

BOOSTING MARINE RESCUE SERVICES

NEW VESSELS FOR OUR MARINE RESCUE VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Queensland has one of the longest coastlines in Australia. As boating gets more popular, we also see the number of rescue situations increasing every year.

Our Marine Rescue Volunteer services do a fantastic job of keeping our boaties and those enjoying our incredible marine environment safe.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to delivering improved marine safety outcomes for Queenslanders and visiting tourists and we do this by supporting Queensland's Marine Rescue sector and ensuring that our volunteers have the equipment they need to deliver this vital community safety program.



OUR COMMITMENT AND PLAN FOR QUEENSLAND

Queensland has two existing marine rescue services run by dedicated volunteers - Volunteer Marine Rescue Association Queensland (VMRAQ) and Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association (AVCGA). Between them there are currently 47 Marine Rescue Volunteer units across the state, with approximately 3,500 volunteers and more than 100 rescue vessels between them.

A re-elected Palaszczuk Government will provide \$35.38 million over four years to:

- progress a transition to an integrated state-wide marine rescue service supported by a Marine Rescue Queensland Implementation Working Group which will include representatives from VMRAQ and AVCGA.
- deliver new vessels for our vital marine rescue volunteer units across Queensland
- provide operational funding and capacity building for marine rescue services to continue delivering improved marine safety outcomes and public safety services
- ensure that the safety of our volunteers is not placed at risk in providing this vital community service
- support jobs within the Queensland boat building industry and supporting the Queensland manufacturing industry
- increase funding for insurance costs and provide for additional operational expenses incurred by Squadrons and Flotillas.





PALASZCZUK GOVERNMENT'S RECORD

The Palaszczuk Government's priority is to keep Queenslanders safe, and to back our emergency services and volunteers. Our record stands for itself, including:

- providing long-standing funding support to Queensland's Marine Rescue services
- supporting approximately 34,500 marine rescue volunteers through Service Agreements, across several volunteer organisations including:
 - Volunteer Marine Rescue Association Queensland
 - Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association
- increasing funding to the sector by 43 per cent over the previous LNP Government
- conducting a risk assessment to understand the resourcing needs of Queensland's Marine Rescue services across all Marine Rescue Volunteer units.

NEWMAN-FRECKLINGTON LEGACY

The LNP's plan to get to a surplus, in the middle of a global recession caused by the global coronavirus pandemic, can only be achieved with devastating cuts.

Queensland relies on services like the Marine Rescue Volunteers to keep Queenslanders safe, now is not the time to risk the LNP's cuts.



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