

## VRCau Vertical Rescue Challenge 2002

Dates: October 4-6, 2002  
Where: Oberon NSW

Web site:  
<http://www.geocities.com/vrcau/>

Challenge Phase 1:  
Now till October 3, 2002.  
Hone your skills!

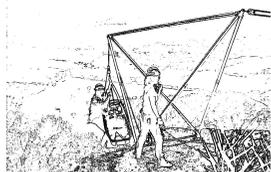
Entries Open: March 2002  
Entries Close: end August 2002

Challenge Phase 2:  
October 4-6, 2002  
Show us, and have fun!

Challenge Phase 3:  
October 4, 2002 on  
Learn more and improve!

### What is the VRCau – Vertical Rescue Challenge Australia?

The VRCau is a vertical rescue  
learning symposium with  
presentations and workshop sessions.



The VRCau is a Vertical Rescue  
Competition designed to challenge  
*any* Vertical Rescue team.

The VRCau is an opportunity to  
network with other VR operators,  
trainers and suppliers.

The VRCau is a chance to see other  
VR teams in action, see what they do  
and learn from it.

The VRCau is a challenge! We  
challenge any and every VR team to:

- Come and show us what you  
can do
- Critically think about how they  
currently do VR and find ways  
to do it better
- Share what they learn with  
other teams
- Learn from other teams

**We are not here to find the best –  
we are here to improve the best!**

### Thumbnail Timetable:

#### Friday October 4:

11:00: Registration opens.  
13:00: Symposium Sessions Start  
16:15: Registration Closes and Teams  
Briefing  
16:45: Equipment Scrutineering

17:45 Close of Day's Events

#### Saturday October 5:

07:00: Breakfast  
08:00: Late Registrations open  
09:00: Round 1 of the Skins  
Elimination Competition Starts  
10:00: Official Opening of VRCau –  
Vertical Rescue Challenge  
Australia 2002 by the Director  
General NSWSES Brigadier  
Phillip McNamara.  
10:20: Skins Elimination Competition  
recommences.  
17:00: Skins Elimination Competition  
Ends  
17:20: NSWFB Prusik Challenge  
19:30: Dinner and Announcement of  
Finalists

#### Sunday October 5:

07:00: Breakfast  
08:00: Depart for Duckmaloi Site  
09:00: Finals Evolutions commence  
09:00: Repechage Events commence  
16:15: End of Finals Evolutions and  
Repechage Events  
19:00: Closing Dinner and  
Presentations

#### Monday October 6:

(Public Holiday)  
Travel home!



## What is a “Skins Event?”

The events in the Skins Elimination Competition are all small specific tasks relating to Vertical Rescue. They all relate to VR skills and knowledge, and can (with practice!) be done in just a few minutes. They are good value for training nights, and help teach new rescuers the basics.

For example, the Knot Tying skins event requires 4 knots to be tied in one piece of rope in less than 3 minutes. The judge then scores each knot based on how well it is tied – and of course time! Sounds easy! ...but we all know the effects pressure has on people, whether it's on the job or in a competition with your competitors, judges, and audience all watching! Those who know their stuff and handle pressure well will come out on top!

The list of potential skins events with full descriptions can be downloaded from our website. There will be 6 skins events in the competition, we'll tell you up to 3 of them before the event!

## What is a “Repechage Event?”

Repechage Events are new to the VRCau. While we want teams to watch other teams in action to learn from them, feedback from the VRC2k suggested teams eliminated from the finals wanted a chance to play as well. Participation in the Repechage Events is voluntary. But don't think the Repechage Events won't be a challenge in their own right! Three Repechage Events are being planned for 2002:

- A Crevis Rescue
- A tyrolean/flying fox
- Single rescuer mid rope rescue

## What about the Finals?

The Finals are a scenario based competition. Limited time to effect a simulated rescue (while being judged!).

There are two “evolutions” for the finals. This year they are:

- “Anything Goes”
- “Limited Equipment Raise and Lower”

Descriptions of all potential Finals Evolutions (and these two in particular!) can be downloaded from our website:

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