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## RACQ CQ RESCUE Bulletin July 2011

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### RACQ CQ RESCUE celebrates 15 years



In September this year, RACQ CQ RESCUE celebrates its 15th Birthday and as part of the celebrations we are hosting a Gala Dinner.

The event will be held on Friday 2nd September in the RACQ CQ RESCUE hangar at Mackay Airport and at this stage we are looking for dinner sponsors for the evening to help cover costs. So keep the date free and for more information regarding the purchase of tickets or becoming a dinner sponsor contact  
Leonie Hansen at  
RACQ CQ RESCUE on  
4998 5232.

## Motor vehicle accidents top the task list for RACQ CQ Rescue

There may not have been any floods or cyclones keeping the RACQ CQ RESCUE busy in the second quarter of this year but the crew certainly attended to its fair share of motor vehicle accidents.

RACQ CQ RESCUE attended to patients involved in fourteen motor vehicle accidents between April and June. These mishaps included 3 trucks, 3 cars, 7 motor bikes (on-road, off-road, motocross, quad) and 2 buggies with some incidents requiring more than one person from each accident to be airlifted for medical treatment.

However the task which attracted the most media attention was the sighting of five lost hikers in thick scrub at Conway National Park.

Against the odds, QAS Paramedic Mel Bernas spotted the missing man and four teenagers from the RACQ CQ RESCUE helicopter in a very small break in the tree-tops. A great outcome for all involved.



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### **Xstrata Coal/Thiess River 2 Reef Ride**

Mark 1st October on your calendar for the 35km, 60km or 90km bike ride leaving from the Bluewater Quay on the corner of River and Brisbane Streets. It's a great way to keep fit and have fun at the same time.

Get a team together with your friends, work colleagues or family and stay tuned for more information about the event.

The ride starts at 6am to give you plenty of time to enjoy the River 2 Reef Festival during the remainder of the day.

RACQ CQ RESCUE is one of the charities who will benefit from this event. For more information contact Corry Cycles on 4944 1157 or [www.river2reefride.com.au](http://www.river2reefride.com.au)

Guest speaker at the June Rescue 100 Club event was Colin Sutherland, Branch Manager of Corefleet Mackay who gave a very informative talk outlining the various ways in which Corefleet is assisting RACQ CQ RESCUE.

Earlier this year, Corefleet presented RACQ CQ RESCUE with a new Ssangyong Actyon dual cab to assist with attendance at fundraising events and carry out drug and alcohol testing at various sites around the district. The vehicle is a mine specified utility and will be serviced and maintained by Corefleet.

The company has also instigated a payroll giving scheme in support of RACQ CQ RESCUE and specially designed cards have been placed in rental vehicles in the hope of increasing support for the helicopter rescue service.

At the most recent Rescue 100 function we also welcomed Taste Matters as the catering sponsor for the quarterly Rescue 100 Club events. Bernie Barry from Taste Matters provided a selection of tasty food platters at the Friday night function. Accompanying the cuisine was liquid refreshments provided by Fosters Australia who have been proud drink sponsors at Rescue 100 events for a number of years now.



### **Thank you to Best Tractor Parts**

May 28th was the date of this year's BTP Fundraiser for RACQ CQ RESCUE which resulted in an excellent event organised by the Murphy Family and staff at BTP.

A whopping \$120,410 was raised for RACQ CQ Rescue on the evening during a fast-paced auction.

There was an abundance of delicious food and an array of refreshing drinks offered throughout the event and the support from BTP's guests on the evening was extraordinary.

Our congratulations go to Greg, the Murphy Family, Staff and attendees for a very outstanding event.

# **DRUG & ALCOHOL testing**

Drug and Alcohol testing facilities have been available at RACQ CQ RESCUE for the past year but the service has recently been awarded NATA (National Association of Testing Authority) accreditation.

This certification recognizes that CQ Rescue Testing Services has been rigorously audited to ensure that Australian Standards are met. As part of the audit process, the proper use of testing equipment and methods need to be assured

and the staff adequately qualified. CQ Rescue Testing Services is the only drug testing facility to hold this accreditation outside of Brisbane.

All profits from CQ Rescue Testing Services are donated to the helicopter rescue service in support of operational costs.

For more information call CQ Rescue Testing Services on 4998 5232.

