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## **FOUR RESCUES IN 24 HOURS FOR SNOWY HYDRO SOUTHCARE**

The Snowy Hydro SouthCare Helicopter was kept busy yesterday by completing four rescue missions within a 24-hour period. The helicopter left for its first mission on Monday evening and headed to the town of Coolamon, near Wagga. There, the medical crew picked up a 10-year-old boy who sustained head injuries after having fallen off a motorbike. After being stabilised, the patient was flown to The Canberra Hospital for further treatment.

Just as the helicopter was returning to the Snowy Hydro SouthCare base at 1:30 a.m. on Tuesday, a second mission was called in. The second mission involved a single vehicle accident near Narooma where a 44-year-old male was rescued after being trapped in his car with spinal injuries. The Snowy Hydro SouthCare crew flew the patient to The Canberra Hospital before their third mission, at noon the same day.

During the third mission, the crew rescued an elderly male and female from a roll-over accident at Bondo State Forrest. One patient was in a critical condition with chest injuries and fractures, while the other passenger sustained minor injuries. After the patients were transported to The Canberra Hospital at 2:00 p.m., the helicopter picked up the 44 year-old male patient from earlier in the day and transported him to Royal North Shore Hospital in Sydney to receive specialised treatment for his spinal injuries.

Paramedic Trevor Stohr, who was on duty for the last two missions of the day says, "It was a busy period for Snowy Hydro SouthCare with the four missions." Though the four missions made for a very busy day, Snowy Hydro SouthCare turned a day of emergencies into a day of rescues.

For more information about Snowy Hydro SouthCare, or to make a donation to this important regional medical service, look at [www.snowyhydrosouthcare.com.au](http://www.snowyhydrosouthcare.com.au), or call (02) 6207-8375.

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*Snowy Hydro SouthCare Helicopter Service was established in 1998 as the primary provider of aero-medical and rescue helicopter service in the Australian Capital Territory and southeastern New South Wales. The Service provides the community with the highest standard of aero-medical and rescue helicopter services by flying directly to the scene of an accident to transport critical patients; transferring patients with urgent specialized medical needs from one hospital to another; and non-medical missions including search and rescue and assisting the Bushfire Service with aerial fire-fighting.*