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Re Grant Application for 2007 – 2008

Good morning Gary,

Several weeks ago we had the pleasure of meeting the Mayor, Troy Pickard and our ward councillor, Albert Jacob when they came to our premises for a visit.

As a direct consequence of that meeting, we submitted an early application for financial support as part of our forward planning for the boating community of the City.

The Mayor advised us that the City would appreciate early advice of the application to allow for budgetary planning and the attached application addresses that suggestion.

This submission was made to the city a few weeks ago and copies have already been delivered to the Mayor and Councillors Albert Jacob and Russ Fishwick.

Albert has advised me that he has passed on a copy (on CD) of the application to the North Ward Councillors, and I have delivered a separate copy directly to Michele John after she expressed interest in our activities when we met on Sunday at another function.

Please accept this copy of the submission together with an electronic version on CD and thank you once again for your interest and support.

Yours faithfully

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City of Joondalup

Proposal for Funding and Support

**Whitfords Volunteer
Sea Rescue Group Inc.**

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1. Introduction

The Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group Inc. (WVSRG) have been in operation in the local area for some 35 years, serving the local boating community by providing a 24 hour support base, assistance and educational facilities for the public as a whole. Over the past few years the City of Joondalup has taken a keen interest in our group in a number of indirect ways. We, the Committee of the Group, believe that there are a number of mutual benefits to be gained by a closer relationship between the City of Joondalup and ourselves as we both provide a service to our community.

These benefits are not necessary always derived from purely a financial point of view, but rather through a combined recognition and support point of view. We believe that a pure financial only, support relationship would be sterile and counter productive for a long-term sustainable relationship.

For this reason we submit, for your consideration, this proposal outlining what services and community support we provide, the structure and management of our Group and the difficulties we experience not having sufficient and assured long term funding.

The Group is an incorporated body and is registered as a "Not for Profit" and "Charitable Organization". In addition, the Group is also registered as a "Public Benevolent Institution" as well as being registered for GST in accordance with the Australian Taxation Office requirements. A copy of the Group's Certification and Constitution are attached in appendix A.

2. Group History

The Whitfords Sea Rescue Group Inc was founded in the early 1970's by a group of "boaties" looking out for each other. The first operational head quarters were from a caravan off Pinnaroo Point. Further details of the Groups early history are included in appendix B.

Incorporation of the Group took place in May 1977. After the construction of the Ocean Reef Boat Harbour, the group acquired an old shed and water tower from the Water Corporation. The tower was erected on high ground to give a panoramic view of the ocean. This water tower was converted into the main lookout and radio base station.

In late 1987, after long hours of fund-raising activities, the Group was able to raise enough money to start on its new Training and Operations Centre. Land at Ocean Reef Boat Harbour was granted to the Group by the City of Wanneroo in the form of a peppercorn lease. With the help of the members through "Busy Bees", donations of materials and equipment by members and sponsors over the years, the Groups Head Quarters now stand as a tribute to those dedicated volunteers over the years.

In 1996 group owned rescue vessel, Green 1, was constructed and in 2000 the Group purchased its second dedicated standby rescue vessel, Green 4. The two dedicated vessels, Green 1 and Green 4, are supported by 8 privately owned rescue boats, which stand at the ready to provide assistance whenever required.

In 2002, the City of Joondalup granted \$80,000 towards the construction of the new Green 1 named the "Stacy Hall" and this sum was eventually paid over in 2004 as the new boat neared completion. The second vessel, G4, was sold in 2004 and there is now a new fast response vessel being constructed by Leisurecat Perth which will be ready for duty by Christmas 2006.

The cost of the G1 new boat was \$495,000 of which the Group contributed some \$237,000. The vessel under construction will cost \$175,000 and the Group is funding all of that amount.

The group has grown over the years to a team in excess of 90 active Volunteers and 1500 Associate members through the Radio Network system; it is the largest Volunteer Sea Rescue operation in Western Australia.

In the early years the Group averaged around 30 rescues a year however in later years the average has been in excess of 300 a year. All members give of their time and skills generously and we are proud to say that we have no paid personnel.

Together with Fremantle and Cockburn volunteer sea rescue, we perform 65% of all the sea rescues in Western Australia, provide support vessels for the Rottnest Channel Swim and promote boating safety at the Perth & Hillarys Boat Shows.

Over the past few years the Volunteer Sea Rescue activities in this state have changed dramatically due to the establishment in 2002 of the Fire & Emergency Services

Authority of WA. Of the 37 volunteer sea rescue groups in Western Australia, 34 are operating under the control of FESA and 3 are not.

Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group is one of these independent groups who, in conjunction with Fremantle & Cockburn Volunteer Sea Rescue, constitute an alliance contracted by the State Government to provide sea rescue services for the entire Perth metropolitan area.

Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group, having considered the proposal from FESA, decided that they would prefer to be free from the dictates of a distant Government and in so doing, be able to respond quickly to the needs of the boating community.

As an independent group, we have no separate access to State Government funds for capital expenditure and the service payment made to the 3 metropolitan groups is so minimal as to make us rely on the support of consumers and businesses such as yours to continue serving the community.

Group Management Structure and Assets

2.1 Officers, Committee and Auditors

The structure of the Group is defined in the Groups Constitution. The Constitution is supported by the rules of the Group commonly known as The Standing Orders. The structure can be summarised as detailed below.

The Executive Officers of the Group consist of;

- **Commander**
- **Deputy Commander (2)**
 - Land based operations
 - Sea based operations
- **Secretary**
- **Treasurer.**

The Committee consist of the Executive Officers together with a number of Section Leaders or Officers for the various disciples of the Group, namely:

- **Operations Officer**
 - Deputy Operations Officer (currently five)
 - Radio and Operations (2)
 - Education and Training (2)
 - Promotion & Communications (1)
- **Squadron Leader**
 - Deputy Squad Leader (2)
- **Training Officer**
 - Deputy Training Officer (2)
- **Landing Party (Fuel & Equipment Officer)**
 - Deputy F&E Officers (2)
- **Records Officer**
 - Deputy Records Officer
- **Personnel Officer**

In addition to the above the Group has a number of Committee Support Offices:

- ▶ Radio Licensing Officer
- ▶ Boat Maintenance Officers (4 posts)
- ▶ Communications Officer
- ▶ First Aid Officer & Deputy First Aid Officer
- ▶ Building Maintenance Officer & Deputy
- ▶ WCVMSAR Representative
- ▶ Fund raising Officer
- ▶ Public Relations Officer
- ▶ Social Officer

An **Auditor** is elected on an annual basis to audit the accounts of the Group. In terms of the Constitution and Standing Orders the Auditor has the power to call for any of the Groups books, papers, accounts, vouchers and other documents relating to the affairs of the Group.

2.2 Functions, Objectives and Powers of the Group

The functions of the Group are:

1. To assist the Authority appointed by the Government in Sea Search and Rescue operations in or adjacent to Western Australian waters;
- To assist in the provision of volunteer crew, craft, equipment and communication facilities for Sea Search and Rescue operations in the event of an emergency;
- To assist in the training of crews, radio operators and all other persons concerned in Sea Search and Rescue operations, employing such funds or otherwise coming into the hands of the Group for the above purposes;
- Maintain vessels and equipment in a safe and operational condition at all times, and
- To further promote Safety at Sea by conducting courses in various subjects for education of the Boating Public.

2.3 Property and Equipment

1. The Group has, through the Committee, in terms of the Constitution, the power to purchase, take on lease or in exchange or otherwise acquire any land, buildings, easement, rights or property real or personal, which may be requisite for the purpose of the smooth function of the Group.
2. All purchases, investments, leases, conveyances, securities or contracts by, to or on behalf of the Group is made, taken or entered into in the names of the Committee upon trust for the members.
3. All Issued property, issued to members remains the property of the Group and shall be returned on demand to the Group or alternatively paid for at market value as determined by the Committee.

2.4 Risk Cover of Group Property

The Groups property is currently covered under the Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA) Risk cover policy underwritten by the WA Government Insurance Commission. In addition to this cover the Group maintains private insurance policies to cover members and essential equipment against all eventualities of loss.

Further to the insurance cover, the Committee, through the Constitution, requires that any member who damages Group property shall, at the discretion of the Committee, be held liable for such damage and in default, shall be suspended from all Group privileges until such liabilities are liquidated. Should any member concerned be dissatisfied with the decision of the Committee, they may, by written notice, appeal to the members of the Group at the next General Meeting after the date of such decision, by lodging the amount involved with the Secretary, which shall be retained if the Committee's decision is upheld. We believe that this strict standpoint by the Committee instils a sense of responsibility and respect of Group assets within the membership.

3. Jurisdiction and Areas of Responsibility

3.1 Jurisdiction

The Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group maintain a rescue service extending from City beach in the south to the "Alkimos" wreck north of the Mindarie Marina and out to sea as far as operational limits permit.

WVSRG's area of jurisdiction covers a very large area of responsibility, not only covering the Mindarie Keys and Ocean Reef Marinas, both of which are located in some of the most rapidly growing areas of Western Australia. Included in this area is the Hillarys Boat Harbour. One of the busiest boat harbours in Western Australia in terms of boat launches and retrievals, according to a survey carried out by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure WA (DPI), April 2000. This study also indicates that the Ocean Reef Boat Harbour is rapidly growing to similar proportions followed by Mindarie Keys. These three harbours hold the top three rankings of the top 10 busiest harbours in WA.

3.2 Statistics on Boating Public Volumes for WVSRG

Over recent years the number serious and sometimes-fatal sea incidents have reduced. We believe that this could be attributed to the service that we provide in terms of fast response and education of the boating public. We strongly believe that public awareness has played a key role in this reduction of incidents.

However, of great concern to our group is the vast increase noted, by our Group, in the numbers of boats using the facilities within our jurisdiction. These numbers appear to be steadily increasing as noted by the number of log-ins and log-offs to our main control tower and home base stations. These statistics are also confirmed by the study report carried out by DPI, April 2000, which can be summarised as follows:

Table 1 Facilities with Highest Traffic flows – Top 6 (extracted from top 10)

Ramp	Mean rating of Facilities Overall
Hillarys Boat Harbour	4.4
Ocean Reef	4.3
Mindarie Keys	4.2
Rockingham – Point Perron	4.1
Woodmans Point	3.9
Rockingham – Palm Beach	3.6

Table 2 Frequency of Usage in 12 Months 1999 (Top 6)

Ramp	Estimated Usage (trailable boats)	Weekly Occasions
Ocean Reef	1 440	
Hillarys Boat harbour	1 380	
Safety Bay – Bent Street	1 050	
Woodmans Point	1 000	
Rockingham – Palm Beach	960	
Mindarie Keys	770	

The concern WVSRG has with our particular area of jurisdiction is the predicted increase in the boating population of the area, based on the Local Government Areas (LGA) estimates for the future. These boating growth areas are well illustrated in table 3, which has been arranged in Sea Rescue group Jurisdiction Areas.

Table 3 Boat Ownership based on Population Growth by Sea Rescue Group Areas in the Perth Metropolitan Area

Group	1999	2011
Whitfords	22 607	30 038
Fremantle	16 138	13 881
Cockburn	4 020	5 811
Rockingham	4 084	5 873

With the predicted growth rate of our area of jurisdiction being the highest for the Perth Metropolitan area if we do not have a sound long term financial plan in place with some assurance of a guaranteed income, the Group may find it difficult, possibly unachievable, to maintain the high level of standards and number of critical pieces of rescue equipment to provide a safe environment for both our members and the boating public of the City of Joondalup at large.

We believe that with a predicted 50% growth rate in the boating population of the region, a sound sustainable financial plan needs to be implemented as soon as practically possible in order to sustain and expand on the services we currently provide.

3.3 24 hour Radio Safety Watch

WVSRG provides a marine radio listening watch 24 hours a day 365 days of the year. This service is provided from the Group's Operations Centre at our Head quarters located at N° 1 Harbour Quays, Ocean Reef, during weekends and all public holidays.

During the week and after dark WVSRG operate four "Home Base Stations" operating from members private homes spread along our coastline from Marmion in the south to Burns Rocks in the north. These Home Base stations call on any one of the Crews that are on duty for the particular week. Should the need arise, additional Crews are called upon to assist, any time of day or night.

3.4 Operational Preparedness

By maintaining a constant radio watch for the boating public when they go to sea, an "on water" presence each weekend and public holiday is maintained in daylight hours. Using a roster system, a fully qualified Sea Rescue Skipper and his crew are aboard both the Rescue Vessels from 08.00 hours to 18.00 hours on every weekend and public holiday.

The main Rescue Vessel, Green 1, is stationed at the Hillarys Boat Harbour and the new standby Rescue Vessel, will be stationed at our Head Quarters secure hardstand at the Ocean Reef Marina. With this preparedness, the boating public can be assured that when they call for help, our members are ready to respond immediately. Each of the Duty Skippers and their respective Crews remain on duty on a "call out" basis for the week from Saturday to the following Friday night when the next team takes over the duty. The remainder of the Squad remain on standby fully prepared to launch should they be required, unless they are on official Leave of Absence from their duties.

3.5 Public Safety through Education Program

WVSRG are registered by the Australian Yachting Association and the Maritime Challenger TAFE as an official accredited learning institution to provide courses for the public in "Advanced Powerboat Course" and the Recreational Skippers Ticket. The Group has 6 qualified "Assessors" registered with the Department of Planning & Infrastructure and conducts several courses a year each over a period of four to six weeks followed a practical lesson and an on water instruction and test.

These courses are attended by up to about 20 pupils. In addition to the "Recreational Skippers Ticket" and the Advanced Powerboat Course, the Group also offers courses in "Basic Navigation" and "General Radio usage" for the public (this particular course is offered at no charge to the public). The Group is also accredited by the Australian Communications Authority as a learning institution, where tuition in radio operation and usage is given for the "Radio Operators Proficiency" course, which is held 6 times a year, an internationally recognised radio operators licence. This course covers the use of all of the marine band radios currently used off shore.

4. Why Support WVSRG Inc.

We at the Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group believe that we do add value to the community at large, some of these aspects can be summarised as follows:

- ▶ **Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group** has a track record of in excess of 35 years commitment to the population of Perth's northern suburbs and the boating public at large who use our facilities
- ▶ **Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group** has a track record of in excess of 35 years of sound financial planning and well disciplined financial management
- ▶ **Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group** has a sound membership base built through commitment, having a number of the founding members still committed after 35 years of dedication
- ▶ **Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group** has an unblemished record and is well respected amongst its peers and the boating public at large
- ▶ **Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group** is considered as the States leaders in Sea Search and Rescue management
- ▶ **Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group** provides an emergency Sea Search and Rescue service to the boating public of the entire area.
- ▶ Both **Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group** and the City would benefit by mutual recognition and promotion
- ▶ Both **Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group** and the City would benefit by public recognition of providing a cost effective service to the boating public.
- ▶ **Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group** has the experience, training and infrastructure to provide training for Learning Institutions within the community in regards to maritime and oceanic environmental students
- ▶ **Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group** has the expertise and could assist local government with other emergency management
- ▶ **Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group** has the infrastructure and could assist the local government with civil emergency management
- ▶ **Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group** have a select number of members that have been trained by the WA Police Service. Giving the Group the skills required to take "on scene" command when called upon.
- ▶ **Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group** work very closely with other service providers including the Marine Safety Division of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure and the WA Water Police Service.

5. Advantages to the Public

We believe that your support of **Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group** would assist the general public in many ways, some of which can be summarised as follows :

- ▶ **Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group** provide a reliable and well equipped Sea Search and Rescue service well into the foreseeable future for the citizens of Perth's Northern Suburbs.
- ▶ **Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group** provides a high level of public awareness in Safety at Sea for these citizens.
- ▶ Public self confidence in **Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group** in terms of knowing that a 24 hour Rescue Service is being and will be provided into the future
- ▶ Having the convenience and availability of Boating Safety Educational services provided by **Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group** within the local community.
- ▶ **Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group** has a proven track record of reliability to Sea Search and Rescue in the region, complimenting the coastal lifestyle of the citizens of Perth.
- ▶ **Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group** can provide and be part of the Local Government's Emergency Response Plan
- ▶ **Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group** can provide and man radio communications and rescue equipment at short notice
- ▶ **Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group** can provide a secure and safe site in an emergency and/or civil unrest situation
- ▶ **Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group** can provide an emergency safe area for evacuation, having an emergency helicopter landing area located adjacent to our well equipped communications facilities
- ▶ **Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group** can at short notice provide in excess of a 100 trained people to assist in a civil emergency situation

6. Commercial and Financial

6.1 Current Financial Structure

Table 4 Summary of cash Flow

Cash Flow	2002	2001	2000
Income			
Grants and various	\$43,136.00	\$51,236.00*	\$36,843.00
Fund raising/donations/interest	\$10,547.00	\$14,159.00	\$10,966.00
Courses/radio network	\$43,810.00	\$30,536.00	\$25,418.00
Commercial contracts	\$9,032.00	\$20,000.00**	\$1,596.00
Total	\$106,525.00	\$115,931.00	\$74,823.00
Expenditure			
Administration & depreciation	\$28,913.00	\$26,495.00	\$32,222.00
Building maintenance	\$9,654.00	\$6,848.00	\$6,999.00
Equipment and vessel costs	\$57,671.00	\$43,159.00	\$30,851.00
Total	\$96,238.00	\$76,502.00	\$70,072.00
Profit/(Loss)	\$10,285.00	\$39,429.00	\$4,751.00

* Pre 2002- funding from FESA was structured on percentage of expenditure on specific items. This has now reverted to one annual flat rate grant. This government grant is administered by FESA and split up proportionally depending on the size and jurisdiction of the group. Currently this grant is only about 25% of our income.

** Included upfront establishment fee for lease agreement with Lucent/Hutchison.

6.2 Sources of Income

In recent years, with increasing demand placed upon its services and corresponding increase in costs, WVSRG has endeavoured to tap regular sources of income. At present its finances are based on subscriptions to its radio network, fees from educational courses and donations from the public. The sum of the above is therefore variable. The sources of outside sponsorship are very limited and at present only Channel 9 provides an annual donation, but this ongoing commitment is not guaranteed and is in fact under review this year.

Additionally to the sources mentioned above, one source of income at present established for future years is a lease agreement with Hutchison Telecom. However, as WVSRG only leases the land upon which the equipment is fixed, whilst the City of

Joondalup actually owns it, the continuity of this agreement is wholly dependant upon the continued location of WVSRG HQ at the present site.

In effect the only regular present annual source of income comes from the State Government via FESA. The grant is sadly insufficient to cover WVSRG operating costs.

Further, as the boating community in the Northern suburbs continue to grow it is vital that our service grows exponentially so the community can have a rapid response to boating mishaps in the quickest possible time.

6.3 Risk of Unexpected Expenses

The sources of income as outlined emphasise the variable nature of WVSRG funds. It is obvious that peak demand on our resources is made during the summer months and it is essential that WVSRG is able to respond. The heavy workload necessitates extensive and expensive upkeep on the dedicated vessels particularly in the warmer months.

6.4 Future Planning

As a result of limited funding over the past years, WVSRG has had no choice in adopting a "hand to mouth" approach to financial planning. The replacement of our old dedicated rescue vessel, Green 1 in 2004, depleted most of our available working capital. The construction of the new Leisurecat will see the Group start 2007 with two top class dedicated rescue vessels and adequate working capital to run the service but insufficient funds to acquire a third vessel for the Northern expansion.

We therefore submit to the City, an application to join with us to fund the third vessel on a dollar for dollar basis, based upon the current cost for the new Leisurecat of \$170,000.

We do not expect these funds at the present time as we too need to budget and fundraise but rather we would ask for this Grant to be made available in late 2007 or early 2008.

6.5 Membership and Man-hours

Our members give generously of their time as either a radio operator, member of a rescue squad or both and that contribution is quite significant.

We have 45 radio operators who each give an average of 4.5 hours service each month for a total of 202.5 man-hours or 2430 man-hours a year.

Our skippers and crew of 47 average a minimum of 30 hours each a month which is another 1050 per month or 12600 man-hours a year.

On top of their regular duties 10 members serve on the Committee of the Group and average another 20 hours a week on Group business. We provide these figures to show not only the dedication and commitment of the volunteers but to also indicate the enormous cost that the Community would bear if a paid workforce were to provide these services.

7. Forward Planning

7.1 Introduction

Our goal is to save lives at sea and to do that effectively we constantly strive to improve our standards and our service. Modern technology must be employed if we are to achieve best practice and that involves a constant program of repairing and replacing vessels and equipment.

7.2 Strategic Plan

Strategic Deployment of Resources

The very nature of sea search & rescue work involves assisting people who find themselves in hazardous conditions. Our vessels and members must enter this hazardous situation in order to execute the operation required. The duty of care placed upon the Group requires us to minimise the dangers involved in rescue work and a sound, reliable and fully operational rescue boat is of paramount importance in providing that care.

Currently our one and only vessel is penned at the Hillarys Boat Harbour and when the new Leisurecat arrives, it too will be housed at Hillarys. The Department of Planning & Infrastructure kindly provide two pens for our use at no charge.

When the Ocean Reef Marina development is completed, we hope to move one of these vessels there and when we can acquire the third craft, we intend mooring that vessel at Mindarie Marina.

In this way we will be strategically deployed to provide the most efficient rescue service anywhere along the coastline from Fremantle to Two Rocks.

8. Historical Achievements

Acquired land on a peppercorn lease from City of Wanneroo.

Raised funds and constructed the existing building.

Acquired our own Dedicated Rescue Vessel.

Acquired accreditation as an accredited AYF / TAFE course provider

Appointed as a licensing centre for marine radios.

Appointed an accredited training Institution by Australian Communications Authority.

Formed a fleet of private vessels equipped and trained in emergency response

Purchased a second dedicated rescue vessel.

Established 4 home base stations providing a 24 hour service to the boating public

Contributed significantly to the establishment of many other Sea Rescue Groups in WA

9. Conclusions

As the local community continues to grow both in the number of ratepayers and the associated infrastructure, it follows that emergency services need to grow to meet this demand.

A partnership between Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue and the City will ensure the growing needs of the community are met.

Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group have the expertise, dedication and 30 years experience of providing this vital community service.

We believe this proposal will serve to enhance not only this community service, but also recognition and goodwill for both our Group and the City's.

WHITFORDS VOLUNTEER SEA RESCUE GROUP (INC)

CONSTITUTION

1. TITLE

Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group Inc.

2. DEFINITIONS

In these rules, unless the context requires other meaning the following shall be understood;

- (a) "Group" means the Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group (Inc);
- (b) "Committee" means the elected Executive Committee as set out in these rules;
- (c) "Notified" or "Duly notified" shall mean by printed or written notice, posted to or delivered at the member's last known address, or by some form of public notification as decided by the Committee;
- (d) "Month" shall mean calendar month;
- (e) "Secretary" shall mean Honorary Secretary;
- (f) "Treasurer" shall mean Honorary Treasurer;
- (g) "Designated Functions" shall mean regular meetings, Committee meetings, boat and radio duty, scheduled training or other activities as decided by the Committee;
- (h) "Section" means a sub-group incorporating an activity as designated by the Group;
- (I) "Dedicated" means devoted solely to that purpose;
- (j) "Officers" mean persons holding the positions of Commander, Deputy Commander, Secretary and Treasurer.

3. OBJECTS

The functions of the Group are:

- (a) To assist the authority appointed by the Government in sea search and rescue operations in or adjacent to Western Australian waters;
- (b) To assist in the provision of volunteer crew, craft, equipment and communication facilities for sea search and rescue operations.
- (c) To assist in the training of crews, radio operators and all other persons concerned in sea search and rescue operations, employing such funds or otherwise coming into the hands of the Group for the above purposes;

(d) To work in the closest co-operation with the Whitfords Sea Sports Club Inc, in the promotion and maintenance of safety, to engage in the promotion of safe practices at sea amongst the Group, and by example to further this object within the community;

(e) To further promote safety at sea by conducting courses in various subjects for education of the boating public.

4. PROPERTY

(a) The Group shall have the power to purchase, take on lease or in exchange or otherwise acquire any land, buildings, easement, rights or property real or personal which may be requisite for the purpose of, or conveniently used in connection with, any of the objects of this Group subject, as regards land, to the Association Incorporation Act 1987 and so far as the law or licence of the Governor, if granted, may from time to time allow, to sell, demise, mortgage, give in exchange or dispose of same;

(b) All purchases, investments, leases, conveyances, securities or contracts by, to or on behalf of the Group shall be made, taken or entered into in the names of the Committee upon trust for the members and shall (except as to real property) be subject to their disposal. The real property of the Group shall not be dealt with except by resolution of a General Meeting of the members;

(c) Issued Property: all property issued to members remains the property of the Group and shall be returned on demand to the Group or alternatively paid for at market value as determined by the Committee.

5. DAMAGE TO GROUP PROPERTY

Any member who damages Group property shall, at the discretion of the Committee, be held liable for such damage and in default, shall be suspended from all Group privileges until such liabilities are liquidated. Should any member concerned be dissatisfied with the decision of the Committee, they may, by written notice, appeal to the members of the Group at the next General Meeting after the date of such decision, by lodging the amount involved with the Secretary, which shall be retained if the Committee's decision is upheld.

6. OFFICERS, COMMITTEE AND AUDITORS

(a) The Officers of the Group shall consist of a Commander, two Deputy Commanders, Secretary and Treasurer;

(b) The Committee shall consist of the mentioned Officers together with all section leaders;

(c) Honorary representatives to the Committee may be provided by the Department of Transport, City of Wanneroo and the Police Department of WA;

(d) Auditors shall be elected to audit the accounts and shall have the power to call for the production of all books, papers, accounts, vouchers and other documents relating to the affairs of the Group.

7. (a) THE SECRETARY shall keep in a book provided for the purpose, a faithful record of all meetings and proceedings of the Committee, shall convene all meetings in accordance with the rules and notify members of Committee of such meetings, attend to all correspondence and keep

a membership roll including current membership classification, The Secretary shall be ex-officio a member of all sub-committees.

(b) THE TREASURER shall receive all moneys payable to the Group, give receipts for same and bank all moneys in the banking account of the Group: shall present an audited balance sheet at each Annual General Meeting and keep a proper book of accounts, setting out the Group's receipts and expenditures in the accepted manner: shall make all payments authorized by the Committee by cheque drawn on such account and countersigned by the Officers designated by the Committee.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS, AUDITORS AND COMMITTEE

(a) The Officers, Auditors and Committee members shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until the election of their successors. All Officers shall be eligible for re-election except as hereafter provided;

(b) Any member wishing to stand for the position of Commander, must have a minimum of 4 years seagoing experience within the Group.

(c) No member shall be re-elected as Commander if the member has held such office for three (3) consecutive years immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting at which the election is held. No member shall be elected as Commander unless they have had prior to their nomination at least twelve (12) months' experience as a Committee Member of the Group.

(d) Eligibility of Members: any person who qualifies under this Constitution as an Ordinary Member is eligible for election to the Committee, provided all other requirements for specified positions are observed;

(e) Notwithstanding 8 (c) above the Committee may appoint a member to fill any vacated position.

9. PATRON

A suitable Patron may be proposed by Committee and submitted to a General Meeting to be approved by majority vote. Providing that such nominee is willing to accept this title, then Honorary Life membership may be conferred upon such person.

10. SUB-COMMITTEES

The Committee shall be responsible for forming sub-committees to carry out tasks and duties as delegated by the Committee. The Chairperson of each sub-committee shall be elected from the Committee, but other members of such sub-committee can be recruited from other members of the Group. The sub-committee Chairperson shall present their proposals to the Committee for approval and for the allocation for finance and materials to support their activity.

11. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

The Committee by resolution carried by a majority of members of the Committee may suspend or expel from the Group any member who in the opinion of the Committee shall be guilty by word or deed or in any way prejudicing the interests of the Group. Should such member be dissatisfied with the decision of the Committee, they may by written notice appeal to the Group at the next General Meeting, in which case the meeting shall hear the complaint and the

response by the member concerned. A secret ballot of Ordinary Members will be taken and the results shall be final.

12. MEMBERSHIP

12.1 NEW MEMBERS

12.1.1 Any person who;

(a) has signed the prescribed membership application form; *and*

(b) has been interviewed by the Personal Officer and Committee members and accepted by Committee; *and*

(c) has enrolled for Basic Training in accordance with Standing Orders, is qualified to be a New Member.

12.1. 2. A New Member shall not have the right to vote until he/she qualifies as an Ordinary Member.

12.2 ORDINARY MEMBERS

12.2.1 Any person who;

(a) makes annual membership application on the prescribed form; *and*

(b) (i) has completed Basic Training in accordance with Standing Orders; or

(ii) is a dedicated qualified radio operator, whose qualifications are approved by the Committee *and*

(c) participates in a minimum of one (1) Group activity per month; *and*

(d) participates in any of two (2) different categories of Group activity in accordance with Standing Orders within a period of no less than the ensuing 3 months after completing Basic Training *and*

(e) ~~(i) is a current financial member of the Whitford's Sea Sports Club Inc. or~~

~~(ii) is a person who wishes to support the Group and pays an annual membership fee;~~

is qualified to be an Ordinary Member with the right to vote.

12.3 SUPPORTING MEMBERS

(a) any person who wishes to support the Group in any capacity; *and*

(b) has signed a Green Form; *but*

(c) shall not pay a fee; *and*

(d) shall not have the right to vote.

12.4 RECLASSIFICATION

(a) If a member does not continue in active participation, any member of the Committee may request that the said member be reclassified as a supporting member. If the Committee votes by a majority in attendance at the Committee meeting determining the request for reclassification that the records so indicate the said member has not been active for three (3) or more months, with no justified reason, the records will be amended to show that the member is a supporting member from that date. Said member shall be notified in writing that their classification has been amended. A member may maintain ordinary membership by advising the Committee in writing when a known absence will take place. The Committee must decide if the duration of the absence will not be detrimental to the function of the Group and if the request is to be granted.

(b) If a member has resigned and at a later date wishes to rejoin the Group, the Committee has the discretion to review qualifications previously held by the applicant and to require the said applicant to undergo such training pursuant to clause 12.2.1 (b) as deemed necessary by the Committee. He/she shall only be re-admitted as an Ordinary Member, with the right to vote, when he/she has fulfilled the other criteria for Ordinary Membership and has participated in Group activities for a period of six (6) months from date of acceptance by Committee.

12.5 AFFILIATE

A person may be accepted as an affiliate member to the Group for the sole purpose of obtaining a radio call sign and licence through the Group radio licence. Membership may be granted by the Committee upon receipt of the prescribed fee and a completed radio licence form, said fee to be set by the Committee each year. No other rights shall be granted under this membership.

12.6 LIFE MEMBERS

For services rendered to the Group or for any other sufficient reason, any member may on the nomination of the Committee be elected Life Member with full Group privileges

13. FEES

~~(a) The annual fee is to be set at the Annual General Meeting. Such fee grants membership eligibility to member's spouse, who is also an Ordinary Member of the Group.~~

~~(b) Annual fees for members of the Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group (Inc) who are not financial members of the Whitfords Sea Sports Club (Inc) shall be due and payable on the 1st of May each year. Said fees must be paid by the 1st June of that year. Failure to pay said fees by the 1st June expiry date shall result in that member, at the Committee's discretion, losing his/her voting rights and being struck off the membership roll of the Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group (Inc);~~

~~(c) Supporting Members shall not be required to pay a fee;~~

~~(d) New Members who are not members of the Whitfords Sea Sports Club (Inc) on being accepted as Ordinary Members shall pay the fee or a pro rata fee as determined by the Committee.~~

14. VOTING

(a) Any member must have Ordinary Membership or Life Membership before having the right to vote at any meeting.

(b) An ordinary or life member shall have the right to give his/her proxy to another member for a specified meeting, such proxy to be given in writing on the prescribed proxy form to the Secretary forty-eight (48) hours prior to the commencement of that meeting.

15. NON PROFIT

The income and property of the Group, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards promotion of the objects of the Group and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise, howsoever, by way of profit, to member Clubs or persons who at any time are or have been members of the Group claiming through any of them provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent payment in good faith of remuneration to any officer or servant of the Group in return for any services actually rendered to the Group.

16. FINANCIAL YEAR

The Group's financial year shall be from the 1st of April one year to the 31st of March of the following year.

17. ANNUAL MEETING

The annual General Meeting shall be held during the month of June each year at a time and place to be determined by the Committee.

18. GENERAL MEETING

The members shall meet at least once a month at a time and place to be determined by the Committee.

19. COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee meeting shall be closed, to be attended only by Committee members and their deputies. A member other than Committee members or their deputies may attend a Committee meeting upon obtaining permission to so attend from the Commander. The Committee shall meet monthly or more or less often if business warrants it and minutes of all resolutions and proceedings of such Committee shall be entered in a book provided for that purpose. A Committee meeting may be cancelled by the Secretary and Commander or Secretary and a Deputy Commander at any time.

A Deputy may vote at a Committee Meeting only in the absence of his/her section leader.

20. SPECIAL MEETING

The Committee shall have the power to call special meetings of the members to be held on such day at such time as may be determined by the Committee. The Committee shall be bound to call a Special Meeting on receipt of a written request signed by at least fifteen (15) ordinary/life members requesting the Committee to do so and specifying the business for which such meeting is to be held.

21. QUORUM AT MEETINGS

(a) Committee Meetings - five (5) members

(b) General Meetings and/or Special Meetings - fifteen (15) ordinary/life members.

22. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

(a) All meetings of the Group shall be conducted generally according to established Rules of Procedure for Meetings;

(b) To the extent that it is not prescribed, meetings may determine their own procedure.

23. POSTPONEMENT

The Committee may postpone any meeting of the Group to such time and place as it thinks fit and such postponement should not exceed thirty-one (31) days, the business of such meeting to be transacted at the next regular monthly meeting.

24. AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION

The Group may affiliate with any associations or federations should the Committee find this desirable and advantageous to the Group and its members.

25. COMMON SEAL

The Common Seal of the Group shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary and shall only be used with the authority of the Committee. All documents to which the Common Seal is affixed shall be signed by two Officers of the Group.

26. LIABILITY

No liability against the Group or its members can be claimed for loss or damage or injury to persons or property of persons whilst competing in an organised event or attending Group

functions generally. Attendance at the venue of such events shall operate as a waiver of claim against the Group.

27. DISSOLUTION

The Group may be dissolved by vote of seventy five percent of the ordinary/life members present at a Special Meeting called for that purpose, provided that one (1) month's notice for any such proposal has been given to all ordinary/life members and provided that seventy five percent of the total of the number of active members are present at the meeting.

Persons who have donated property to the Group and who have specifically requested in writing at the time of donating that such property be returned to them should the Group be wound up, shall have claims to property after dissolution has taken place, Persons who have placed such a lien on property will not be given a receipt for tax deduction purposes.

If upon dissolution of the Group there remains after the satisfaction of its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid or distributed amongst the ordinary/life members but shall be given or transferred to some other incorporated association or institution having similar objects to those of the Group and which prohibits the distribution of its or their income or property among its or their members and being an Organisation which is except from Sales Tax under item 143 in the First Schedule to the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act, and is approved under Section 78 (1) (a) of the Income Tax Assessment Act, or in default thereof or insofar as effect cannot be given to such determination, then such distribution shall be determined by a Judge of the Supreme Court.

28. ALTERATIONS TO RULES

(a) Any ordinary/life member wishing to propose any alterations or addition to the Rules of the Group must give notice in writing stating the proposed alteration or addition at a General Meeting. At a General Meeting two (2) month hence, a vote shall be taken thereon. To effect the proposed alteration or addition the voting in favour of the resolution must not be less than seventy five percent of those present, voting.

(b) A copy of any alteration to the Constitution will be sent to the Ministry for Fair Trading for their information.

AMENDMENTS

26/07/1999 Amendment to Clause 8 (C)

25/09/2002 Amendment to Clause 12.2.1 (e) and Clause 13

October 2002

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Form 5



Certificate of Incorporation

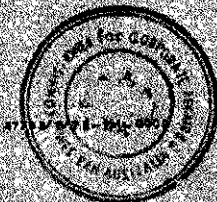
Associations Incorporation Act, 1895-1969
Section 3-(3)

These are to Certify that

WHITFORDS VOLUNTEER SEA RESCUE GROUP

has this day been incorporated as an Association under the provisions of
the Associations Incorporation Act, 1895-1969.

Dated this Thirty-first day of May, 1977



Deputy  COMMISSIONER FOR CORPORATE
AFFAIRS.



Australian Taxation Office

Date of Issue
17 August 2000

Endorsement as a deductible gift recipient

Endorsement as a deductible gift recipient under Subdivision 30-BA of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* is provided as detailed below.

Name	WHITFORDS VOLUNTEER SEA RESCUE GROUP (INC.)
Australian Business Number	87 201 171 108
Endorsement date of effect	1 July 2000
Provision for gift deductibility	item 1 of the table in section 30-15 of the <i>Income Tax Assessment Act 1997</i>
Item(s) in Subdivision 30-B of the <i>Income Tax Assessment Act 1997</i>	4.1.1 public benevolent institution

The fact that you have been endorsed, together with the date or period of effect, is entered in the public register maintained by the Australian Business Registrar.

Endorsement imposes certain obligations on the endorsed entity. The obligations include the maintenance of a gift fund, advising the ATO when entitlement to endorsement ceases, and inclusion of certain details on receipts. Each of these is explained in the ATO publication *Giftpack*. These obligations are imposed by sections 30-125, 30-160 and 30-228 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

Michael Carmody
Commissioner of Taxation and
Registrar of the Australian Business Register

HISTORY OF THE GROUP

After a double fatality off Pinnaroo Point in the early 1970's, a group of concerned "Boaties", which included Ron Upton, Ken Blackie and Lance Gutteridge, formed an informal group to be available and "lookout" for other Boaties using the waters of the Whitfords beach area. They operated off the beach at Pinnaroo Point. In the early days the boats were between 4 to 5.5 meters in length, launching their boats over the sand and often high weed banks, with the help of an old tractor and lots of muscle power! After a number of years of operation the volunteer group decided that the time was right to formalize their operation.

Ron Upton, got together with his mate Lance Gutteridge and the two of them prepared a proposal to set up the "Sea Search and Rescue Group", with the aim of assembling a group of people who could be ready at short notice to go to the aid of people in difficulty at sea. They arranged a public meeting at the old Sorrento Beach Hall to present their proposal. The WA Police, SAS, the local Surf Life Saving group, the Shire and members of the public, attended the meeting. The proposal was unanimously accepted and passed by the people at the meeting that evening, and so the **Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group** was formed.

Ron was soon the proud Commander of a flotilla of 5 boats. Under Ron's command the new members trained and prepared their boats to be in an ever-ready state to respond to a "call for help".

A "log-on" box was set up on the beach for sea goers to record their departure time, number of people on boat, direction in which they were going and estimated time of return. Remember, this is in the pre-radio days so this facility was all-important. By this time Henry Hall and John Stacey had joined the group, all of which are still very active members of the group. Lance Gutteridge retired down to the Margaret River area. Ron, retired from active duties in the mid 1990's, however still regularly attends meetings as a Life Member of the group.

The boats in the new Squad were soon organized into three colour coded groups, the Red Squad were the trainee groups, the Gold Squad the more senior experienced members who handled the in-shore rescue work and "**The Green Squad**", manned by the experienced senior Skippers, handled the major rescues.

After some dedicated fund raising the group acquired a caravan, which became their proud "Mobile Head Quarters". Prior to the advent of radios, communications were conducted using the time-honoured method of signalling with flags. Following the acquisition of their formal Head Quarters, Ron identified the need for radio communications and after long hours of negotiation with the government and authorities, pioneered the first "Marine Radios" in Western Australia. In those days the group was only allowed 1-watt Hand Held radios for the boats. The group set up a radio mast at their Base at Pinnaroo Point as their Command Centre.

It was not that much longer when bigger radios were needed and were quickly acquired by the Group. Formal base stations were soon set up with the old "Ponie" radios and were soon operating from the homes of DJ and Don Baum, and Laurie and Lillian Robinson. On the weekends radio traffic was monitored from the new expanded Head Quarters, a new acquisition in the form of an old converted bus, on the beach at Pinnaroo Point.

Although the base stations were initially granted for the Group's own use, it quickly expanded to the current full monitoring service it now gives to the public, supplying 24 hour, 7-day-a-week radio monitoring and call-out service.

The need soon arose for a dedicated group boat. With a lot more fund raising functions the volunteers of the group sent Ron on a mission to find a boat. Ron with his team comprising of Ken Blackie, Henry Hall and John Stacey set off for Fremantle to find a suitable boat. The team soon returned with a recommendation to purchase a 28 foot Chivers Tango, named "Thunderbird" as the first official dedicated "Green 1". To this day the main dedicated boat is named **Green 1** and the Squad of privately and group owned Rescue Boats are known as **The Green Squad**.

After the construction of the Ocean Reef Marina, Incorporation of the Group took place in May 1977 and the group acquired, from the Water Corporation, an old shed and water tower. The tower was quickly erected on a very high stand, which gave a panoramic view of the ocean, but certainly was not for the faint-hearted! The water tower was converted into the main look-out and radio base station, where many hours were spent on week ends by the volunteers, fortunately by sea fairing volunteers, as the sway of the tower would have made the toughest fairly sea sick.

Aside from running the base station, the members rapidly determined the need for a suitable launching ramp at Ocean Reef, so construction started on a concrete ramp with all the volunteers carting concrete in trailers and wheel barrows, putting in many hours of back breaking work. Unfortunately this effort was only enjoyed for a few weeks, before Cyclone Alby came through and washed it away. After that, mesh and rubber tracks were tried, however, these just disappeared into the sand. In time, the Shire of Wanneroo was able to fund the building of the excellent launching facilities we enjoy today, complete with a separate parking area and jetty for the Group's use.

In 1980 the Whitfords Sea Sports Club was built at Ocean Reef and the Control Room for the Yacht Club, at the front of the building, was offered to the group for the Group's radio operations and monitoring duties.

During this time the Group continued to expand its operations, extending its services to the public with boat handling and safety, navigation and training in radio operations. These courses continued to be run on a regular basis for the public and are always very highly regarded. The Group has a number of fully accredited Yachting Association Instructors to aid in this training. As the group and the Sea Sport Club grew it became apparent that the Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group needed its own home.

After many raffles and various other fund-raising activities, including beach parties, auctions and some donations, the volunteer group was finally able to gather together enough money to start on its new Training and Operations Centre. Land had been granted to the Group by the City of Wanneroo in the form of a peppercorn lease and building commenced in late 1987. With the help of the volunteer members through Ken's many "Busy Bees", donations of materials and equipment by private sponsors and a lot of fund-raising the building finally reached completion. The Groups Head Quarters now stand as a tribute to those dedicated volunteers of the early days.

It is interesting to note that the Group in the early days had a full search for a missing boat once or twice a month, now it is more like once or twice a year for a proper full scale search, as opposed to a RAC type tow-ins due to engine failures and various other difficulties experienced by the boating public. This of course is due to the proliferation of radios on many boats today, making the job of locating disabled boats so much easier. The other factor is possibly through the efforts made by Whitfords and many of the other groups who are able to provide boating and sea safety courses for the public, to further their safety and awareness of the dangers of being unprepared at sea.

In 1996 the second and current Green 1 was purchased. The year 2000 saw the Group purchase its second dedicated rescue vessel, Green 4, which, in conjunction with its main vessel, Green 1, and the 8 privately owned rescue boats, stand at the ready to provide assistance whenever "the call for help" comes through, at any time day or night 365 day a year. The Group is very proud that this fleet, together with

it's team of in excess of 100 active Volunteers, is the largest Volunteer Sea Rescue operation in Western Australia.

The Group has every reason to be proud of its achievements, both in its service to the public and the prompt and efficient manner in which it responds to "the call for help" at any time in any conditions. This is of course, as a result of years of fine-tuning and continuous training programs for all the members and sound local knowledge of the waters in which they operate.

In the early years the Group averaged around 30 rescues a year however in later years the average has been in excess of 300 a year.

On average the Group conducts every year:

- ▶ 35 Training and Education courses for its members with a total of over 350 people attending.
- ▶ 13 Training and Education courses for the public with a total of over 450 people attending
- ▶ 350 rescues and call-outs for a total of over 2,500 man hours
- ▶ Radio logging and recording of over 7500 boat trips a year in the Whitfords jurisdiction
- ▶ Monthly land based and Sea Trial simulated training exercises for the members.

The group has its base at its Operations and Training Centre at Ocean Reef where, together with its three home base stations, a 24 hour a day, 7 days a week radio coverage and search and rescue service is provided for those in need.

After many years of operation, Group members can look back with pride on their dedication and service to the ever-growing numbers of boaties who use the waterways off our coastline.

TREASURER'S REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2006

The Profit and Loss Account as provided by our Auditor shows income for the 12 months to 31st March 2006 as \$259,893 (2005: \$257,964) with general expenditure of \$103,306 (2005: \$100,833). This includes depreciation of \$32,106. Therefore the P & L document shows a profit of \$156,587, similar to the previous year. However, it does not show payments made for assets in the course of acquisition, as during the year we completed the purchase of our new dedicated rescue vessel to a final net value of \$474,116.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

During the 12 months to March 2006, we received \$80,000 assistance towards the new boat from the City of Joondalup, with other sponsorships from Channel 9 for \$7,000 and the City of Cambridge for \$5,000. Funds from the government that were channeled through Metropolitan Sea Rescue Group totaled \$55,218, and we also received a Lotterywest grant of \$29,580. The WVSRG Radio Network brought \$33,175 less associated costs of \$4,550, which was similar to Y/E 2005, whilst courses brought in \$19,650 with associated expenses for examination fees, postage & stationery and advertising of \$8,771, thereby increasing the net profit on last year's proceeds by \$2,000. Our lease agreement with Hutchison Telecoms brought \$13,890, whilst donations for rescue related jobs and otherwise came to \$14,512.

Interest received on bank accounts came to \$2,258 (2005: \$6,187) and fundraising from our first major raffle for some years made a profit of \$4,516.

In terms of expenditure, repairs and maintenance for the former Green 1 came to \$14,286 (2005: \$25,123) and for Green 4 was \$1,305 (2005: \$2,786). Operating costs, being fuel, insurance and miscellaneous consumables, were \$25,658 (2005: \$21,555). The fuel and oils component was over \$20,000 but there is also a diesel fuel rebate due from the ATO of over \$5,000. General administrative costs were \$21,559 (2005: \$16,024) and telephone costs were \$6,742 (2005: \$6,428).

CONCLUSION

We have this year had the pleasure of commissioning a 40ft dedicated rescue vessel, as a result of a lot of hard work over recent years. We are particularly grateful to the members who maintain the radio network and run the public education courses, as well as those who have been involved in obtaining sponsorship, and organising and participating in the raffle. All these activities not only raise money, but have an important role in raising our profile with the public.

At last year's AGM, I expressed the hope that we could look to establishing an ongoing programme for the replacement of assets, and I am pleased to say that your Committee are currently considering a replacement for the 30ft aluminum vessel. We must plan ahead in terms of the Group's needs and possible development. Looking into the not too distant future, the expansion of the northern suburbs and a proposed new marina may necessitate our purchase of a third dedicated vessel. I also believe that we should look to the purchase of a small boat that can be used for the education courses. All this takes money, and although we are presently assured of funding on a regular basis from the Government, it would be highly desirable to obtain a number of sponsors who will support the Group each year to a similar value. We take pride in being part of WVSRG, so let's spread the word and find sponsors who would be proud to be associated with us on a financial basis!

Angela Kellett
Hon. Treasurer,

4 Karri Court
Woodvale WA 6026
June 27,2006

AUDIT REPORT

To the Committee of the Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group Inc

I have audited the financial records of the group for the 2005/2006 fiscal year. And at your request translated the figures to the financial reporting format adopted by yourselves that is, The Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet and The Notes Attaching Thereto being the financial performance and statement of financial position for the Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group as at March 31 2006.

The group's management committee is responsible for the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the group and are appropriate to the needs of the management committee and its general members.

The audit covered all original documentation as recorded in the cashbook, bank accounts, general journal and general ledger as well as your GST returns, Diesel Fuel Rebate returns and depreciation schedules. I did not review the process of approving the Groups expenditures, which I understand is minuted at the groups monthly management meetings. I also did not review, as being considered impracticable, the control over the receiving and receipting of cash and cheques, prior to their initial recording and banking. However, it is considered that the books and records of the group reflect the transactions for the financial year under review and that your accounting practices are consistent with previous years.

As stated above, the Profit and Loss Statement, Appropriation Statement, Balance Sheet and Notes Attaching thereto, have been drawn up so as to reflect a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Whitfords Volunteer Sea Rescue Group as at March 31 2006. It is my opinion, subject to the above comments, that the financial statements present fairly in accordance With applicable Accounting Standards, the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A.B. Sheehan', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

A.B. Sheehan CPA

WHITFORDS VOLUNTEER SEA RESCUE GROUP INC

PROFIT AND-LOSS ACCOUNT

LAST YEAR	FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31 2006	THIS YEAR
	INCOME	
8,738	Courses - Public Education	Note #1 10,879
9,322	Donations	Note #2 14,512
1,626	Fund Raising	Note #3 4,516
174,140	Government Grants (FESA)	84,799
6,187	Interest Received - Banking	2,259
13,230	Lease & Other income	13,892
16,250	Non Government Sponsorships	92,450
115	Profits/Losses on Sales of	7,962
<u>28,355</u>	Assets Radio Network	Note #4 <u>28,626</u>
257,964		259,893

EXPENSES

16,024	Administration	Note #5 21,559
24,551	Depreciation (As Per Depreciation Schedules)	32,106
2,412	Functions - Volunteer Members	1,290
693	Motor Vehicle Expenses	37
642	Minor Plant Items Expensed on Purchase	0
21,555	Rescue Vessels Operating Costs	Note #6 25,685
28,528	Rescue Vessels Maintenance Costs	Note #7 15,887
<u>6,428</u>	Telephone	6,742
<u>100,833</u>		<u>103,306</u>
157,131	Income Less Expenses = Net Profit or (Loss)	<u>156,587</u>

ACCUMULATED PROFIT AND LOSS (EQUITY) ACCOUNT AS AT MARCH 31 2006

LAST YEAR	THIS YEAR
434,560	BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 591,691
<u>157,131</u>	Net profit (loss) for Year <u>156,587</u>
<u>591,691</u>	<u>748,278</u>

WHITFORDS VOLUNTEER SEA RESCUE GROUP INC

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT MARCH 31 2006

MEMBERS FUNDS

LAST YEAR

591,691

Accumulated Profits/Losses

THIS YEAR

\$ 748,278

Represented By

CURRENT ASSETS

1,663	Accounts Receivable	Note #8	5,211
2,004	Accruals GST		1,349
430	Cash on Hand		330
39,380	ANZ Bank Investment Account 8509-61385		59,389
4,615	Challenge Bank Radio Account 962779		35,544
<u>21,833</u>	Challenge Bank Admin Account 971894		<u>3,713</u>
69,925			105,537

FIXED ASSETS

311,750	Assets In the Course Of Acquisition	0
166,022	Lease Hold Improvements Land & Buildings	166,022
<u>-4,533</u>	less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-5,878</u>
<u>161,489</u>		<u>160,144</u>
39,522	Radio Room Plant & Equipment	38,945
<u>-33,287</u>	less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-33,765</u>
<u>6,235</u>		<u>5,180</u>
9,071	2nd Tower Room Plant & Equipment	9,071
<u>-8,822</u>	less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-8,906</u>
<u>249</u>		<u>165</u>
1,190	Kitchen Plant & Equipment	1,190
<u>-1,190</u>	less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-1,190</u>
<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
9,210	Office Plant & Equipment	9,210
<u>-7,109</u>	less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-8,309</u>
<u>2,101</u>		<u>901</u>
15,762	Meeting Hall Plant & Equipment	16,207
<u>-11,331</u>	less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-12,121</u>
<u>4,431</u>		<u>4,086</u>

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WHITFORDS VOLUNTEER SEA RESCUE GROUP INC

BALANCE SHEET CONTINUED

AS AT MARCH 31 2006

LAST YEAR

THIS YEAR

5,194	Store room Plant & Equipment	5,194
<u>-4,894</u>	less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-4,984</u>
<u>300</u>		<u>210</u>
10,961	Base Station Plant & Equipment	10,961
<u>9,689</u>	less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>10,180</u>
		<u>781</u>
18,379	Sundry Plant & Equipment	15,379
<u>-16,043</u>	less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-14,086</u>
<u>2,336</u>		<u>1,293</u>
182,371	Rescue Craft Plant & Equipment	631,352
<u>-150,759</u>	less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-161,371</u>
<u>31,612</u>		<u>469,981</u>
521,776	TOTAL PLANT & EQUIPMENT	642,742
591,700	TOTAL ASSETS	748,279 LESS -
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
10	Accruals Miscellaneous Creditors	0
10		0
591,691	NET ASSETS	748,279

WHITFORDS VOLUNTEER SEA RESCUE GROUP INC

Notes-to-and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year - ending, March 31
2006

Note # 1 - Income from Courses is made up of :

Income from :

Boatsmart and TL3 Courses	15,236	
Navigation Courses	1,355	
Radio Communication Course:	2,673	
Miscellaneous Courses	<u>386</u>	19,650
Less Expenditures on :		
Advertising 2,097		
Examinations 3,478 Equipment 143		
Postage & Stationery	<u>3,053</u>	<u>-8,771</u>
		<u>10,8791</u>

Note # 2 - Income from Donations is made up of :

Donations Charitable	682
Donations - Radio Network	4,215
Donations - Rescue Related	9,615
	<u>14,512</u>

Raffles (Charitable)
Less cost of prizes

Less Expenses

Note # 3 - Income from Fund Raising is made up of :

Note # 4 - Income from
up of :

7,837
-2,986
-335
Radio Network is made

WHITFORDS VOLUNTEER SEA RESCUE GROUP INC

Notes-to-and-forming part of the Financial Statements for the year--ending, March 31 2005

Note # 5 - Administration Expenditure is made up of :

Accounting & Audit Fees	450
Advertising	0
Bank Charges	91
Building Maintenance	3,603
Electricity & Gas	274
Equipment Repair	1,311
Insurance	2,270
Legal Fees	0
Licences	282
Miscellaneous	215
Office Suppliers	1,014
Postage	622
Printing & Stationery	2,206
Public Relations	2,022
Staff Welfare	2,052
Subscriptions & Affiliation Fees	2,170
Training	1,217
Uniforms	1,279
Website	472
	33,175
	21,559

Note # 6 - Rescue Vessels Operating Costs is made up of:

Fuel and Oils				20,249	
Green	Squad	Private	Boats		0
Insurance				4,516	4,158
Miscellaneous Consumables				1,279	
				25,685	

Income from :
Radio call sign and boat register details

Less Expenditures on

Computer Processing 2,334

Postage & Stationery 2,216

Note # 7 -- Rescue Vessels Maintenance Costs is
made up of :

-4,550

28,626

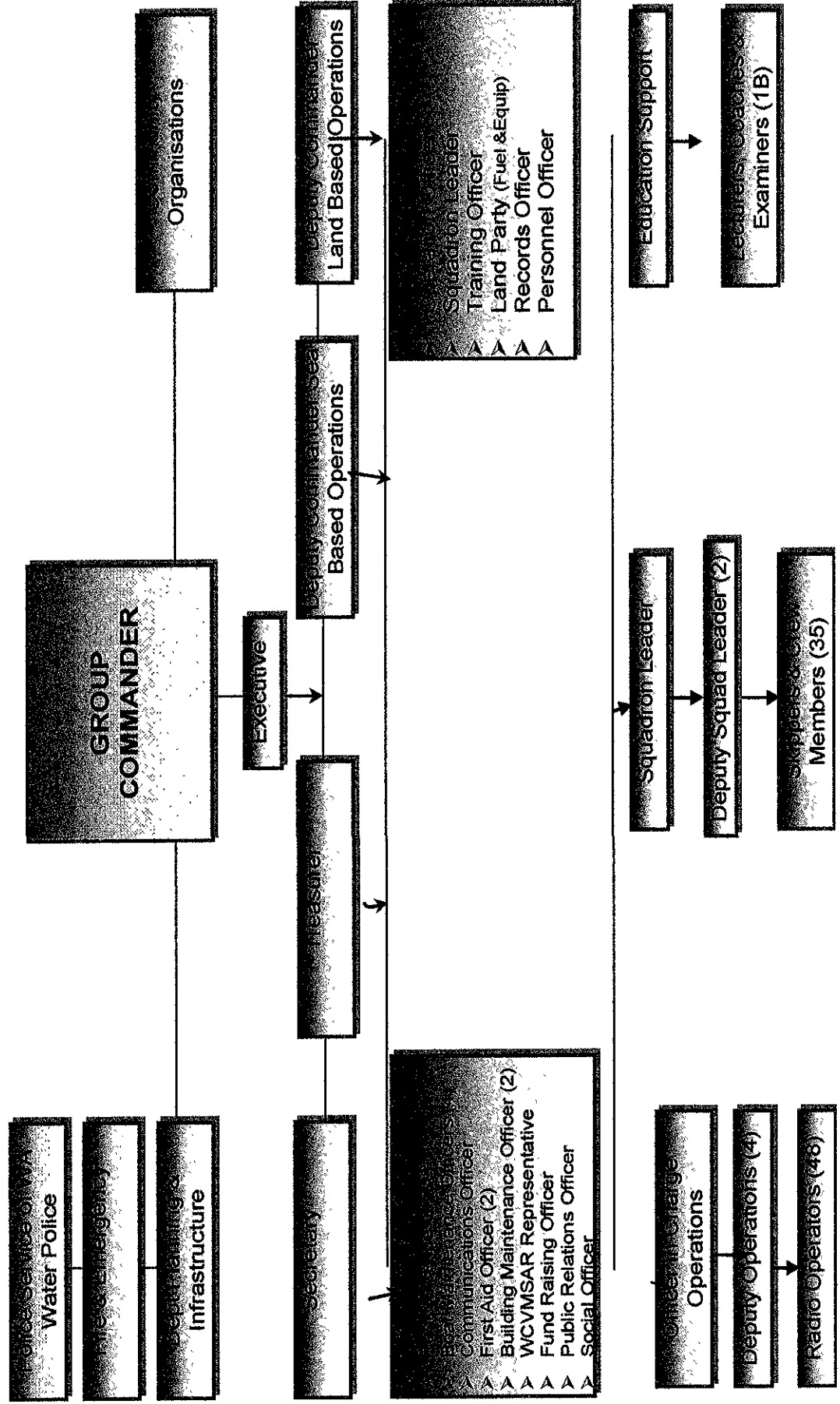
Repairs & Maintenance Green 1	296
Repairs & Maintenance Green 2	14286
Repairs & Maintenance Green 4	1305

Note # 8 - Accounts Receivable is made up of :	
Diesel Fuel Rebates	5,165
Lee Pond	46
	<u>5,211</u>

15,8871

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