

# Join our 'Tag A Calf' Program

## And support your local Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

The Service has begun an innovative program to ask Cattle Producers to 'tag a calf' and in the long term donate the proceeds from this beast to the Service.

Cattle ear tags have been generously donated by Elders Ltd for producers to identify and monitor their calf. Once the calf is ready for sale it can be sold and the amount donated to the Service. Upon receipt of the proceeds we can then forward you a tax deductible receipt.

## Why participate in 'Tag A Calf'

Your financial contribution through 'tag a calf' is vital to help ensure that this valuable Service continues to remain free of charge to those that require emergency aeromedical transfers.

No one has ever paid to be transported by the Service. Every dollar provided is valuable and helps to ensure that the Service remains a vital link in the emergency care chain.

## A Vital Service

The Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service is a community owned and operated aeromedical search and rescue service for the Hunter, Central Coast, Mid North Coast and New England North West regions of NSW.

Many of our life saving missions have been to accidents on farms and properties, as well as transferring patients who are acutely ill from smaller rural based hospitals to specialist, tertiary care.

Those who have been injured and transported from farms have included people who have been crushed by cattle, thrown from horses, fallen from bikes and injured by farm machinery. A significant number have been children, particularly from quad bike and horse incidents.

## Bingara sets the pace!

For some time the farming community has asked how it could, as a group and as individuals, support the Service. Volunteers in the Bingara Support Group have already tagged the first calf – a Charolais called 'Westpac'. The calf was generously donated by Robert and Judy Northcott (H.Roy Miller Stock & Station Agent) with the proud owner Anne Legg, saying that it was a "novel and easy way to support a Service vital to the community".

## How does it work?

Fill out the registration form on page 2 of the flyer and we will send as ear tag for your calf. We'll register your participation and you can watch your calf grow to become an important donor for the Service.



## Our Commitment

To provide the highest standard 24 hour aeromedical, search and rescue service free of charge in our operational areas. To value our staff and volunteers and be fully accountable to our community, our corporate partners and government.

## About the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

The Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service is a community owned and operated aeromedical search and rescue service, serving the Hunter Mid North Coast and New England North West regions. The Service commenced operations in Newcastle in 1975 and in Tamworth in 2000.

Each year the Rescue Helicopter undertakes more than 1,600 free of charge missions throughout the New England North West, Hunter, Central Coast and Mid North Coast transporting people from accident scenes and transferring critically ill patients from small, rural hospitals to larger regional or urban hospitals. It also plays a key role in search and rescue operations.

The operating budget of the Rescue Helicopter is over \$11.5 million. More than half of this is raised by the community through corporate sponsorship, donations, fundraising events, our Volunteer Support Groups and through the Payroll Deduction program. The remainder is provided by the State Government through our contract with Ambulance Service of NSW.

## Your Support is Valued

Every dollar is used wisely to provide emergency medical and rescue services to the communities of the region in which it was raised.

People help protect each other by contributing to this essential service in whatever way they are able. Some of the wonderful ideas that people have created to support the Service include:

- Making weekly donations through payroll deduction
- Becoming a member of a Volunteer Support Group
- Making a cash donation
- Leaving a legacy in a will
- Sponsor an event
- Donate an amount of grain
- Donate a Sheep
- Join fundraising activities including rodeos, golf days, craft exhibitions, concerts, car rallies, bike rides, walks, runs and much more

### Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

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## 'Tag a Calf' Registration Form

- I wish to register for the 'Tag a Calf' program and request an Ear Tag.

The calf will be sold in \_\_\_\_\_ (approx date) and the proceeds sent to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

- New England North West Region  
 Hunter / Mid North Coast / Central Coast Region

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.*

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