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## **Busy Saturday for Snowy Hydro SouthCare**

The Snowy Hydro SouthCare rescue helicopter has been very busy today with two missions and a re-enactment of a heavy vehicle accident scenario at the Bombala Australia Day celebrations.

At 8 am the rescue helicopter was tasked to Tumut to transfer a 17 year old male patient to The Canberra Hospital for further treatment and at 4pm was tasked to Pambula to pick up at 79 year old male with a heart condition and transport him back to TCH.

In between missions the helicopter flew into the Bombala Australia Day celebrations where the Pilot, Aircrewman, Doctor and Paramedic were participating in a heavy vehicle accident scenario with NSW Ambulance and Rural fire Service as well as the NSW Fire Brigade.

The re-enactment involved two patients in a heavy vehicle accident, one patient was trapped in a car and had to be treated and cut out of the vehicle, whilst another was pinned underneath the trailer of the heavy vehicle and required hydraulics that can lift up to 20 tonne. Both patients were treated by NSW Ambulance as well as the Snowy Hydro SouthCare Doctor and Paramedic. The patient was then carried in a stretcher to the waiting helicopter by all parties involved. The purpose of this exercise was to show locals how many people attend an accident scene and what it takes to rescue someone.

Along with the Snowy Hydro SouthCare rescue helicopter visitors were treated to water bombing exercise as well as a collection of classic cars, sheep shearing competitions and awards to the areas Australia Day winners.

On Sunday January 31, 2010 between 11am and 2pm the Indian and Sri Lankan Canberra community will be celebrating their Vegetarian Food Fair at the Canberra Aru Padai Murugan Temple and will be donating the proceeds to the Snowy Hydro SouthCare Rescue Helicopter.

The Snowy Hydro SouthCare Rescue Helicopter relies on community support to keep the helicopter in the air, savings lives and Canberran's are urged to support this local Vegetarian Food Fair . "The generous actions of the Canberra Aru Padai Murugan Temple are greatly appreciated with all proceeds from the day going directly to the helicopter, and directly saving lives" says Snowy Hydro SouthCare CEO Steve Gregory.

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**NB: Please note that our full registered business name is Snowy Hydro SouthCare, please ensure you use the correct terminology when reporting. Many thanks.**

*Snowy Hydro SouthCare Helicopter Service was established in 1998 as the primary provider of aero-medical and rescue helicopter services in the Australian Capital Territory and southeastern New South Wales. Call (02) 6205 1582 or visit [www.snowyhydrosouthcare.com.au](http://www.snowyhydrosouthcare.com.au) for more information.*