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BASE OPEN DAY A HUGE SUCCESS



Record crowds, great weather, and a fun time had by all! The 2009 Snowy Hydro SouthCare Base Open Day on Sunday 22nd February had lots of activities, competitions and educational things to do and see.

The Snowy Hydro SouthCare Base in Symonston showcased the working of an operational rescue helicopter base. Perhaps the most spectacular part of the day was the Snowy Hydro SouthCare backup helicopter being called out for three rescue missions during the open day. The public had the chance to see the team in action, from loading, taking off, landing and re-fuelling.

Harley Davidson rides with the Canberra Harley Owners Group proved a hit with young and old, and the helicopter joy rides provided by HeliSurveys were booked out throughout the day. For the car enthusiasts the displays of the Falcon GT Club of Canberra, Street Machine Club Australia and the FE-HR Holden owners club were a fantastic sight.

Kids were treated to face painting, F.A.R.M complete with sheep, ducks, rabbits and more, a fantastic jumping castle that burnt off all the energy from the SERVICE ONE Members Banking delicious fairy floss. This did however leave many parents on the side lines holding helium balloons!

A strong presence from ACT Emergency Services was of particular interest given the participation in the recent Victorian bushfires with certificates of appreciation being presented to representatives of the ACT Fire Brigade, Guises Creek and Jerrabomberra Volunteer Fire Brigades and the ACT State Emergency Service.

Inside the hanger visitors were able to see presentations on the fire fighting air cranes, the wonderful model helicopters by David Deane were a hit, Alacrity had text messaging competitions, and our major sponsor, Snowy Hydro reminded everyone about renewable energy and the importance of supporting our service.

AMSA also promoted the importance of the EPIRB, which was used in the SHSC winch rescue of three bushwalkers last Friday. Relaxing under the tent (and out of the sunshine) guests were treated to performances by the Canberra City Band, Canberra City Pipes and Drums, Sing Australia, and even a fantastic Elvis tribute thanks to Garry Buckley.

A highlight of the day was the presence of the helicopters from the Rural Fire Service and the Royal Australian Navy. Everyone had the chance to have a look and talk to the pilots about each of these great machines.

Capital Chemist had the luck of good weather to be able to inflate their hot air balloon which was a great thing to see. Yellow were also there to provide balloons for the children and product information for the parents.

Snowy Hydro SouthCare Base Open Day was a great success; we would like to give a special thanks to Robbo's Harley-Davidson for sponsoring the event and hope that everyone enjoyed the day and will continue their SHSC support.

The work of the helicopter was boosted by a contribution of \$2,000 from the National Service and Combined Forces Association Canberra Branch and \$962.95 donated from IGA City West Community Chest Fund.

To all the volunteers thank you for your time and effort, we could not have made the day as successful if we didn't have your invaluable help.



Thank You



9 MISSIONS
IN 9 DAYS

The Snowy Hydro SouthCare helicopter has reached 3362 missions, which includes nine in the past nine days.

Four of those missions were in the 24 hours of the Base Open Day so the public was given the chance to see the back-up helicopter refuel, take off and land on several occasions, which is a great re-inforcement of just many missions where Snowy Hydro SouthCare is required.



MARK YOUR DIARY! SNOWY HYDRO SOUTHCARE GALA DINNER, 4 JULY 2009

The Snowy Hydro SouthCare annual Gala Dinner will be held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra on Saturday, 4th July, 2009.

It's 'Return to Vegas' as the event heads back to the very successful casino themed celebration. As always there will be great food, company and fun all in the name of supporting the Snowy Hydro SouthCare Helicopter.

So mark the date in your diary, and come along and show your support by purchasing a ticket. Tickets are \$150.00 per head or \$1500.00 for a table of 10. To purchase your ticket please call (02) 6207 8375 and all proceeds will assist to keep Snowy Hydro SouthCare in the air and saving lives.

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