Gyrocopter crashes at Warneet, south-east of Melbourne

Photo: The gyrocopter crashed just after midday, police said. (ABC News)

A homemade gyrocopter has crashed into shallow water at Warneet along Western Port Bay, south-east of Melbourne, emergency services say.

Police said it appeared the craft went down at Edgewater Terrace just before 12:30pm but the exact cause was yet to be determined.

There are reports it may have hit powerlines.

Paramedics said a person was still trapped inside the machine, while another man in his 30s managed to escape.

He was treated for chest injuries at the scene and was then flown to the Alfred Hospital in a serious but stable condition.

"We thought it was like a gunshot going off, so we came out to have a look," resident Mel Taylor said.

"No power, then we saw police going down the road."

Dave Barber said it was frantic.

"Everyone was running around at 100 miles an hour," he said.

"This sort of thing doesn't happen [around here]. You hear the odd tyre squeal and fight, but not something at this magnitude," he said.

He said one neighbour paddled out in his kayak to help the pair.

AusNet Services said power is out in the Warneet area and should be restored later this evening.

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