

# Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

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## Statement regarding the Bloomfield Group's support of the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

To whom it may concern,

The Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service (the Service) provides 24 hour aeromedical and rescue services throughout Northern NSW from three bases in Belmont, Tamworth and Lismore. A fourth base is located in Newcastle for the purpose of engineering and maintenance support.

The Service is here for all members of our community. Throughout the Hunter region the Rescue Helicopter commonly responds to Triple 0 emergency calls to assist people injured on the roads, farms, workplaces, on sporting fields or in recreational settings. The Service is also tasked on search & rescue missions and inter-hospital transfers to ensure residents of the region can access necessary care in the most appropriate hospital. Most commonly these inter-hospital transfers are flown to Tamworth, Newcastle or Sydney.

The Service is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) and is reliant on community fundraising and support to ensure the financial viability of operations.

Since 2008, The Bloomfield Group, Rix's Creek Mine employees have actively supported the Service making a direct financial contribution of over \$163,769 to our Newcastle based operations:

- This financial contribution is largely derived from a Workplace Giving Program in which employees choose to donate an amount from each pay cycle;
- As employee numbers have grown over time the total contribution has increased, most notably with the expansion of the Rix's Creek operations in recent years;
- The Bloomfield Group sponsors community events which benefit the Service including those organised by our Volunteer Support Groups with a recent example being the Hunter Coal Festival – Community Day that was held at the Singleton Showgrounds in April 2017
- Bloomfield's Rix's Creek Mine employees additionally choose to attend or participate in many community events which benefit the Service;
- The support of The Bloomfield Group and its Rix's Creek Mine employees goes well beyond the financial contribution.

Collectively, community support ensures that our Service can continue to operate 24-7 delivering helicopter emergency medical services across Northern NSW. This is to the benefit of all in our regional communities.

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