



## 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 200 missions in the New England North West, 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 in the New England North West region.

The Rescue Helicopter provides a free service to over one million people and covers an operating region of 132,000 square kilometres.

The operating budget of the Rescue Helicopter is over \$3.4 million. More than \$1.7 million 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 the 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 New England North West.

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 deductions
- Becoming a member of a volunteer support group
- Making a cash donation
- Join in fundraising activities including rodeos, golf days, craft exhibitions, concerts, car rallies, bike rides, walks, runs, and much more.
- Sponsoring an event
- Leaving a legacy in a will
- Donating an amount of grain
- Tag a Calf

## Donate a Sheep



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Help save a life  
Donate a Sheep Program  
New England - North West

## 'Donate a Sheep' and Support Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

The Service has an innovative program to ask sheep producers to 'donate a sheep' and in the long term donate the proceeds from this animal to the service.

Once the sheep 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 'Donate a Sheep'

Your financial contribution through 'donate a sheep' is vital to help ensure this valuable Service continues to remain free of charge to those requiring emergency aeromedical transfers.

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



## A Vital Service

The Service was established in the New England North West region in 2000, since then it has performed over 2000 life saving missions.

Many of these have been to accidents on farms and properties, as well as transferring patients who are acutely ill from smaller rural based hospitals to tertiary care in Tamworth, Newcastle, or Sydney.

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.

## How does it work?

For sometime now throughout the New England and North West regions some local sheep producers have donated at their annual ram sales and through the local saleyards. These producers have found the process easy and rewarding as the Service is their lifeline should an emergency happen. Since these sales the Helicopter Service has been working with local stock and station agents to hold a charity sale dates throughout the New England North West region.

To participate in our donate a sheep program, simply sell your sheep when they are ready or come along to our nominated charity selling date in your local area. By filling out the attached form we will be able to register your participation and you can watch your sheep grow to be an important part of the New England North West Rescue Helicopter Service.



## Donate a Sheep Registration

- I wish to register for the 'Donate a Sheep' program.  
 I wish to find out about regular WRHS sale dates in my area.

Name .....

Address .....

Phone .....

Mobile .....

Email .....

Signature .....

I wish to donate  sheep

The sheep will be sold on ..... (approx. date) at the ..... saleyards and the proceeds sent to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service New England North West region.

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