

# Becoming an Active Member of Volunteer Marine Rescue Gladstone (VMRG)

- Must pay membership fee of \$100 for the first year then eligible for reduced fee of \$15 per year.
- Must complete a minimum of 20 hours as a volunteer each year
- Training depends on roles undertaken
- An active member may be eligible for a reduced membership fee on joining. This will be individually reviewed and approved at the VMRG Committee's discretion.

## Land-based roles

### Radio Operator

- Must complete training with experience radio operator and demonstrate ability to handle routine low level situations

#### Training

- Long Range Operator Certificate of Proficiency (LROCP)
- First Aid
- Local knowledge

#### Roster

- Placed on a roster to work 1 or 2 shifts of 6 hours every 3 months on a Saturday or Sunday. Some week-day shifts are also available

### Maintenance

- Have experience in electrical or mechanical maintenance
- Trade background for example boilermaker, fitter and turner

#### Training

- Familiarisation with equipment

#### Roster

- Placed on a roster for up to 1 day every 5 weeks

### Administration/Training

- Asset management including managing the asset register and overseeing the maintenance and repair of assets.
- Manage leasing of facilities
- Maintain records, reports & files
- Maintain administrative procedures manual
- Represent VMRG to customers, the public, government and other external sources
- Assist Committee and other managers or coordinators with administrative tasks
- Coordinate training program for water-based roles

#### Eligibility

- Have experience in administrative, management or training roles

#### Training

- Mentoring by other volunteers

#### Roster

- Various roles will require varying time commitments

## Water-based roles

### Boat Crew

- Be appointed as a trainee to boat crew

#### Eligibility

- Must be assessed as competent

#### Training

- Safety Skill Set – 2 day theory and practical course
- Competent Crew – completion of 5 units of competency-based training in addition to a 2 day theory and practical course
- Proof required for any recognition of prior learning requests
- Note: Safety Skill Set must be completed within 6 months of becoming a trainee and prior to being eligible for Competent Crew training

#### Roster

- Placed on a roster 1 week every 5 weeks

### VMR Coxswain

- Be able to drive the rescue boats

#### Eligibility

- Must have completed Safety Skill Set and Competent Crew
- Must be recommended for further training by Unit Training Coordinator

#### Training

- Two week theory and practical course and completion of 10 units of competency-based training
- Proof required for any recognition of prior learning requests

#### Roster

- Placed on a roster 1 week every 5 weeks

### VMR Skipper

- Be able to lead the crew in a rescue situation

#### Eligibility

- Must have completed VMR Coxswain
- Must demonstrate leadership, decision making and all aspects of vessel handling.
- Must complete one rescue or simulated rescue under the supervision of the Chief Boat Skipper.
- Must complete one rescue or simulated rescue under the supervision of the Unit Training Coordinator
- Trainee skipper must be mentored by senior skipper until competent
- Must be recommended to the Committee for appointment as VMR Skipper following successful completion of the above rescues

#### Roster

- Placed on a roster 1 week every 5 weeks

## VMRG Committee

A committee is elected each year to fulfil the roles of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Chief Controller, Deputy Chief Controller, Chief Boat Skipper, Maintenance Manager, Boat and Crew Manager and general committee members.