



## November 2024 Update:



**NSW PREMIER'S AWARD:** NSW Ambulance is chuffed to announce two of their volunteer programs are finalists in the NSW Premier's Awards.

**The Howlong Community Emergency Response Team is a finalist in the Excellence in Service Delivery category** and the NEXTGen Clinical Volunteer Induction Training, in partnership with the Clinical Excellence Commission, has been recognised in the World Class Education and Training Category.

The Howlong Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) has been operational since October 2023 and is run by volunteers who have completed a comprehensive nine-month training program, both in the classroom and on the road with local paramedic crews. These clinical volunteers are trained to assist paramedics and are deployed by the Triple Zero (000) dispatch system to provide initial assistance before paramedics arrive.

The NEXTGen Clinical Volunteer Induction Training has provided an opportunity to redesign the clinical training to better meet the needs of our volunteers. The course allows students to begin responding under supervision during the 9–12-month program. Once inducted, clinical volunteers are credentialed to respond and provide clinical care to patients in their communities. The winners will be announced at a ceremony in November this year. HCPA wishes the Howlong CERT best of luck & we hope you win!!

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

On Mon 23 September another successful AGM was held and saw 7 committee members elected: - Stuart Sizer, Cheryl Cook, Sue Wearne, Robyn Roland, Veronica Husted, Liz Hall and Malcolm Whittle. We welcome new committee member Malcolm and thank him for stepping up, whilst saying a big thank you to outgoing member John Skinner who has devoted his time and expertise since the inception of HCPA in 2021. As both Cheryl and Sue were elected as Councillors for the next 4 years, they will stay on for a period until a smooth handover of their tasks has been accomplished. We are now seeking 2 new committee members to fill the gap and would encourage people to consider getting involved in this worthy community association. We need your help and expertise.... many hands make light work!!

### **HOWLONG CEMETERY TOILET:**



It's finally happening after 2 years of persistence!! On Monday 14 Oct Tonkin plumbing installed the septic and seepage lines with water to the site. Setting out for the slab will be completed soon by Jason Kohn our local builder with concrete from Peter & Jenny Nagle. The disabled toilet block will be double brick with colorbond roofing. We still need to raise about \$6,000 to complete the entire project and we need further financial sponsors to step forward. This has always been a community funded project so watch this space as we get closer to completion, when we will recognise the many local businesses, trades and locals who have donated significant materials and labour in kind. Bravo to all these wonderful people who will enable the toilet facility to be built significantly below what it would normally have cost.

*Becoming a member helps the Howlong Community Progress Association continue focusing on projects of benefit to the Howlong community. Over the past 4 years HCPA has made a big impact and your small financial contribution makes a big difference to our endeavours. You will receive update emails direct to your inbox, so you don't miss out on any news that we need to share. If you're a current member and have forgotten to renew, head straight to Hume Bank, BSB 640 000 Acct 111296102 and pay your \$20 lifetime fee (your name as reference). For new joiners please go to our website or contact the Secretary for a joining form*

