



# VMRS Operations

## 'Clear the Decks' Newsletter



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*Christmas Greetings to all VMRS  
Volunteers and Families from the  
FESA VMRS Team.*



### Sea Service Record Log Books



The VMR Sea Service Record Log Book is now available in a Hard Copy Format. Groups who wish to obtain their copies of the log book can contact the VMR Training section and order the required number.

### On Scene Controllers Course (OSC)

Dates for next years On Scene Controllers Courses will be set shortly by WAPOL (West Australian Police). Groups will be advised of available positions. Course dates and locations will also be posted on the VMR Training Website/Volunteer Portal.

### Collection of Member Qualifications

All groups are reminded that the VMR Training Section is collecting member's qualifications and/or completed certificates, a Training Validation Record Form is required to be completed and attached to submitted qualifications. This form is available on the training website or through the VMRS Training Section.

Members who are seeking accreditation to become a Trainer/Assessor for their group to deliver and assess the new VMRS Training and already have some form of Training qualification should send their details through.

### BSZ to TAA Upgrade

Trainers and Assessors with Full BSZ Cert IV Assessment and Workplace Training have the opportunity to up-skill to the TAA level (Certificate IV in Training and Assessment).

This process is available to those Members wishing to obtain accreditation as a Trainer/Assessor for their group in the future. This process will consolidate our current group of BSZ Certificate Trainers and Assessors and to safe guard against people dropping off the system. For more information on this process please contact the VMRS Training Section or email [jade.butson@fesa.wa.gov.au](mailto:jade.butson@fesa.wa.gov.au)

### VMRS Capital Works Program 2009/10

For your information, please find the below Capital Works program currently underway:-

- SharkBay 10m Air Rider - **Started**
- Port Walcott 7.9m Air rider – **Nearly Finished**
- Onslow 7.9m Air Rider - **Started**
- Denmark 7.3m Naiad - **Finished**
- Lancelin 7.3m Naiad - **Started**
- Windy Harbour 7.3m Naiad - **Started**
- Esperance 12m Hampton Refit - **Completed**
- Kalbarri 5.8m Naiad Refit – **Completed**
- Port Hedland 8.5m Barrington Refit – **to do**
- Rockingham 10m Naiad Refit – **Completed**
- Coral Bay - 8m Leisurecat exchange – **to do**
- Mandurah - Inshore Rescue vessel - **Completed**
- Walpole - Operations Storage Shed - **Ongoing**
- Derby - Utilities installation - new Ops Shed – **Nearly completed**
- Leeman - Building Renovations - **Ongoing**
- East Kimberly - Operations Facility - **Ongoing**

The total Capital Works project for this period is in excess of \$2.8 million which is just sensational for FESA VMRS.

### **VHF Radios, Repeaters – Update**

While there haven't been any new installations happening there has been considerable work in the planning side to get several new sites up and running.

There has been a change in frequency allocation to the Warroora Station repeater that serves Coral Bay – Exmouth region in that due to some unexpected "ducting" issues the frequency / channel number has been changed from 21 to 82.

This makes the location of VHF Marine repeaters in the Coral Bay Exmouth region –

Harold E Holt Naval Base	VHF Ch 22
Charles Knife Canyon	VHF Ch 21
Ningaloo Station	VHF Ch 80
Warroora Station	VHF Ch 82

Further to that we are negotiating to get access to Steep Point and Quobba which will have significant benefits to the Shark Bay and Carnarvon groups.

Other identified sites are under discussion.

### **Radio Over Internet Protocol (ROIP)**

Another significant development that will have impact on "home bases" as we know it is the trial of Radio Over Internet Protocol (ROIP). This is being trialed at the moment installation will be completed in early December at Two Rocks.

There are expected to be huge benefits using this technology for those with broadband internet connections at home and want to monitor the radio from home but the location doesn't lend itself to marine radio operations.

It also eliminates the need for radios, antennas, poles, power supplies etc at the house and replacing it with access to the system via a secure internet connection.

While there are many other benefits expected we will wait until the trial is complete and we have a better understanding of the pitfalls (if any) before we continue any further.

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### **"THE CABIN BOY'S CORNER"**



### **FESA / VMRS UNIFORMS**

Several Groups have received the FESA / VMRS Uniform order requests via their Zone Representatives.

I have forwarded eight sets of orders to Stewart and Heaton thus far. Hopefully early in the new year we may start to see some of these being delivered.

When VMRS Groups receive the order request forms from their Zone Representative, please ensure your Group receives a copy of the Stewart and Heaton **VOLUNTEER UNIFORM CLOTHING ORDER FORM, FESA Volunteer Polo Order Form, Variation to Standard Size Request**, Volunteer Uniform Scale of Issue and Stewart & Heaton Size Chart. These should then be handed to each "ACTIVE" member for their necessary actions.

Group members are asked to complete the required forms, highlighted above legibly, so that S&H are able to ensure correct uniform delivery to each member.

The **Variation to Standard Size Request** form should be used when a member requires sizes that are not "Off the Shelf"

Please use the remaining two forms, Volunteer Uniform Scale of Issue and Stewart & Heaton Size Chart to ensure each member has the correct scale of and "off the shelf" issue.

**Please also note that Group VMRS "ACTIVE" members only, that have registered with FESA will be provided with a FESA / VMRS Uniform and PPE. Stewart and Heaton Clothing have been provided with current registered FESA / VMRS members and are continually updated as required..**

For any further enquiries regarding the above please call me (Kevin Waddington) on 94799314 or e-mail: [kevin.waddington@fesa.wa.gov.au](mailto:kevin.waddington@fesa.wa.gov.au)

*Compliments of the Season to all VMRS Volunteers and families.*

Regards.

"Roger - The Cabin Boy"