

**THE HON. DAVID HARRIS MP
MEMBER FOR WYONG****MARINE RESUCE NSW APPOINTED
NEW COMMISSIONER VISITS NORAH HEAD**

The new appointed Commissioner Alex Barrell of Marine Rescue NSW visited the members at Marine Rescue Norah Head along with the Hon David Harris member for Wyong.

Commissioner Alex Barrell commenced his new role in April this year and has spent 30 years working in emergency and rescue service organisations.

Marine Rescue Norah Head were a successful applicant in the Community Building Partnership program receiving a \$65,000 grant from David Harris MP.

The grant went towards a new custom branded vehicle, capable of towing their rescue vessel to required locations and transport crew to other bases.

Deputy Unit Commander Rodger Bruce spoke about future plans on how to improve the rescue facility for all members involved at Norah Head.

Commissioner Alex Barrell is looking forward to leading the Marine Rescue NSW into the future and importantly with the industry partners and supporting the boating community.

"The summer period was our busiest on record and this increased workload by our dedicated and tireless volunteers did not go unnoticed, I'd like to acknowledge and thank our members for their unwavering commitment to saving lives on the water".

"We are keen to grow our membership and bring new members into the unit and we are strongly connected through our network", Mr Alex Barrell said.

“I welcome Alex Barrell as the newly appointed Commissioner of Marine Rescue NSW and to share our beautiful waterways at Norah Head”, David Harris said.

“Volunteers at Norah Head Marine Rescue serve their community by responding to emergencies and other incidents on the water,” David Harris said.

Image names starting from the left – Harry Asher, Deputy Unit Commander Rodger Bruce, Brent La Delle, Jason Richards, Commissioner Alex Barrell, The Hon David Harris MP and Colin Berry

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