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Snowy Hydro SouthCare Celebrates a Decade of Operation

The Snowy Hydro SouthCare Aero-medical and rescue helicopter service is celebrating 10 years of service to the ACT and SE NSW communities. Established in 1998, the Service has performed almost 3,000 life saving and rescue missions.

The Service provides assistance at accident scenes, transports severely ill or injured patients from regional hospitals to more specialised care, performs search and rescue missions in remote areas and assists the bushfire service with aerial firefighting.

Mr David Marshall, Chairman Snowy Hydro SouthCare Helicopter Fund said, “Snowy Hydro SouthCare is comprised of a team of highly-trained and dedicated professionals who are committed to making a difference to people’s lives through the provision of aero-medical and rescue services. We are very pleased to have been able to save so many lives through our ten years of operation. I would like to thank all of the pilots, aircrewmen, intensive care paramedics, medical officers, operational and administrative staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to provide this essential service 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.”

A reception will be held at Government House on Thursday 14th February commencing at 1.00pm to celebrate the Anniversary of Snowy Hydro SouthCare. Following the arrival of the Snowy Hydro SouthCare helicopter the Governor General Major-General Michael Jeffery will present awards to representatives of the groups who make up and contribute to the Service.

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