



Expression of interest for Membership of Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie (MRLM).

Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie is an Accredited Volunteer Emergency Service Organisation, with strict guidelines and operational procedures. We operate our radio base 24/7 and have crew on our vessels during daylight hours with further crew being on overnight standby. We will respond to requests for help from the boating public, whether on the lake or up to 30 nm offshore. As such, it is essential that our volunteers are well trained, so duties are carried out in a safe manner, and can provide the appropriate assistance.

We also provide education for the public to undertake boat and / or PWC licences theory is available. We also undertake Marine Radio Licence training for the public.

In our unit we value two types of volunteers.

- Those members who wish undertake **operational duties**: radio duties or vessel duties after your interview you will be advised whether you will be assigned to radio or vessel duty. Whichever duty you have been assigned, you will still be required to do a nominal amount of shifts in the other stream either radio or boat.
- Those members who wish to undertake **unit support duties** e.g. fundraising (selling raffle tickets, cooking BBQ's, directing parking, towing the raffle boat are some fundraising examples), building / boat / ground maintenance etc (unit support members are not expected to undertake training).

Volunteers are expected:

- To have clear handwriting as it is an essential skill for our members, so please complete the attached Expression of Interest form in your own handwriting.
- Willing to show commitment to the unit by attending your agreed shifts.
- If you are intending to undertake radio or crew training, and due to the complexity of tasks required to be undertaken, then a certain level of literacy and numeracy is essential and you are expected to be computer literate with basic typing skills.
- Operational members are required to undertake the 8 Foundation Training sessions (relevant to your stream) and can start duty after 6 weeks of the Foundation Training.
- As a volunteer organisation, we rely on public support and more importantly, our own fundraising efforts, therefore it is also a requirement, that all members support our fundraising activities.

We hold an Information Night three times a year. If selected for interview, the applicant will be given a MRNSW application form and a National Criminal History Record Check form to complete and proof of ID will be required.

During the first six months of unit membership, you are considered a probationary member and at the end of the six months, you will be assessed to ascertain if you have shown the necessary motivation and commitment, before being recommended for full membership and supplied with a uniform.

If you feel that Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie is for you then please complete the Expression of Interest Form overleaf and return it to either one of our bases – our boat base at Pelican or our radio base at Swansea Heads or post it to:-

The Membership Officer

Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie

PO Box 101 Swansea NSW 2281

or email to membership.lakemacquarie@marinerescuensw.com.au

