescue Crew Officer when it is needed and assist patients when they are in their time of need. Without having the ability to winch people out of a difficult area when they need it means the outcome can be vastly different and possibly dire for some. As an organisation, we are grateful for the support we receive from our valuable partners such as Glencore".

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PRIMARY



20

MOTOR VEHICLE



21

SEARCH



52

TRANSFER



Rescues

116

Flying Hours

167

Cost

\$1.35M

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Hang Glider Fail

RACQ CapRescue was called to a rather unusual mission recently when tasked to Yeppoon after a hang glider pilot crashed in a residential home - the result of suspected equipment failure.

Rescue300 responded immediately and tracked to the Yeppoon Hospital where the patient had been initially treated and transported by Queensland Ambulance Paramedics.

As Rescue300 arrived at the Yeppoon helipad, the on board Doctor and Critical Care Paramedic assessed the patient and further stabilised them prior to being airlifted to Rockhampton Base Hospital in a stable condition.





Rider Impaled By Branch

Recently, a young man who was working on a property near Moura suffered a severe motorbike accident. The patient had been severely impaled by a tree branch in his lower torso and upper leg area after falling from his bike whilst working on the property. RACQ CapRescue was tasked by Queensland Health and immediately responded, meeting a road unit Queensland Ambulance Service with the patient at the landing site. The on-board Doctor and Critical Care Paramedic then assessed and stabilised the patient. The young man was in a serious condition prior to being airlifted to Rockhampton, however remained in a stable condition throughout the flight. He received further treatment at the hospital.

A few weeks after this particular task, Rescue300 was tasked to another motorbike related incident in the Byfield area. RACQ Capricorn Rescue responded after reports another young man in his 20's had fallen from his motorcycle and severely injured himself.

The Rescue300 crew responded immediately and tracked for Kelly's Landing, near Byfield, as the area in which the patient had suffered their injuries was not accessible by

helicopter. Landing 1km from the injured rider, the onboard flight crew as well as the Critical Care Paramedic and Doctor trekked on foot to his location.

The patient had been accompanied by his friend who rode back to their vehicle in order to alert emergency service after no phone reception was available at the scene. The on board flight crew stated that while the condition of the patient was unpleasant, it could have been far worse without the correct use of protection equipment.

“Upon arrival to the scene, the patient was found to be in an uncomfortable yet stable condition and was beginning to receive treatment from road Queensland Ambulance Service Paramedics.

He was found to be suffering a suspected fractured femur; however, no head injuries were observed at the scene. This is likely due to the rider wearing adequate personal protection that we recommend everyone don when hit the trails for a ride.” An RACQ Capricorn Rescue Aircrew Officer said.



Monster Seafood Raffle

Due to popular demand, we have decided to host a Monster Seafood Easter Raffle! Purchase your \$2 ticket and go in the draw to win the following prizes:

- 1st Prize** - \$1,000 Seafood Voucher
- 2nd Prize** - \$700 Seafood Voucher
- Book Sellers Prize** - One night at GKI Hideaway with transfers and dinner for two people.

Purchase tickets online, over the phone, in person or scan the QR code.

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Family Winched From Mt Roper

Recently, Rescue300 was tasked to a mammoth mission atop Mount Roper, located just outside of Capella, north of Emerald. A popular mountain for avid hikers, a family consisting of two children aged 7 and 10, a 70 year old male and 42 year old female set out on the frequented hiking trail unaware of the danger ahead.

It was just on dark that the Queensland Police Service tasked RACQ CapRescue to respond to a distress call from the hikers after they found themselves stuck 2,500 metres above sea level. Due to the terrain and diminishing daylight, a winch

recovery was the only option. The mother and youngest child were the first to be winched into our aircraft, however given the distance between our base in Rockhampton and the location of the trail, Rescue300 tracked to Clermont to refuel - leaving our Rescue Crew Officer on the ground with the remaining two hikers.

The mother and child remained at Clermont airfield with staff while Rescue300 refueled and returned to the mountain to retrieve the last two family members and Rescue Crew Officer. After retrieving the remaining two hikers, our crew delivered them to Clermont Airfield to be assessed by QAS Paramedics. All four were found to be very relieved and in good health.





Rescue300 Club Reaches Target

We are flying into 2021! Thankyou Central Queensland for supporting Rescue300; the club that saves lives. A big thank you to Queensland Gourmet Yoghurt Central Queensland for becoming our one hundredth member!

Clint Fisher from the company said he was extremely happy to complete the ton for the Rescue300. "Because of local businesses getting behind the helicopter rescue, they can continue to keep the community safe, and we're really pleased to be a part of that," he said.

Community Engagement Officer Kim Moss was excited about the milestone. "We have so many amazing businesses in the region that are committed to our service. Despite an area of 350,000 km2 we are still a tight knit community that continues to support each other."

"Rescue300 really is locals supporting locals," she said.

Head to our website to see all of the members of the Rescue300 club and make sure to get behind the businesses that help keep us flying!

Partners Since The Start

BMA has been a proud partner of RACQ CapRescue since the inception of the Service, serving as the longest partnership of RACQ CapRescue for the last 25 years. BMA's long standing partnership draws on our shared focus on strengthening communities.

In March of 2020, BHP established the \$50 million Vital Resources Fund to help support regional Australian communities in its areas of operation, which faced the significant challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The establishment of the Fund follows BHP's commitment to deliver \$100 million into small, local and Indigenous businesses. BHP CEO Mike Henry said: "BHP stands with the regional communities we operate in. With those communities facing significant challenges, we are stepping up in establishing the Vital Resources Fund, which will provide support in a range of areas such as health services and resilience building during this difficult time."

Support received from RACQ CapRescue's corporate partners such as BMA, has allowed the Service to continue operating our world-class, rapid response, aeromedical rescue operation, free of charge to the people of Central Queensland, that we have continued to do for the last 25 years.

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Teen Rolls Car On Beach

Central Queensland is lucky to have several vehicle-friendly beaches to explore and enjoy. However, with these freedoms comes the importance of safety, speeding, rollovers and sometimes even fatalities are seen.

Recently, RACQ CapRescue was tasked to a 4WD vehicle rollover on a beach north of Tannum Sands. A four-wheel drive utility containing three occupants was travelling along the beach when it reportedly lost control and rolled numerous times; causing serious injuries to the occupants.

Rescue300 landed on the beach beside the scene of the accident where Queensland

Police Service and Queensland Ambulance were already in attendance and providing assistance.

A female patient was treated for minor injuries on scene then transported to Gladstone hospital via road ambulance, while the male driver in his late teens was treated on scene for more serious injuries before being airlifted to the Rockhampton Hospital in a serious but stable condition. The third occupant, a young male was very lucky to escape without injury.



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