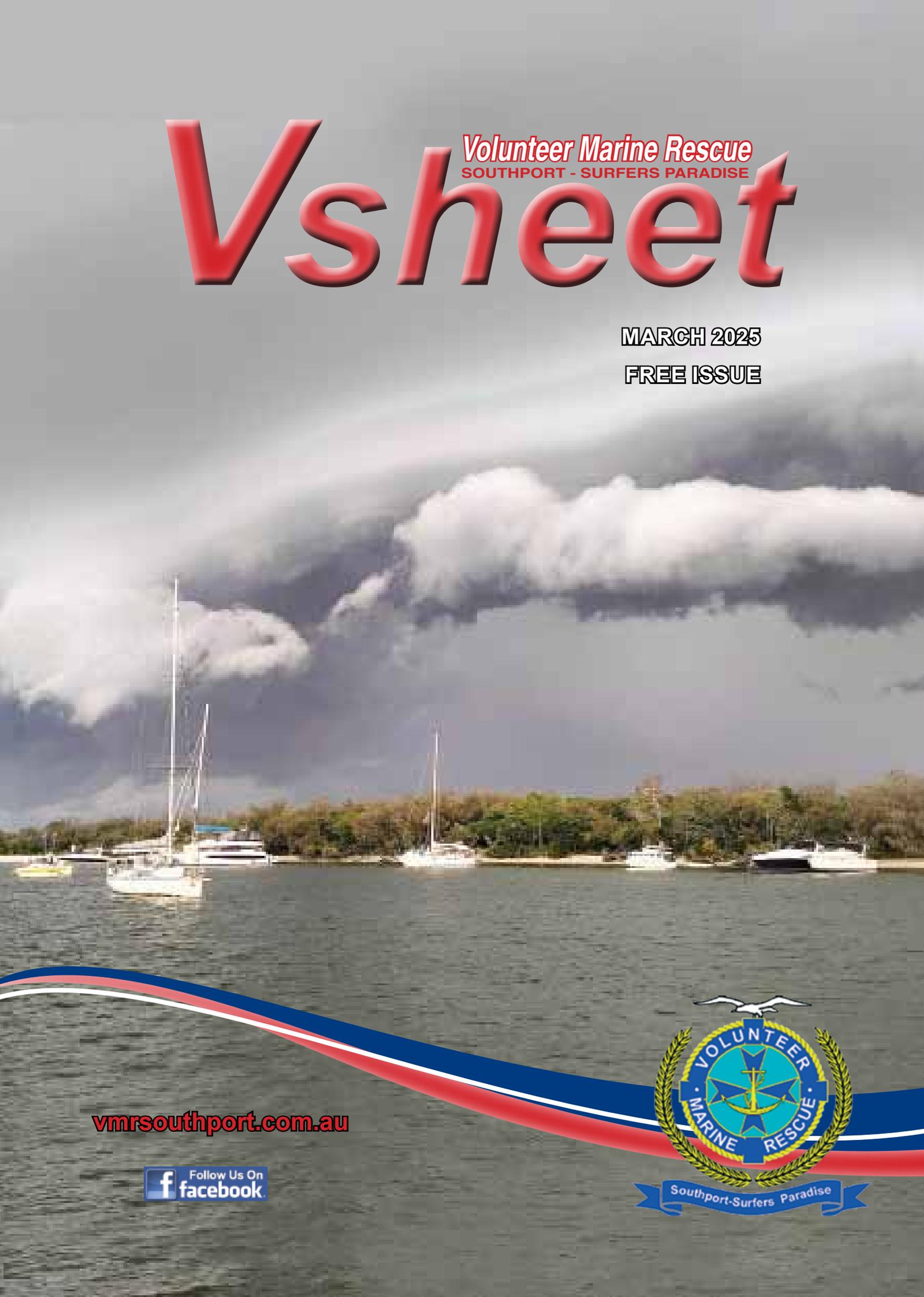


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# President's Report

**PRESIDENT: Glenn Norris**

**2024 - 2025**

**W**ell, here we are again, its March, and who would have guessed that we are situated on the Gold Coast patiently waiting for a Tropical Cyclone to interrupt the tranquility of our beautiful region.

Not the normal, but hey, what is with the weather these days?

One would only expect North Queensland to cop these sorts of events, however, here at VMR Southport we are very well prepared for an imminent coastal crossing of this extreme weather system, and in consultation with the Gold Coast Water Police, we are doing everything we can to ensure the safety of our members, the general public, and that of our Rescue assets.

It's all a guessing game now as to when and where Tropical Cyclone Alfred will cross the coast, and at time of writing, it is extremely windy, with heavy showers, and it is very unpleasant.

We can only hope and pray that nature has mercy, and everyone gets through this in one piece.

Beyond this, it has been exceptionally busy at VMR Southport, and I am extremely proud of the efforts contributed by each and every Active member over the past three months.

The Christmas / New Year period was nothing short of hectic, and it didn't stop there.

The traditional quieter period when the summer school holidays end didn't occur this year, and then we found ourselves with Australia Day rapidly arriving, and now here we are with Easter just around the corner, followed by the Sanctuary Cove International Boatshow in May.

With beautiful hot sunny days, little wind on most days, and perfect boating weather, there is no argument as to why VMR Southport has been so busy, with the local waterways teeming with vessels of all sorts.

From towing of broken down vessels, to ungrounding those vessels that found themselves on the wrong sides of beacons, to the fantastic efforts of our VMR Southport First Responders, who dealt with some very serious incidents, I commend each and every member on your commitment to assisting the boating public of the Gold Coast.

May I also sincerely thank those Police Officers, and Queensland Ambulance Paramedics who assisted and supported us on the journey, as the nature of Rescue work doesn't always end successfully, and we again experienced this on several activations.

One of the highlights of the period was an invitation for VMR Southport to attend the Australia Day activities at Wavebreak Island.

The Gold Coast Waterways Authority had organized for a barge to be set up on the southern side of the island, which would be manned by Police, three VMR First Responders, and a Queensland Ambulance

Service Paramedic, to ensure the huge number of people (approximately 1000) who attended the island on the day, could do so safely.

VMR Southport volunteers also conducted a BBQ on the barge, to keep everyone fed, and hydrated, given that some partygoers consume way too much alcohol.

The day was a huge success, with numerous medical jobs, all only minor, and very little trouble.

We look forward to be invited back again next year.

I am guessing the passing of the cyclone will also contribute a large amount of work, in the recovery phase, as currently there are dozens of vessels that are beached, and in precarious places around the Broadwater, that will need assistance in coming days and weeks.

The discussions between the VMR Southport Management Committee, and the new Marine Rescue Queensland entity are continuing, however the complexities of transition won't make this a five minute decision, and there must be 100% satisfaction between all parties, that a positive decision to transition is the correct decision.

Until then, its business as usual for VMR Southport.

This time of the year is also generally when our four Rescue vessels get their annual makeovers.

We are very fortunate in that we have a fantastic relationship with the Management team at the Gold Coast City Marina at Coomera, and once again they have agreed to support the lifting and storage of these vessels, while antifouling, detailing, and other general repairs are carried out.

Over the next eight weeks, each vessel will be attended too, with our mother ship *Marine Rescue 2* also requiring some serious fiberglass work to be undertaken, as the in-hull depth sounder has a faulty transducer, and that requires holes to be cut in the deck to replace, so while the vessel is out of the water, this is the time for that repair to be done.

AkzoNobel International Paints are also great supporters of this Organization, and we are also very happy to use their antifoul paints on our vessels, as they have been proven for many years.

I am frustrated to say that we still haven't yet received our new Rescue vessel, which is now well overdue.

Negotiations are continuing, however, a clear delivery date is not known, but what has been learnt is that a totally different approach will be taken for any further new vessel purchases.

Some major building works are soon to commence at our Rescue Base, with two new decks about to be constructed beside our boat ramp.

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These decks will considerably clean up this area aesthetically, and will provide additional seating for guests during functions, whilst also allowing for our safety fencing to be replaced, to improve Base security.

On numerous occasions recently strangers have been located inside our facility, with no valid reason for being there, and this measure, along with a new security camera, and modified gate hinges should hopefully reduce further trespassing.

We look forward to seeing the finished product in a month or two.

VMR Southport have also made a request to the Gold Coast Waterways Authority for some beautification works to be undertaken at the Gold Coast Seaway Tower.

The area adjacent to this building is currently under renovation, with \$5.5 million being spent in and around Doug Jennings Park.

We are requesting the external walls of the Seaway Tower be painted, and the broken and dangerous concrete around the base be replaced, whilst this other work is being carried out, and trade resources are available.

We await a positive outcome on this, and we are quietly confident of that.

Sadly we have had another three former members pass away in the past three months, in Jonathon Swift (December 2024), Gail Garrard (December 2024), and Martin Burling (March 2025).

This has a saddening effect on all members, and on behalf of VMR Southport, I pass on our condolences to the friends and families of those members, who all provided great service in their time with us.

We also currently have some unwell members, and we wish them a speedy recovery over time.

All else is going well at VMR Southport, its all about TC Alfred at the moment, and to everyone reading this, I hope you all come through this event unscathed.

Good luck, and thank you for your ongoing support.

Take care on the water.

**Glenn Norris**

President 2024 - 2025

## VMR Southport's Charter



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# TROPICAL CYCLONE SEASON

## 'ALFRED' NEARS QUEENSLAND COAST

**A**t the time of writing this edition of the V-Sheet, our state is eagerly watching the movements of Tropical Cyclone Alfred, which lies about 840km off the coast of North Queensland.

Currently, this cyclone is tracking very slowly in a southerly direction, whilst gaining intensity.

Tropical cyclones can follow erratic paths and predicting their movement is complicated, and scientific understanding of these complex weather systems is still developing.

The ability to predict a cyclones movement has greatly improved over the past few decades. There is better science, faster computers, and a huge increase in the ability of satellites to make observations.

The key to understanding a cyclone is to know the flow of the winds in the surrounding environment. These winds guide the speed and direction of the overall movement of the cyclone.

As a cyclone moves, it can encounter different conditions, and these can make it stronger or weaker.

It may weaken if it moves over land or cooler waters, or into regions where the winds vary greatly with height (wind shear).

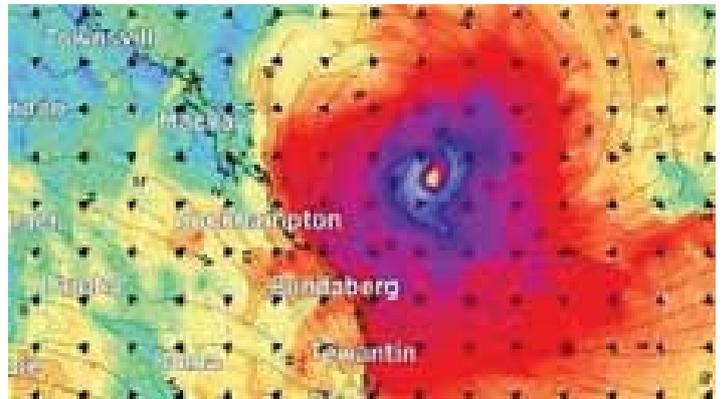
Tropical cyclones can have unusual tracks or erratic movement. Each cyclone is unique.

In Queensland, it's typical for a tropical cyclone to form in the deep tropics and track west-south-west.

As it gets further away from the equator, the tropical cyclone encounters changing winds.

These winds steer it south, and then south-east.

Our tropics are most prone to direct impact, however tropical cyclones or their effects can be felt as far south as northern New South Wales on the east coast of Australia.



Tropical cyclones of any size can be dangerous.

The most powerful winds are near the centre, reaching more than 90 km/h, although in the most severe cyclones, gusts can exceed 280 km/h, and cause extreme damage.

Tropical cyclones have gale force winds.

The most powerful winds are near the centre, reaching more 90 km/h, although in the most severe cyclones, gusts can exceed 280 km/h, and cause extreme damage.

When the eye of a cyclone passes over a location, there will be a temporary lull in the wind.

This is soon replaced by destructive winds from another direction.

Damaging winds from a cyclone can extend a long way from the centre of the cyclone location or track and can be up to several hundred kilometres for large and intense cyclones.

Heavy rainfall associated with a tropical cyclone can produce extensive flooding.

The heavy rain can persist as the cyclone moves inland and weakens into a low-pressure system; therefore, this means that flooding can happen a long way from where the cyclone made landfall.

A tropical cyclone can also cause the sea to rise well above the highest tide levels of the year when it comes ashore.

Potentially, the storm surge is the most dangerous hazard associated with a tropical cyclone.

It is not the same as a tsunami though.

Let's hope Tropical Cyclone Alfred has a change of heart and moves further away from the Queensland coast, sparing everyone any further weather heartbreak.



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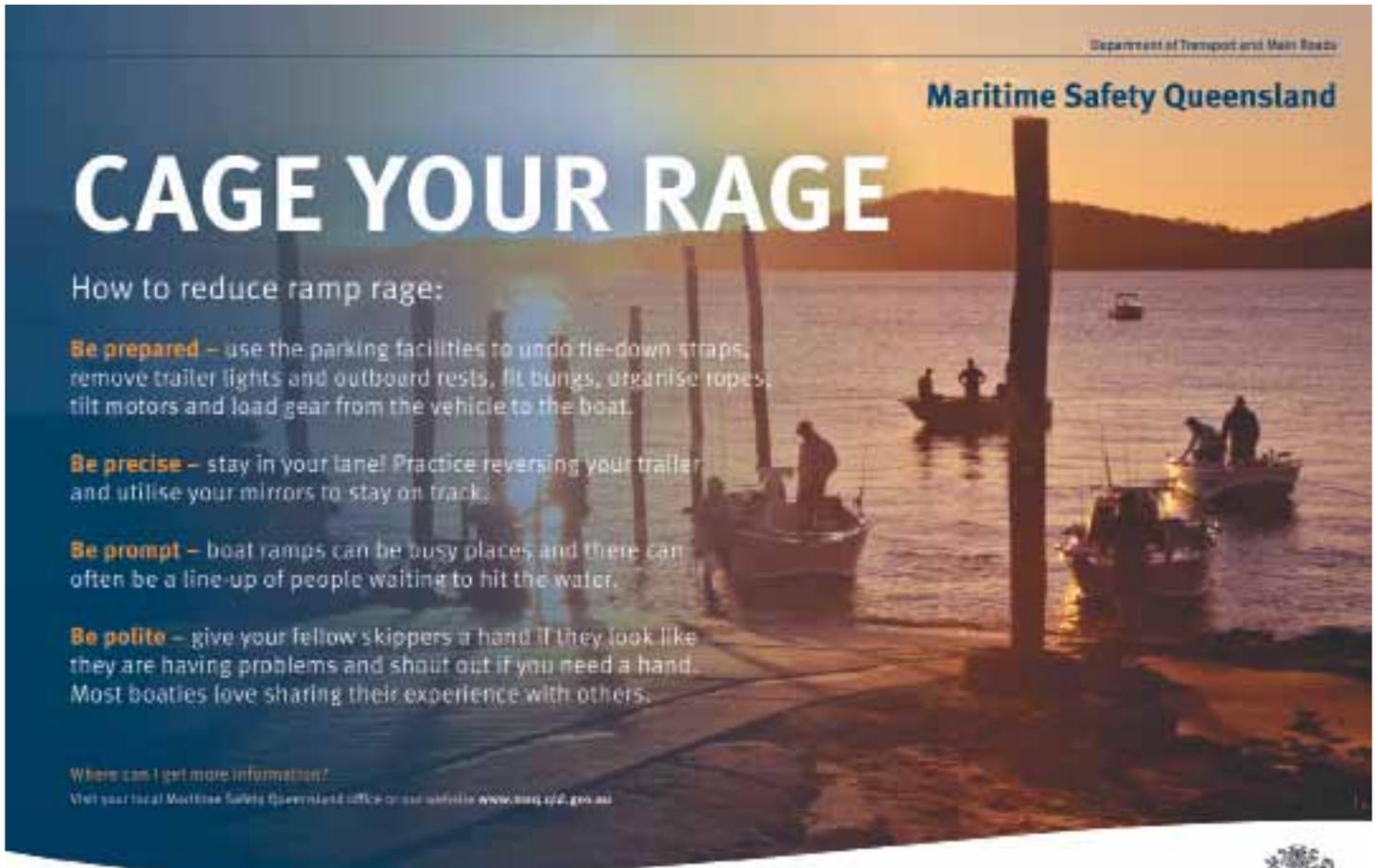
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**SOME STATS**

ACTIVATIONS	NOVEMBER 2024	DECEMBER 2024	JANUARY 2025
Towed Vessels	51	81	75
Jump Starts		3	7
Pump Outs	3	4	8
Transporting			
Fire			
Standby			
Medical	4	5	17
Searches		1	2
Dispersals	2	2	2
Public Relations	1	8	4
Crew Training	89	57	77
Groundings	11	20	14
Other	5	8	15
Investgate	2	11	14
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>235</b>





# NOTEABLE JOBS

by Glenn Norris

A man contacted VMR Southport recently advising that he was having trouble raising his anchor on the north side of the Gold Coast Seaway, and with it being the middle of the outgoing tide, he was precariously close to the rocks.

A Crew was quickly on scene, attaching a rope to the vessel, taking control, so that the owner could try to pull up the anchor.

This was partly successful, and the vessel was towed into the middle of the waterway, only for it to be discovered that the vessel had its anchor snagged on another large coil of rope, and an anchor, which had obviously previously been abandoned by another vessel. Once free from this mess, the man was able to start his engine, and motor free out of trouble.

On a recent weekday, a jet ski could be seen rapidly heading towards the VMR pontoon, with a person in obvious distress on the back.

Upon disembarking the injured female advised that she had been on another jet ski, and her and a male passenger had collided with a navigation beacon in the Main Channel at the front of VMR.

The lady was bleeding heavily from a head laceration, and was given immediate attention by a VMR First Responder, whilst the Queensland Ambulance Service was notified.

In addition to the bleeding, there were obvious signs of the female also having a sore shoulder and wrist, and given the mechanism of what had happened, extreme care was given by those VMR members and Water Police Officers assisting, until Paramedics arrived.

The patient was transported to hospital in a serious condition.

The jet ski was destroyed, and initially sunk, however was retrieved at a later time.

A Pan Pan marine radio call was recently answered by the Seaway Tower, in relation to a Commercial vessel that was advising of an engine fire.

The vessel had made its way to a sand bank in the Broadwater, and the Skipper had evacuated all 26 passengers from the vessel.

Two VMR vessels were quickly on scene, to find the vessel's Skipper had extinguished the fire, which was of an electrical nature.

Two Water Police vessels, and a Coastguard vessel also attended, and between the Rescue vessels, the passengers were all transported back to a wharf at Surfers Paradise.

Given the incident occurring on an outgoing tide, the vessel involved was now aground, however, was towed back to its mooring the following day.

From all observations, the Skipper concerned appeared to have done an excellent job in ensuring the safety of those on board the vessel, and this was supported in that no-one was injured, and the vessel damage was minimized.

A VMR Crew was frantically dispatched recently to assist a jet ski rider who found himself in distress in the area known as Deadmans Bank, north east of the Gold Coast Seaway.

The jet ski had lost all power, and given a decent swell on the day, the rider was being bashed around by waves, and was struggling to keep the craft afloat.

On arrival at the scene, it was discovered that a second jet ski had come to assist the first ski, and had attached a rope, however it was also now in trouble.

The VMR Crew quickly had both jet skis in tow, and they were removed from the danger area, into calmer water, where all ropes were disconnected, and a second VMR vessel was tasked, so that each jetski could be separately towed to different locations. A very tricky situation, that could have had a far worse outcome if it weren't for a quick response from VMR.

On another Queensland Ambulance Service activation recently, a female patient was treated, after stepping on what was believed to be a Stonefish, near Tipplers.

On arrival, the lady was suffering significant pain in her left foot, which was eased with warm water, however, of most concern to the Paramedics was that the foot was swollen, and turning a grey / blue colour, and a definite spine like indent could be seen in the foot.

Despite the fact the patient had initially treated the pain herself by drinking several glasses of vodka, the Paramedics thought it a far better idea to transport the lady back to the VMR Base, from where she was taken to hospital, so she could be treated with some real medication.

The Gold Coast Water Police contacted VMR Southport on a recent windy weekday, to advise they had been notified of a large Sailing Cat that had drifted onto the rock wall near Biggera Creek, and could VMR assist them.

A Crew were dispatched, to find the vessel, exactly as stated, with it being nearly 15 metres in length, bumping against the rocks.

A VMR crew member was able to climb aboard the unmanned vessel, so that a rope could be attached, in an attempt to tow the vessel to safe water.

This was successful, and the very appreciative owner was quickly on scene, where he was transported to the vessel, so he could safely re-anchor it.

No damage was sustained, due to the quick response by VMR, and the Water Police, and the vessel has now moved to another location which is safer.

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# DOUG JENNINGS PARK REVITALISATION UNDERWAY



**B**oaties, visitors, and the community will soon enjoy a revitalised Doug Jennings Park, with a \$5.7 million upgrade now underway. As part of the implementation of The Spit Master Plan, Gold Coast Waterways Authority will be delivering landscape improvements to create more beautiful and relaxed spaces for visitors to enjoy.

A key feature of the upgrade is the creation of the Seaway Green, near the VMR tower, a gently contoured space designed to maximise views across the Gold Coast Seaway and Broadwater. Improved pathways will strengthen connections throughout the park, making it easier for pedestrians and cyclists to explore this iconic waterfront location. For event organisers and visitors, the Event Green is being upgraded with reinforced turf and improved vehicle access, ensuring the space remains functional and resilient year-round.

Stakeholder feedback has played a vital role in shaping the design, with a focus on balancing recreational use with environmental enhancements. Parking west of the roundabout,

closest to the Seaway, has been retained to support accessibility, including disability parking and access to emergency stairs. In addition, new native shade trees and plantings will provide shelter and contribute to the park's ecological value.

Chris Derksema, Chief Executive Officer, Gold Coast Waterways Authority, said the revitalisation will secure Doug Jennings Park as a world-class recreational space for everyone to enjoy.

This project ensures Doug Jennings Park continues to be a place where people can connect with nature, enjoy the water, and create lasting memories in one of the Gold Coast's most spectacular locations, he said.

During the works, access to the Seaway Tower will be maintained. The Seaway Kiosk will remain open and accessible, and the Seaway emergency access stairs will also stay open.

The revitalisation works are due for completion in October 2025.

For update, visit [gcwa.qld.gov.au](http://gcwa.qld.gov.au)

Good Day,

I just want to thank you for your service.

I am an old Mariner who joined the Rescue Service in Sydney in 1976, and I have been a member there, or here ever since.

I am now aged 83, have still got boats, and I still love to go boating.

Many, many a time VMR Groups up and down the east coast of Australia have served me very well.

Occasionally a tow, but often mostly just sea and tide checks to ensure my safety in travel, a few times with information and guidance when I've been caught offshore in big seas, and bad weather, and when I've needed to get inside, out of the big stuff.

As long as I can, I will remain a member of your Organisation.

I and many others appreciate what you do and have done for us.

Regards

Roy Palmer

*Appreciation  
is  
appreciated*

Dear Mr President,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to your VMR Crew that pulled me and my 5.3 metre Quintrex vessel of a sandbank at Crusoe Island at 0805 on Thursday.

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# Vale - Jon Swift

VMR Southport was extremely saddened to hear of the passing of Radio Operator Jonathan Swift (Jon) just prior to Christmas 2024.

Jon began his duties with VMR in August 2021, and shared his time between the VMR Base Radio Room, and the Seaway Tower.

Always an ultimate professional in his role, Jon was extremely well liked, and respected, by both his VMR, and Coastguard colleagues, and his calm, dignified, and quiet, but very friendly nature will be sadly missed.

Jon had been ill for some time prior to his passing, but in typical Jon fashion, that of being such a caring person for others, retired from VMR in early 2024 to care for his unwell wife of many decades, Patricia, .

Prior to joining VMR Southport, Jon had a wonderful career, gaining a scholarship to become a QANTAS cadet in Sydney, then working for Bushies in Cairns, before joining Ansett in 1974 as a Fokker Friendship First Officer.

Jon finished his time at Ansett as the Chief Pilot, and he captained the very last ever Ansett flight.

He also piloted for Singapore Airlines, Jetstar, and Air New Zealand, and during his career, Jon was awarded the title of Master Air Pilot from the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators, a very prestigious honour.

Jon was also given the Key to the City of London at London's Guildhall.

After he flew his last flight, he became a Boeing Instructor on the 777 and the 737 aircraft.

Jon spent his years with laughter, full of adventure, with a love of fishing, and his dogs, working a job he truly loved, and spending time with his beloved family.



As a 12-year-old, he received a Bravery Award, when he saved a young boy from drowning.

Jon was a remarkably accomplished person, yet he never really talked about his achievements, and was a very good friend to many, and an 'honest, Aussie bloke', in the old style.

He was someone whom hundreds of thousands of people trusted their lives in over the years, both in the air, and on the water, without ever personally meeting him.

Well done, Captain Jon, have a safe trip, blue skies, calm oceans, and tailwinds all the way.

You will be sadly missed by everyone who knew you.

# Vale - Gail Garrard



VMR Southport was also recently informed of the passing of long time member Gail Garrard, just prior to Christmas 2024.

Gail joined in the Air Sea Rescue days, in November 1981, and played many roles within the Organization for the more than 35 years, as a Crew Member, Radio Operator, and also had several stints on the Management Committee, both as Secretary, and as a Committee Member.

Gail was born in Murwillumbah, NSW, and grew up in the Numinbah Valley on the family dairy farm.

When her parents sold the farm, they, Gail and her brother Des moved to Southport.

Gail lived the rest of her life on the Gold Coast.

She worked as a dental nurse at a practice in Southport for more than 20 years until retiring due to poor health.

Over the years Gail's health deteriorated and she lived for the last few years in Woodlands, a wonderful Blue Care facility at Arundel.

RIP Gail - thank you for your service



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By Rowley of Wildcare  
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**O**f the six fish-hooked Swans that I've had to catch over the past several weeks, only 4 have survived. Sadly, the old fella in the picture below didn't make it. He'd been hooked and seriously entangled, but his plight had not been reported. In nearly every instance, infection quickly sets in when the point of a fish hook pierces a Swan's leg. By the time someone notices this, generally the bird is lame, and it is too late.



Another Swan recently had a fish hook removed from its leg by people who had watched it struggle over a period of a few days.

This was then reported to me, however, infection had flooded the leg, and nothing could be done to save the Swan.

A third Swan that regularly visits a canal-side home in the Nerang River showed up lame having been hooked, we suspect, within the previous few hours.

I caught the bird and had him in treatment within an hour.

Happily, this Swan survived and was released safely back into the wild one week later.

The final three Swans had fish hooks embedded above the waterline, still a very serious situation, but not as dangerous as a hook in the leg.

I was able to safely de-hook and release two of these, while the third had to be hospitalised, but made it through treatment and was released some days later.

If the fishers who'd hooked those Swans had called to get them help, all could possibly have survived.

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# The People Behind the Names of VMR - Muriel Henchman Drive

**W**hen you drive up the street off Sea World Drive, (Muriel Henchman Drive), to get to the VMR Southport Rescue Base, have you ever wondered who Muriel Henchman was?

Muriel Henchman, or Aunty Mu as she liked to be called, became a member of VMR, or Air Sea Rescue (ASR) as it was known back then, around 1982, when she joined as a Radio Operator. Muriel fitted in quite well at ASR, and by 1985 she became the Publicity Officer, and was reported as being ASR's proudest member, in a two-page article about her life in a March 1988 edition of the Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin.

In 1959 Muriel founded the Surfers Paradise Arts Theatre and was well known around Surfers Paradise during the late 50's, through to the 70's, as an ambassador for progress and change. She was reported to have had many a run in with Mayors and Councillors, or Aldermen as they were known then, in her endeavours to have improvements made to local infrastructure and public facilities.

In 1967 Muriel joined a Progress Association in the Miami area where they continually fought Council for other improvements, such as flood mitigation, footpaths, and better local facilities.

Muriel's commitment continued, and she was President of the Miami Progress Association for the next 10 years. In recognition of her work with this Association, she was awarded a Life Membership, and later had a street in Miami, (Henchman Avenue), named in her honour.

In 1982 Muriel answered a call for help that was sent out by ASR, looking for additional Radio Operators. She was very active amongst many community groups, but ASR quickly became her dearest passion. With her previous journalistic abilities recognized, she quickly jumped at the chance to be the Organization's Publicity Officer and always found ways to get ASR into the limelight.

Muriel was a well-respected character and did a great deal for ASR. In addition to her radio shifts, public relations work, and her work with the scattering of ashes program, she also was very active in fund raising and got on very well with all the Boat Crews. She also became the Organization's Historian and did a great job collecting all the media information about ASR.

Muriel was awarded Life Membership for her contribution to the Organization in the early 1990's, and not long after decided to retire from the Organization to care for her husband.



When Muriel passed away, a proposal was put forward to the Gold Coast Council, by VMR Southport, to name the small road leading down to the Rescue Base after her, in recognition of her commitment to the Squadron. The Council agreed, however, made it very clear at the time that it would not be a formal name, as the dirt road to VMR wasn't considered a 'real street', as it was not gazetted.

It's funny how nowadays when they talk about Muriel Henchman Drive, near Muriel Henchman Park, where the Muriel Henchman boat ramps and public pontoons are, it is all because of this great lady.

Good on you Aunty Mu!!

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# Portrait of a VMR Volunteer

## HUNTER NEUSS

### RADIO OPERATOR

## JOINED VMR SOUTHPORT

### November 2007

#### Tell us about yourself?

I was born and grew up in Tamworth NSW.

After leaving High School, I spent two and a half years in Germany, living with my relatives, working on their farm.

That was 49 years ago, and where I met my wife Doris.

On return to Australia, I worked for 30 years selling and repairing chainsaws and lawnmowers in the family business, before selling up and moving to the Gold Coast, where I got a job in a similar business. I was there for another 10 years.

I currently work part time to keep myself occupied, doing Customer Service on the Gold Coast Trams.

We have four children, and seven grandchildren, who all live here on the Gold Coast, and the grandkids keep me busy.

#### Why did you join VMR?

I joined VMR Southport firstly as a Radio Operator, moving in to become a member of Yellow Crew.

I had spent 26 years as a Volunteer Retained Fire Fighter in Tamworth, which at the time was made up of volunteer locals, and a Permanent Station Officer.

I wanted to do something extra, other than just working, as I have always had a desire to help in the community

That was 17 years ago.



#### What do you enjoy most about being a member of VMR?

I really enjoy my VMR activities.

We are all volunteering our time, and skills, to help the community, whether it be doing radios in the Seaway Tower, at the VMR Rescue Base, or being on a Crew helping the boating public.

I am also currently the Radio Operator Coordinator, looking after the rosters for the VMR Base and Seaway Tower Radio Operators.

This keeps me really busy.

#### What is the most memorable activation you have been involved in?

I have been involved in a couple of lengthy offshore searches, both for lost swimmers off the beach of Surfers Paradise.

I have also participated in a very long tow of a yacht, which broke down just south of Point Lookout, on North Stradbroke Island, and needed a tow back to Southport.

All activations we do are worthwhile because we are helping somebody in need.

#### What do you do in your spare time?

I have always been interested in flying, and spend a lot of my spare time flying on Flight Simulator 2024, to all the different places around the that Doris and I haven't been yet. Doing this is a lot cheaper!!

#### What are your future Intentions with VMR?

I am intending to say around for quite a while.

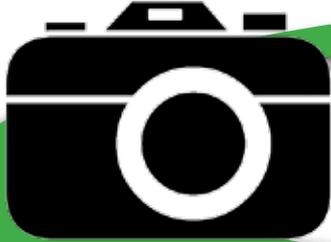
I am looking forward to becoming a part of Marine Rescue Queensland, to see what it brings.

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# SUPER SNAPS



After 22 years as a VMR Southport Radio Operator, sadly Tony Hillier has called it a day.



The owners of this vessel awoke in the early morning at Couran Cove to find their vessel in this situation. A VMR crew attended, however, the vessel was too far submerged to assist at the time.

The owners re-floated the vessel the following day.



A great effort by White Crew to tow this vessel to the sand, after it started to significantly flood in deep water at the front of the VMR Base, which would have created a navigation hazard. The vessel now awaits Commercial Salvage



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A beautiful summer evening sunset from the VMR Radio Room



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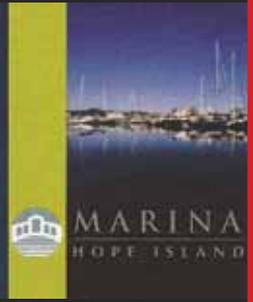
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