

# VMRWA UPDATES

## FROM AROUND THE TRAPS

### R.V. "NEPTUNE" LAUNCHED



It might have been Mother's Day, but a big crowd turned up at Two Rocks Marina to see Minister Dawson officially name and set the scene for the formalities that go with any blessing ceremony.

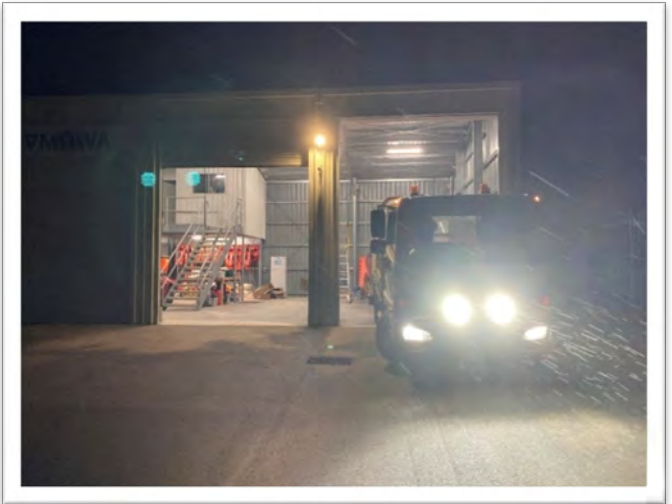
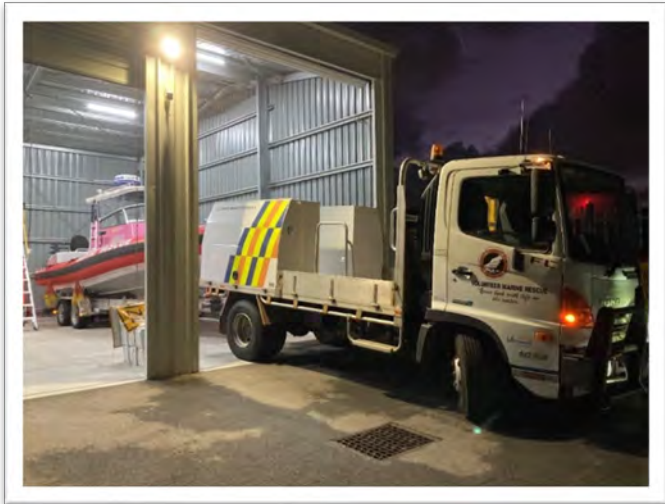
This one was MR Two Rocks new 11.9M R.V. "NEPTUNE" built by Cordina Marine in Henderson and is a truly sensational vessel.





R.V. "TOM REED" IS IN BREMER

VMRWA Transport & Logistics transported the loan vessel Tom Reed to Bremer Bay. R.V. "Bremer" taken to Albany for its refit at Westerberg Marine by the Bremer Bay crew.



Hitching the truck and Tom Reed together getting ready for the road trip down to Bremer Bay then it started to rain and hail, something that we were to encounter for much of the drive. Bloody hell it was cold and miserable.

... and it just gets better or is it colder?



One out and ...



Tom Reed going in.



The Bremer Bay crew were already transferring their gear onto the Tom Reed, bloody efficient people with Jason hiding behind the ladder.

The Group shares the shed with other emergency service volliies, a number of Marine Rescue members also volunteer in multiple services; all to keep the community safe, as well as the thousands of tourists that swarm the town particularly when it gets a wee bit warmer.

## NATIONAL MEETING

The National Volunteer Marine Search and Rescue Committee [NVMSARC] was held in WA in May. This committee (of which VMRWA has a seat) is critical for Volunteer Marine Rescue as it is recognised as the peak body that AMSA recognises nationally.

Those in attendance included the Chair of the NVMSARC, Darryl Wright; Manager of the new Queensland Marine Rescue Service, Mathew Thompson with Ben Penrose with Boyd Griggs – Alex Barrell and Stacey Tannos from Marine Rescue NSW, Graham Kingston and Keith Williams from VMR Queensland; DFESWA's Manager, Marine Services, Mark Eatts, along with VMRWA's Jeff Howe and Dan Goodlad.

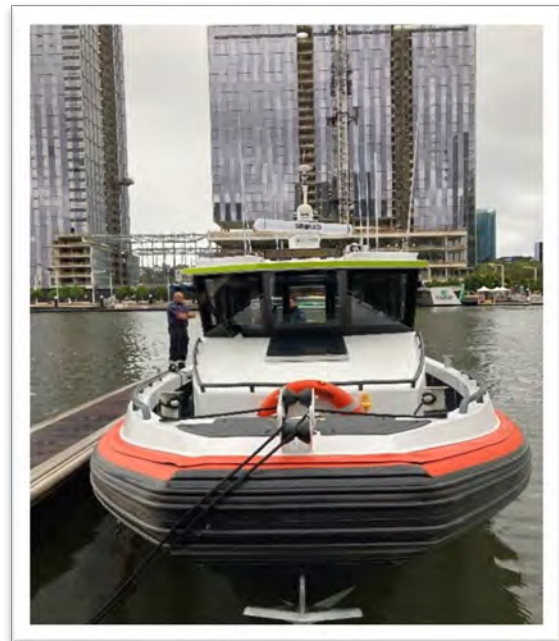
Queensland VMR's Gary Voss made a special visit to further inspect M.R. Two Rocks new R.V. Neptune,

NVMSARC is instrumental in placing Volunteer Marine Rescue's interests to AMSA as the national regulator. Exemption 24 [EX 24] is up for discussion and this was the main point of this meeting.

Also discussed was the "Blue Water" planning that is well underway in Queensland to bring the two volunteer services [VMR & AVCG] together under a single banner. It is interesting to better understand the proposed model and benefits it will bring to Volunteer Marine Rescue. We all will learn something from this.



Two Rocks kindly brought "Neptune" down and this was gone over by the delegates and discussions went on into the night regarding some of the features of the vessel.



We all knew that Neptune was a sensational vessel and so did Queensland's VMR as they were over here and checked out the vessel much more closely this time taking many more notes and pictures.

Their comment was that we were right, and they are looking at the specifications and will consider it a definite option when they get home and discuss it further. Well done Joe Cordina.





Many thanks go to the Two Rocks Group and in particular Mike Parker for bringing their new vessel the RV Neptune down to Elizabeth Quays for the afternoon resulting in a night trip home.

The RV Neptune getting a closer inspection from the National Volunteer Marine Search and Rescue Committee delegates with all impressed and some notes taken which will more than likely turn up in their next builds.

A number of other new vessels completed at Dongara Marine and delivered over the past few months were for:

**Marine Rescue Dampier,**



**Carnarvon**



and

## Jurien Bay



## Marine Rescue Onslow



The recent Total Solar Eclipse saw Marine Rescue Onslow in the spotlight as they assisted with the enormous logistical exercise involved in keeping everybody safe on the water. Their June Newsletter sums up a busy three months.

You can download and read the entire newsletter [here](#).

Highlights from M.R. Onslow's recent Newsletter



### Achievements

- We have had a blinder of a quarter on recruitment, with four new member approvals and four currently undergoing the application process! A big welcome to all our new members, thank you for generously donating your time to support our community.

Big congratulations to MRO's newest Skipper Daniel Wright, successfully completing the four-day VMR 5 training course to become a Restricted Skipper. We appreciate your consistent dedication to the group.



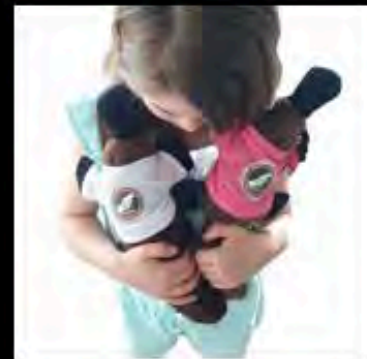
**2023 Total Solar Eclipse:**

The TSE event ran smoothly! A big thanks to our supporting volunteers that travelled from across WA to Onslow to support us throughout the event. These guys did far more than support us, they held the reins and gave the local guys the opportunity to “log off” for a week and spend time with their families during a unique time for Onslow.

It was an honour to spend time at the base and on board the rescue vessel with these gentlemen, they shared a vast amount of knowledge and experience with the group which we are grateful for.

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