

# QCYC committee members assist in saving the day – “Awesome” grounded off the QCYC fairway and club house!!

.....CFA records the incident! - April 2010

**Incident name:** Bridge Street - other  
**Region:** 7  
**Date:** 13 April 2010  
**Brigades:** Queenscliff

## Awesome sinking feeling

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**A** \$1.5 Million luxury cruiser was deliberately run aground by its crew off the new Queenscliff Harbour in mid-April. The 20-metre cruiser, named 'Awesome', was undertaking its first sea-trial after berthing in the new Queenscliff Harbour for approximately six months for repairs. It had to be run aground to stop it from sinking after it began taking on water.

Members of the Queenscliff Fire Brigade were paged to the incident to use the new Coast Guard pump to pump water from the boat's engine room. First responding crews were taken out to the leaking boat and immediately began setting up the pump, along with Queenscliff Yacht Club's firefighting pump, and St. Leonards firefighting pump.

Crews worked all throughout the day, along with Queenscliff Harbour crews to get Awesome off the sand. The boat was eventually moved onto the Queenscliff Harbour Sling.

Numerous Queenscliff brigade members have recently completed one of the first Coast Guard training programs in the state. It was very satisfying for the brigade to see the first major marine incident on the new harbour go off without a hitch. ■

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'Article as it appears in this months CFA "Brigade" magazine' Brian Golland

**The story of how the expensive luxury cruiser ended up aground in front of the club house in mid April appeared in the Country Fire Authority (CFA) magazine – “Brigade” (Winter Edition) published recently.**



**During one of the clubs working days on the new north wharf installation, Rex Prosser, John Gleeson and Brian Golland from the committee watched as the cruiser ran ground as it headed for shallow water after suffering a substantial leak during sea trials off Queenscliff harbour.**

CFA crew members from Queenscliff brigade headed by David Hume – Captain, successfully worked all day to assist the crew of the vessel arrest waters in the stern section including the motor room and sleeping quarters.

Quickly responding to a call from both QHPL and CFA crews, the QCYC members assisted by loaning the QCYC Fire Pump which provided additional capacity to the pumps already being used by CFA to pump water from the bilge.

Channel 10 news reporter and cameraman visited QCYC and took footage of the incident from our wharf and we featured on their 6pm news as many members will remember.

The operation took most of the day with Craig Elstone of Elstone Diving Services finally stemming the flow of water and directing operations for QHPL to get the cruiser back into the harbour and safely on the hard but some 3 months later “Awesome” remains there!