

HOW TO JOIN MARINE RESCUE LAKE MACQUARIE

Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie is your local volunteer marine safety organisation. In addition to our primary role of safety on the water, both on the lake and out at sea, Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie provides education including boat licence theory courses and Marine Radio (SROCP and LROCP) courses.

If you are interested in joining our organisation, initial enquiries may be made on (02) 4971 3498, by leaving a completed Expression of Interest form at the Swansea or Pelican bases or use the form on the “Interested in joining Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie” webpage, message or e-mail the Membership Officer at membership.lakemacquarie@marinerescuensw.com.au

We have three intakes per year, at which time you will be invited to an information session to brief you on our organisation and our expectations for membership and you will be able to pick up the application forms, should you wish to join us.

We have two streams for entry – operational where you will be required to undergo either radio operator training and assist in fundraising or Unit Support which is fundraising or other non-operational duties only to be accepted for probationary membership. Crew training for our rescue vessels is available following achievement of a radio operator rating.

All organisations (including Marine Rescue NSW) now require a Police security check before you will be accepted as a probationary member.

During this probationary period you will be required to prove your suitability by engaging in the following activities which you will be required to enter into your log book and have signed by the member supervising your activity.

- Practical safety induction
- Induction certification
- Foundation training in a classroom situation for several weeks prior to starting your actual radio training at our radio base.
- Long Range Operators Certificate of Proficiency – in conjunction with AMC (Australian Maritime College)
- Participation in radio trainee shifts (if operational) and fundraising activities or any other duties available within the unit
- Attend monthly unit meetings

You will be provided with a mentor to assist you with your initial entry into Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie.

On successful completion of your probationary period and with the approval of the Executive Officers you will be accepted into Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie as an ordinary member. Uniforms will not be issued until this time.