

ERICKSON[®]

25 YEARS OF AERIAL FIREFIGHTING SUPPORT IN AUSTRALIA

**SINCE 1997
AND COUNTING**

Dive into 25 years of partnership, collaboration, and dedication to the mission of saving lives and property throughout Australia.



1997-1998

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2006-2007

Erickson introduced the S-64 Air Crane® helicopter to Australian fire agencies. N223AC Millie was the first of the S-64 fleet to be on contract in Australia during the season.

Erickson partnered with HeviLift PNG for the first four years on contract.



This was the first year that N179AC Elvis was on contract in Australia.



This was the last season partnering with HeviLift PNG.



Began a partnership with Helicorp. N179AC went to New South Wales (NSW) for the Black Christmas fires and became one of Australia's most well-known S-64's after **saving the lives of 14 trapped firefighters** in the Burratorang Valley. This furthered national appreciation of the S-64 Air Crane® helicopter and made Elvis a renowned symbol of the collective mission.

The previous fire season was so devastating that it prompted the addition of N154AC Georgia Peach and N164AC Incredible Hulk to be on contract in NSW.



N179AC and N217AC were based in Essendon, VIC and N194AC in Canberra, ACT. N194AC and N217AC were late additions coming over from Greece via an Antonov, arriving in early December. N194AC, although based in Canberra, ACT was on a national contract and moved from QLD, NSW, ACT, VIC and SA as required. **This was the first and only time this happened.**

2007-2008

2008-2009

2009-2010

2010-2011

2011-2012

2012-2013

2013-2014

2014-2015

2015-2016

2016-2017



February 7th, 2009 is known as the "Black Saturday" bushfires. This series of bushfires were among Australia's all-time worst bushfire disasters that ignited and burned across the Australian state of Victoria.



This was the last season partnering with Helicorp.

Began a partnership with **Kestrel Aviation** to operate the fleet of S-64 Air Crane® helicopters within the country. Erickson and Kestrel still hold partnership to this day for the Australia fire seasons.



2017-2018

2018-2019

2019-2020

2020-2021

2021-2022

2022-2023

In January of 2018, multiple bushfires broke out in New South Wales, closing Sydney's Royal National Park.

N6962R Olga was quick to respond to the fires and made an efficient impact in water delivery.



During this unprecedented fire season, the six Air Crane stationed in Australia dropped **10.1M gallons (28.42M liters)**, with over **1,200 flight hours** logged. On the most productive day of the season (Dec. 30, 2019) one aircraft dropped ~374K liters, and the entire fleet dropped ~1.173M liters.



By 2021, Australia has seen a total of **17 different S-64 Air Crane® helicopters** throughout its history of aerial firefighting

Erickson's **25th year on contract to support firefighting efforts in Australia.**



S-64 Air Crane® Legend for Australia Tenure

N154AC Georgia Peach
N159AC Camille
N163AC Bubba
N164AC Incredible Hulk
N173AC Christine
N178AC Isabelle

N176AC Lucille
N179AC Elvis
N189AC Gypsy Lady
N194AC Delilah
N217AC Malcolm
N218AC Elsie

N223AC Millie
N243AC Marty
N247AC Jerry
N957AC Ichabod
N6962R Olga

S-64 AIR CRANE® HALL OF FAME



N223AC



N178AC



N179AC



N164AC



N154AC



N217AC



N194AC



N218AC



N173AC



N243AC



N189AC



N159AC



N957AC



N6962R



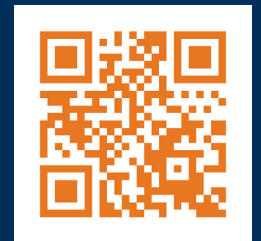
N176AC



N247AC



N163AC



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