

Tully Coast Guard announces community open day Saturday 7th December 2019

Tully Coast Guard is known for many things, Fish and Chip nights, the Tully Show Chip Van and the Tully Christmas Street Party BUT mainly it is the welcome sight of our team in the big yellow boat, the Mary Liddle, coming to the aid of an unlucky boatie who has found themselves without power to return to safe harbour. Now, we are seeking new members and Marine Assist subscribers, and hoping to give our community the chance to get to know us. Our open day is a chance for locals, and community members interested in Marine Assist or becoming a volunteer to have a look around the base, check out the Mary Liddle and meet some of our fabulous volunteers over a free snag at the beautiful Hull Heads where we have our Coast Guard Headquarters.

There are two entry streams to Tully Coast Guard – if you prefer to pay a higher amount and not have to volunteer your time (great option for time poor parents and full time workers) you can subscribe to Marine Assist. If you have the time and energy to help us with our fundraising or you're keen to learn some great boating skills, then become an active member. The rates are much lower and you get free or heavily discounted training in things like Marine Radio operation, First aid, and the Maritime training for those interested in learning boat skills. (think people wanting to get their Coxswains' ticket to be able to work in ports or on commercial fishing vessels.)

Where: Tully Coast Guard Headquarters – Luff Street, Hull Heads

When: Saturday 7th December 2019 12.30pm to 4pm

What can you eat: FREE BBQ sausage on bread

What can you drink: tea and coffee available - soft drinks can be purchased.

How much: no cost

How do you get there: by car, by boat or camp at the friendly Hull Heads Campground or the Googarra Caravan Park nearby

For more information, pictures for social / print or online media or to make contact with us: email operations.qf12@coastguard.com.au

Call our Commander on 0427669300. Connect with us on Facebook @qf12vmrtully

About us:

Staffed entirely by local volunteers, Tully Coast Guard exists with the aim of Safety Of Life At Sea and to educate people about safety on the water. We perform rescue operations, search and rescue, medical evacuations, assist police and AMSA, provide support to local water-based events, and fundraise within our local community.

Each year Tully Coast Guard volunteers perform a variety of activations. Rescues range from assisting sinking vessels, vessels with flat batteries and other mechanical problems, vessels that have run aground and often towing these disabled vessels back to safe harbour.

Our vessel must be maintained to commercial standards and be ready to respond 24 hours per day, every single day of the year. This takes a great deal of dedication from our volunteers to fundraise the money needed to keep this vessel ready to respond at any time.

Coast Guard also maintains radio safety watches along our coastline and some inland waterways on VHF Ch. 16 & 80, 27 MHz Ch. 88 & 86 frequencies with weather reports available on request.