

LAPTOPS TO THE RESCUE AT NORAH HEAD MARINE RESCUE

A grant from the Wallarah 2 Community Foundation will provide five brand new laptops to be utilised by new recruits and also current volunteers for ongoing training and education at Norah Head Marine Rescue.

At present Norah Head Marine Rescue have two very old laptops for training purposes and this important organisation will benefit from upgrading their computers.

Marine Rescue NSW is the state's official volunteer marine rescue service, committed to saving lives on the water. At Norah Head, Marine Rescue provides the local and visitor boating public and the community with a prompt, reliable, friendly and professional volunteer emergency service 365 days a year, on duty or on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They work closely with and support other emergency services when called upon.

Unit Commander William Hignett says "Our volunteers are our greatest strength, recognised for their marine knowledge, courage and community service. They are dedicated to helping boaters stay safe on NSW waterways. Marine Rescue NSW is a registered training organisation and our volunteers are professionally trained to national standards for their roles, both on and off the water. One crucial part of our training is a specific software program containing details and descriptions of registered vessels. It is used to log on and log off vessels, monitor vessels in transit, enter voyage details and create incident reports.

"It was a wild day when we visited the Command Centre at Norah Head and it brought home the hazards that the sea can whip up and the need for vigilance to keep our coast safe" remarked Peter Allonby, GM.

"By assisting the Marine Rescue station and its volunteers by providing new computers, Wallarah 2 can be assured that there will be continued community safety benefits" added Peter.



Peter Allonby, General Manager of Wyong Coal with William Hignett, Unit Commander of Norah Head Marine Rescue

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