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CHAPTER ONE - PRELIMINARY

LEGISLATION AND ESTABLISHMENT

The key piece of legislation relating to the rescue arrangements in New South Wales is the *State Emergency and Rescue Management Act, 1989*.

Section 42 of the *State Emergency and Rescue Management Act* (the Act) provides for a corporation with the corporate name of the State Rescue Board of New South Wales (the Board). The Board is, for the purposes of any Act, a statutory body representing the Crown.

Section 43 (1) of the Act provides that the Board is to consist of not less than eight members, being:

- the State Emergency Operations Controller;
- the Director General of the State Emergency Service;
- a member of the Police Senior Executive Service nominated by the Commissioner of Police;
- the Commissioner of the New South Wales Fire Brigades;
- the Commissioner of the NSW Rural Fire Service;
- the State Superintendent of the Ambulance Service of New South Wales;
- the President of the Volunteer Rescue Association of New South Wales;
- the Chairperson of the Volunteer Marine Rescue Council of New South Wales; and
- the heads of any other volunteer rescue agencies approved for the time being by the Minister.

Section 43 (2) of the Act provides that one of the members of the Board is to be appointed as Chairperson by the Minister.

Section 45 of the Act provides that the Board is, in the exercise of its functions, subject to the control and direction of the Minister.

CHARTER

Corporate Objective

The principal function of the State Rescue Board is to ensure the maintenance of efficient and effective rescue services throughout the State.

Particular Duties of the Board

The Board is required to:

- develop policies to promote the provision of comprehensive, balanced and coordinated rescue services throughout the State;

- make recommendations to the Minister on policy matters relating to the provision of rescue services within the State;
- review planning for single incident rescues within the State;
- review and disseminate to relevant agencies technical information relating to rescue operations;
- ensure proper liaison and coordination with Federal and other State organisations in connection with rescue services;
- provide advice and recommendations on the compatibility of rescue equipment, including communications equipment;
- make recommendations to the Minister on the accreditation of rescue units (both permanent and volunteer) for participation in rescue operations;
- make recommendations to the Minister on levels of Government support (including financial assistance under Section 60 of the Act) to volunteer organisations providing rescue services;
- assist in the conduct of training exercises in rescue operations involving the various agencies concerned;
- monitor the training standards of the permanent and volunteer services in rescue;
- review proposals for amendment of legislation relating to rescue and make recommendations to the Minister; and
- make reports or recommendations to the Minister on any matter referred to the Board by the Minister.

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

No amendments relating to rescue were made to the *State Emergency and Rescue Management Act, 1989* during 2007-08.

STATE RESCUE BOARD MEMBERSHIP 2007-08

Chairperson Brigadier Philip McNamara CSC ESM
 Director General
 NSW State Emergency Service

Members Deputy Commissioner Andrew Scipione APM
 State Emergency Operations Controller
 (To 31 August 2007)

 Assistant Commissioner Bob May APM
 State Emergency Operations Controller
 (From 1 September 2007 to 30 November 2007)

Deputy Commissioner Dave Owens APM
Commander, Central Metropolitan Region
NSW Police Force
(To 30 November 2007)
State Emergency Operations Controller
(From 1 December 2007)

Assistant Commissioner Catherine Burn APM
Commander, Central Metropolitan Region
NSW Police Force
(From 1 December 2007)

Commissioner Greg Mullins AFSM
Commissioner
NSW Fire Brigades

Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons AFSM
Commissioner
NSW Rural Fire Service

Mr Greg Rochford PSM
Chief Executive Officer
Ambulance Service of NSW

Mr Ray Gill ESM
President
NSW Volunteer Rescue Association Inc
(To 13 October 2007)

Mr Gary Raymond OAM APM
President
NSW Volunteer Rescue Association Inc
(From 14 October 2007)

Commodore Michael Stringer OAM ESM
Chairman
Volunteer Marine Rescue Council of NSW

STATE RESCUE BOARD MEETINGS 2007-08

The State Rescue Board conducted four ordinary meetings during the reporting period:

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 86 th Meeting | Wednesday 22 August 2007 |
| 87 th Meeting | Wednesday 28 November 2007 |
| 88 th Meeting | Tuesday 11 March 2008 |
| 89 th Meeting | Wednesday 28 May 2008 |

In addition, the Board held an extraordinary meeting on Wednesday 7 November 2007 to consider a draft report of the strategic analysis of land rescue service delivery (see Chapter 2).

Attendance at Meetings

Attendance at the Board meetings during 2007-08 is shown in Table 1.1.

Table 1.1: State Rescue Board Meeting Attendance

Member	Present	Represented
Brigadier Philip McNamara CSC ESM	4/5	1
Commissioner Andrew Scipione APM	0/1	1
Assistant Commissioner Bob May APM	1/2	1
Deputy Commissioner Dave Owens APM	2/5	3
Assistant Commissioner Catherine Burn APM	1/2	1
Commissioner Greg Mullins AFSM	5/5	0
Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons AFSM	3/5	1
Mr Greg Rochford PSM	5/5	0
Mr Ray Gill ESM	1/1	0
Mr Gary Raymond OAM APM	4/4	0
Commodore Michael Stringer OAM ESM	5/5	0

SUB COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

Policy Advisory Committee

In November 2007 the State Rescue Board established a standing committee to provide advice on policy issues. The Policy Advisory Committee is comprised of senior representatives of each of the agencies providing land rescue services in New South Wales, and there are provisions for representation from the Volunteer Marine Rescue Council. The Committee is chaired by the State Rescue Board's Planning Officer.

The Policy Advisory Committee met once during 2007-2008.

Training Advisory Committee

The Training Advisory Committee exists as a standing committee to provide advice to the Board on rescue training issues. The Committee is comprised of representatives of each of the agencies providing land rescue services in New South Wales and is chaired by the State Rescue Board's Planning Officer. The Committee is tasked by, and reports to, the Policy Advisory Committee.

A Technical Rescue Sub-Committee can be established at the request of the Chair, to advise the Training Policy Committee on technical rescue training, techniques, procedures and equipment, as the need arises.

The Training Advisory Committee met five times during 2007-2008.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO THE BOARD

The Volunteer Marine Rescue Council of New South Wales

The Volunteer Marine Rescue Council of New South Wales is an advisory body to the State Rescue Board on all marine rescue matters. The Council consists of representatives of the NSW Volunteer Rescue Association, the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol, the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association and the NSW Police Force Marine Area Command. The State Rescue Board Secretariat and NSW Maritime have observers at the VMRC.

Mission Statement

The Council's mission is to provide the necessary climate and environment for the achievement of a fully integrated and coordinated marine rescue service for the New South Wales Coastline.

Volunteer Marine Rescue Council Membership 2007-08

Chairperson: Commodore Michael Stringer OAM ESM
Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol

Members: Commodore Frank Robards ESM
Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association

Commodore Bruce Mitchell
Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association

Inspector Glenn Finniss
NSW Police Force Marine Area Command

Sergeant Anthony Hill
NSW Police Force Marine Area Command

Mr William Carter
NSW Volunteer Rescue Association

Mr Stephen Reading
NSW Volunteer Rescue Association

Commodore Simon Denneen
Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol

Volunteer Marine Rescue Council Meetings 2007-08

The VMRC held six meetings during the reporting period: 5 August 2007, 7 October 2007, 2 December 2007, 10 February 2008, 6 April 2008 and 15 June 2008.

Recreational Vessel Advisory Group

The VMRC is a member of the Recreational Vessel Advisory Group (RVAG) which is a sub-group of the NSW Maritime Authority Council which contributes to the development of the NSW Maritime safety and emergency policies.

Awards

Mr John Aldridge of the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association and Mr Peter Phillipson of the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol were awarded the Emergency Service Medal in the 2008 Australia Day Honours List.

CHAPTER TWO - OVERVIEW OF LAND RESCUE 2007-2008

In maintaining efficient and effective rescue arrangements throughout New South Wales, the State Rescue Board is responsible for developing policy to promote comprehensive, balanced and coordinated rescue services; reviewing planning for rescues; making recommendations to the Minister for Emergency Services on the accreditation of rescue units; making recommendations to the Minister on levels of Government support to volunteer organisations providing rescue services; and assisting the conduct of rescue exercises.

This chapter outlines the changes in land rescue accreditations, the strategic directions that the State Rescue Board is pursuing in improving land rescue service provision, and changes to State Rescue Policy that were approved in 2007-08. Chapter 3 outlines changes in marine rescue accreditations and strategic direction in marine rescue. Chapter 4 provides an overview of land and rescue operations in 2007-08, as well as information on rescue agency membership, training activities and funding of volunteer services. Chapter 5 outlines district level activity undertaken on behalf of the Board.

CHANGES IN LAND RESCUE ACCREDITATIONS

The Board made a number of recommendations to the Minister for Emergency Services regarding land rescue unit accreditations during 2007-08. These recommendations are set out in Table 2.1. In each case, the Minister approved the Board's recommendation.

Table 2.1: Changes in Land Rescue Accreditations 2007-2008

Unit	Accreditation Change
Denman Fire Brigade	Accreditation for primary general land rescue
Echuca-Moama Search and Rescue Squad	Revocation of primary general land rescue accreditation
Dungog SES	Revocation of vertical rescue accreditation
Cooranbong SES	Revocation of vertical rescue accreditation
Nundle SES	Revocation of primary general land rescue accreditation
Penrith Rescue Squad	Revocation of primary general land rescue accreditation
Port Macquarie-Hastings SES	Additional accreditation for vertical rescue
Tabulam SES	Additional accreditation for vertical rescue
Parramatta Ambulance	Additional accreditation for vertical rescue

Unit	Accreditation Change
Bulli Fire Brigade	Change from secondary general land rescue to primary general land rescue
Engadine Fire Brigade	Accreditation for secondary general land rescue
Toronto Fire Brigade	Accreditation for primary general land rescue
Belmont Fire Brigade	Accreditation for primary general land rescue

At the end of 2007-08, there were 186 primary and 129 secondary accredited land rescue units. Of the 315 accredited land rescue units, 93 units are accredited for vertical rescue operations. Land rescue unit accreditations current at 30 June 2008 are set out in Annex 1. Changes to land rescue accreditations that have occurred since the end of 2007-2008 are shown in Annex 2.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS IN LAND RESCUE SERVICE PROVISION

In July 2005 the NSW Auditor General presented to the NSW Parliament a report titled *Coordination of Rescue Services: State Rescue Board of New South Wales*. The Performance Audit made a series of recommendations which were endorsed by the State Rescue Board in 2005. These relate to the need to:

- Develop a strategic approach to rescue
- Introduce service standards
- Enhance accreditation criteria
- Improve information on performance
- Improve compliance

In light of the Audit Report, the State Rescue Board commissioned a strategic analysis of land rescue, which was conducted by Assistant Commissioner Mark Crowweller AFSM of the NSW Rural Fire Service. In June 2007, the State Rescue Board considered a draft interim report of the strategic analysis, and subsequently adopted the following strategic directions to progress the recommendations of the Performance Audit:

- Define Metropolitan, Regional and Remote areas for land rescue
- Develop draft response time standards for those areas
- Develop data management principles to record information on rescue responses
- Develop an Incident Control System for rescue
- Develop a Risk Management framework for general land rescue

The Board's Secretariat has been working with the agencies that provide land rescue services to progress the strategic directions during 2007-2008. To date:

- Metropolitan, Regional and Remote rescue areas have been defined and corresponding interim response time standards are being tested. The draft response

time planning standards have been communicated throughout the services. They are now being used for service provision planning by the rescue agencies, district rescue committees and NSW Police Force Communications Group.

- Data management principles have been endorsed by the Board and an improved data management system has been instituted. Further enhancements to the data management system are under development.
- A risk management framework for land rescue, the Rural Service Delivery Model, has been developed and endorsed by the Board. The Board's Secretariat has been supporting the implementation of the Rural Service Delivery Model in the Districts during 2007-08.

At its 89th Meeting, the Board briefed representatives from the Audit Office of NSW on progress made in implementing the recommendations of the 2005 Performance Audit. The Audit Office representatives provided favourable comments on the Board's progress.

The Secretariat drew on the Performance Audit and subsequent analysis to produce a Strategic Review. A report of the Strategic Review was to be considered by the Board at its first meeting of 2008-2009.

CHANGES TO STATE RESCUE POLICY

The Board approved a number of amendments to the State Rescue Policy during 2007-08. The amendments relate to:

- The definition of the terms General Land Rescue and Road Crash Rescue.
- The introduction of the Rural Service Delivery Model as the Standard Operating Procedure for District and Local Rescue Committees to use in managing rescue risks.
- Further support for Critical Incident Support programs.
- The formation of the Policy Advisory Committee.
- Changes in the name and role of the Training Advisory Committee.
- Inclusion of the State Emergency Service in Control Room Committees.

The latest version of the State Rescue Policy is available on the emergencyNSW website.

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CHAPTER THREE - OVERVIEW OF MARINE RESCUE 2007-08

CHANGES IN MARINE RESCUE ACCREDITATIONS

During 2007-08, the State Rescue Board approved several Like-for-Like vessel replacements, and endorsed the following proposals for additional vessels and changes in accreditation, on the advice of the Volunteer Marine Rescue Council. The changes are shown in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1: Changes in Land Rescue Accreditations 2007-2008

Unit	Change
RVCP Forster/Tuncurry Division	Proposal for an additional Category 1 rescue vessel
VRA Nambucca River Marine Rescue Inc.	Proposal for an additional Category 1 rescue vessel
AVCGA Lake Illawarra	Proposal for an additional Category 1 rescue vessel, a 5.79m Zodiac V construction design
RVCP Forster Tuncurry Division	Proposal for an additional Category 1 rescue vessel, a 5.9m Ally Craft design
AVCGA Evans Head Flotilla	Rescue vessel SRB 072 'Pride of Evans', change from Category 3 MRU to Category 2 MRU

At the end of 2007-08, there were 17 Search and Rescue Coordination Centres, 31 Marine Radio Bases and 60 Marine Rescue Units (operating 99 accredited vessels). Marine rescue accreditations current at 30 June 2008 are set out in Annex 3.

All accredited Marine Rescue Units, Search and Rescue Coordination Centres and Marine Radio Bases are inspected annually in accordance with the NSW State Rescue Policy.

THE 'PRICE REVIEW' OF VOLUNTEER MARINE RESCUE

On 1 August 2007 the Minister for Ports, Hon Joe Tripodi MP, announced that there was to be a review of the adequacy and long term viability of NSW volunteer marine rescue organisations. Minister Tripodi commissioned former Deputy Speaker of the State Parliament, Hon John C Price MP, to facilitate the review. In conducting the review, Mr Price consulted with the executive of the three volunteer marine rescue agencies and with as many 'grass-roots' members of the agencies as possible. Mr Price also met with representatives of the Boating Industry Association and the Boat Owner's Association as well as the NSW Police Force Marine Area Command, NSW Maritime

Authority and the State Rescue Board. Mr Price was due to deliver his report to Minister Tripodi on 1 August 2008.

A MARINE DISTRESS AND CALLING NETWORK

The NSW Police Force Marine Area Command is working with the volunteer marine rescue agencies and other stakeholders to develop a statewide Marine Distress and Calling Network based on the National Marine Safety Committee's National Standard. Such a network will simplify marine radio communications and bring about improvements in safety at sea.

CHAPTER FOUR – OVERVIEW OF OPERATIONS

LAND RESCUE OPERATIONS 2007-08

In 2007-08 the NSW Police Force responded accredited land rescue units to 8,710 rescue incidents. This compares with 9,620 incidents in 2006-07.

The NSW rescue agencies provide statistical information on road accident rescue to the Productivity Commission, for inclusion in the Commonwealth's Report on Government Services. The information required for the Report is the number of road rescues and the number of road rescue extrications performed. In 2007-08 the agencies reported 6,166 road rescues, of which 4,180 involved extrications. This compares with 6,932 rescue responses and 4,476 extrications in 2006-07. The number of responses per agency is shown in Table 4.1.

Table 4.1: Road Rescue Incidents; 2007-08

	NSWFB	Ambulance Service	Police	VRA	SES	Total
Road Rescue Incidents	2,808	1,330	768	681	579	6,166
Rescue Extrications	2,192	1,218	344	259	167	4,180

MARINE SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS 2007-08

The NSW Police Force provides and coordinates Marine Search and Rescue (SAR) resources in accordance with the provisions of the Inter-Governmental Agreement on National Search and Rescue Response Arrangements, as set out in the National Search and Rescue Manual, 2006. NSW Police Marine Area Command (MAC) coordinates SAR in respect of pleasure craft and fishing vessels at sea, unregistered aircraft, persons missing in a land or coastal environment, land vehicles, persons and vessels on inland waters, and all non-military vessels in port. NSW Police also coordinate SAR in respect of unidentified distress beacon alerts and other vessels when requested by AusSAR.

The number of Search and Rescue incident responses coordinated by the MAC over the past four years is shown in Table 4.2. The numbers indicate a moderate reduction in the number of marine rescue incidents over the past four years.

Table 4.2: Marine Search and Rescue Incidents; 2004-05 to 2007-08

Year	Number of Incidents
2004-05	3,051
2005-06	2,692
2006-07	2,694
2007-08	2,526

In coordinating marine search and rescue, the NSW Police Force uses both Police and volunteer marine rescue resources. In 2007-08, volunteer marine rescue units were tasked to sixty eight percent of the 'inshore' and 'close offshore' incidents.

FUNDING

Individual agencies fund the provision of rescue services through their own budgets. Financial information is reported in the individual agencies' annual reports. The NSW Government, however, makes specific funding allocations for volunteer organisations providing rescue services, to the volunteer marine rescue organisations and for multi-agency exercises.

Government Funding for the Volunteer Organisations Providing Rescue Services

In accordance with Section 48(1)(i) of the *State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989*, the Board recommended to the Minister that \$1.23 million be made available to the Volunteer Rescue Association for the 2007-08 financial year.

The VRA reported the disbursement of funds as shown in Table 4.3.

Table 4.3: Disbursement of VRA Government Funding; 2007-08

Item	Amount
Capital Grants to Squads	\$150,000
General Grants to Squads	\$178,000
Insurances	\$459,000
Secretariat Expenses	\$89,000
Director of Training Expenses	\$22,000
Director of Training Stipend	\$30,000
Executive Expenses	\$120,000

Item	Amount
Training (including costs associated with of Registered Training Organisation)	\$155,000
Sub-committee Expenses	\$27,000
TOTAL	\$1,230,000

Government Funding for Volunteer Marine Rescue

The member organisations of the VMRC continue to rely heavily on the support of the general public, the boating community and corporate sponsorship to meet their significant capital and operational costs.

In recognition of the vital contribution of volunteers, the State Government provides funding support through the Agreement between the NSW Maritime Authority and the State Rescue Board. The amount is adjusted by CPI each year, and for 2007/08 the total amount of funding was \$1,306,900.

On recommendation from the Board, the Minister approved that the funds be distributed between the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol, the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard and the Volunteer Rescue Association according to an agreed formula that takes account of the number and type of rescue vessels, the number of Search and Rescue Coordination Centres and Marine Radio Bases that each agency operates, and the number of volunteers actively involved in training programs. In 2007-08 the funds were distributed as shown in Table 4.4.

Table 4.4: Disbursement of Volunteer Marine Rescue Government Funding; 2007-08

	RVCP	AVCGA	VRA	SUB TOTAL
Capital improvement	\$205,278	\$158,624	\$102,639	\$466,540
Operational support	\$137,944	\$106,593	\$68,972	\$313,510
Competency-based training	\$231,814	\$179,129	\$115,907	\$526,850
TOTAL	\$575,036	\$444,346	\$287,518	\$1,306,900

During 2007-08 the VMRC proposed that the allocation of funds in the three categories of capital improvement, operational support and competency-based training was too inflexible, and that enhancement of operational capability would be more easily achieved if the services had more freedom in allocation of funds to various purposes. NSW Maritime and the Board agreed that, starting in 2008-09, the allocation of funds to capital, operational and training purposes would be a matter for the volunteer marine rescue agencies to decide. Volunteer marine rescue funding will be \$1,350,000 in 2008-09.

The 2007-08 funding allocated to the volunteer marine rescue agencies was expended as shown in Table 4.5.

Table 4.5: Expenditure of Volunteer Marine Rescue Government Funding; 2007-08

Organisation		Grant
Total funding made available:		\$1,306,900
Volunteer Rescue Association		\$287,518
Replacement Vessel at Point Danger	\$70,078	
SARcc Communication Upgrade at Shoalhaven	\$3,092	
Base level Capital funding for 12 units	\$29,469	
Operational support funds	\$68,972	
Funding to support Competency Based Training	\$115,907	
Australian Volunteer Coast Guard		\$444,346
Replace Cat 2 Vessel Illuka/Yamba	\$65,000	
Replace Cat 2 Vessel Port Jackson	\$65,000	
Repairs to jet propulsion unit Kingscliff	\$10,000	
Re-engineer pods and re-power Cat 3 Vessel Swansea	\$8,000	
Replace radio tower SARcc Port Kembla	\$10,000	
Reserve contingency	\$623	
Operational support funds North NSW Squadron	\$21,341	
Operational support funds Sydney Squadron	\$28,862	
Operational support funds Illawarra Squadron	\$10,518	
Operational support funds State Council	\$2,580	
Operational support funds Insurances	\$43,292	
Funding to support Competency Based Training	\$179,129	
Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol		\$575,036
Replace Cat 1 Vessel Tuggerah Lakes	\$20,000	
Replace Cat 2 Vessel Broken Bay	\$20,000	
Upgrade Hull Cat 2 Vessel Central Coast	\$20,000	
Upgrade Cat 2 Vessel Sydney	\$15,000	
Upgrade Nav Equipment Cat 2 Vessel Batemans Bay	\$8,000	
Base upgrade Kioloa	\$20,000	
Base upgrade Cape Byron	\$20,000	
Communications upgrade Newcastle	\$10,000	
Communications upgrade Sussex Inlet	\$8,000	
Base level Capital funding - Northern	\$32,139	
Base level Capital funding - Southern	\$32,139	
Operational support funds	\$137,944	
Funding to support Competency Based Training	\$231,814	

Government Funding for Multi-Agency Training

The Minister for Emergency Services again made provision for cross-agency emergency management and rescue training. \$34,760 was used to support the conduct of twenty rescue training activities across the State, involving members from all of the rescue agencies.

RESCUE TRAINING

The training standards for General Land Rescue and Vertical Rescue Operators are set by the Board on advice from the Policy Advisory Committee and Training Advisory Committee. The training standards are based on the Public Safety Training Package.

The training standards for marine rescue operators are set by the Board on advice from the Volunteer Marine Rescue Council and its training sub-committee. These training standards are based on the Maritime Industry Training Package, supplemented by additional units from the Public Safety Training Package and units developed by the Board.

While the Board sets standards for training and supports multi-agency exercises and training activities, the training of individual rescue operators to the Board's rescue training standards and the recording of information relating to qualified operators is the responsibility of the individual rescue agencies. The numbers of qualified land rescue and marine rescue operators, at the end of each of the past four years, are shown in Tables 4.6 and 4.7.

Table 4.6: Number of Qualified Rescue Operators in Land Rescue Agencies; 2004-05 to 2007-08

Service	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
NSW Police Force	98	105	99	92
Ambulance Service of NSW	185	189	181	190
NSW Fire Brigades	2056	1822	1833	2071
State Emergency Service	898	840	709	783
NSW Volunteer Rescue Association	429	429	386	386
TOTAL	3666	3385	3208	3522

Table 4.7: Number of Rescue Operators in Marine Rescue Agencies; 2004-05 to 2007-08

Service	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
NSW Police Force MAC	138	140	99	118
Australian Volunteer Coast Guard	485	489	608	670
Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol	874	871	1065	1064
NSW Volunteer Rescue Association	329	331	477	528
Others	36	30	11	11
TOTAL	1,862	1,861	2,260	2,391

The training sub-committee of the VMRC is currently revising the training competencies set down by the State Rescue Board as the minimum requirement for marine rescue operators. The revision will align the requirements with the new Marine Training Package TDM07.

CHAPTER FIVE - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT OPERATIONS

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT RESCUE ARRANGEMENTS

In accordance with Section 48A of the *State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989*, District Rescue Committees are established in the Central West, Far West, Hunter, Illawarra, Mid North Coast, Monaro, Murray, Northern Rivers, Peel, Riverina, Southern Highlands and Western Slopes Emergency Management Districts. The Central West, Far West and Western Slopes District Rescue Committees usually hold joint meetings as the agency representatives are the same officers in most cases.

Five District Rescue Committees serve the existing metropolitan emergency management districts. They are the Georges River, Sydney East, Sydney Mid West and Sydney South West district rescue committees and a combined Sydney North-Western Sydney District Rescue Committee.

The District Rescue Committees are comprised of senior representatives of the emergency service organisations operating in the district and are chaired by the District Emergency Operations Controllers.

The District Rescue Committees are required to meet quarterly unless arranged otherwise. Their functions reflect those of the State Rescue Board at Emergency Management District level and are set out in the State Rescue Policy. The functions are to:

- Implement the policy directions of the State Rescue Board within the District.
- Make recommendations to the State Rescue Board on policy matters relating to rescue.
- Coordinate and review planning for rescue within the District.
- Provide guidance and direction to Local Rescue Committees established within the District.
- Produce and disseminate standing orders and instructions and standing operating procedures for rescue operations.
- Make recommendations to the State Rescue Board on the accreditation of rescue units (both permanent and volunteer) for participation in rescue operations.
- Identify and arrange for training in those Local Rescue Committee areas pertinent to local rescue requirements.
- Conduct training exercises in rescue operations.
- Make recommendations to the State Rescue Board on any matter referred by the Board.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

The District Rescue Committees, and where applicable their associated Marine Rescue Advisory Sub-Committees, continue to provide valuable input into the considerations of the Board. The work of the District Marine Inspection Teams continues to provide a valuable input to the units and to the considerations of the District Rescue Committees and the Volunteer Marine Rescue Council.

Central West District

There are ten Local Rescue Committees in the District: Bathurst, Lithgow, Orange, Cabonne, Cowra, Blayney, Oberon, Parkes, Forbes and Lachlan. The District Rescue Committee met four times during 2007-08, as part of the Combined Western Slopes, Central West and Far West committee.

Exercises were held at Bathurst and Orange during 2007-08. The exercise at Bathurst used a scenario of significant civil unrest occurring during the Bathurst Car Race to test emergency procedures while in Orange, rescue techniques and hazardous materials response was tested during a simulated tanker rollover incident.

There were no changes to accreditations in the District during 2007-08.

Far West District

There are seven Local Rescue Committees in the District: Broken Hill and unincorporated area (with a sub-committee for Tibooburra), Central Darling, Cobar, Bogan, Bourke, Brewarrina and Wentworth Local Government areas. The District Rescue Committee met four times during 2007-08, as part of the Combined Western Slopes, Central West and Far West committee.

Local-level exercises conducted during the period included airport field exercises at Cobar and Bourke and desktop airport exercises at Brewarrina and Nyngan. The combined Far West and Western Slopes Districts also conducted a major field exercise, Exercise 'Tonto', in Ivanhoe in May 2008. The exercise scenario was a mass casualty incident at a rail crossing in a remote area.

There were no changes to accreditations in the District during 2007-08.

Georges River District

There are no Local Rescue Committees in the District. The District Rescue Committee met three times during the reporting period.

During 2007-08, the Engadine Fire Brigade was granted secondary general land rescue accreditation.

Hunter – Central Coast District

There are ten Local Rescue Committees in the District: Cessnock, Dungog, Gosford, Maitland, Muswellbrook, Newcastle-Lake Macquarie, Port Stephens, Singleton, Wyong and Upper Hunter; all of which conducted meetings during 2006-07. The District held

three meetings during 2008-09 and the District Marine Rescue Advisory Committee also had three meetings. Several meetings have also been held to progress the implementation of the Rural Service Delivery Model.

NSW Police Force Marine Area Command conducted a search and rescue training program and exercise in October 2007, in conjunction with the volunteer marine rescue agencies. A multi agency exercise was also conducted in conjunction with the Gosford and Hornsby Local Emergency Management Committees and RailCorp at Wondabyne April 2008.

The Denman Fire Brigade was accredited for General Land Rescue and the Dungog and Cooranbong SES units relinquished Vertical Rescue accreditation during the reporting period.

Illawarra District

There are three Local Rescue Committees in the District: Wollongong, Kiama-Shellharbour and Shoalhaven City. Implementation of the Rural Service Delivery Model is under way in the Shoalhaven Local Government Area. Three District Rescue Committee meetings and three Marine Rescue Advisory Committee meetings were held during 2007-08.

Multi-agency rescue training and exercise camps were held at Shoalhaven and Wollongong, and marine searchmasters courses were held at Port Kembla and Jervis Bay.

During 2007-08 the Bulli Fire Brigade's rescue accreditation was changed from secondary to primary.

Mid North Coast District

There are eight Local Rescue Committees in the District: Bellingen, Coffs Harbour City, Greater Taree, Great Lakes, Gloucester, Kempsey, Port Macquarie Hastings and Nambucca. Three District Rescue Committee meetings and three Marine Rescue Advisory Committee meetings were held during 2007-08.

During the reporting period General Land Rescue exercises were held at Port Macquarie, Nambucca Heads and Kempsey. An airport emergency exercise was conducted at Lord Howe Island which included a significant rescue coordination and skills component. A District Marine Exercise was held at Port Macquarie involving representation from the majority of Marine Rescue Units within the District. The exercise focused on Marine Search and Rescue theory followed by practical application with field based deployments. Local Police Command representation was also included.

The Port Macquarie-Hastings SES Unit was accredited for vertical rescue during 2007-08.

Monaro District

There are six Local Rescue Committees in the District: Lake George, Cooma-Monaro, Snowy River, Bombala, Eurobodalla and Bega Valley. The District also has a Marine Rescue Advisory Sub-Committee. The District Rescue Committee met three times during 2007-08.

There were no changes to accreditations in the District during 2007-08.

Murray District

There are eleven Local Rescue Committees in the District: Albury, Balranald, Berrigan, Corowa, Deniliquin-Conargo, Greater Hume, Jerilderie, Murray, Tumbarumba, Urana and Wakool. Four District Rescue Committee meetings were held in 2007-08 and a workshop was held to progress the implementation of the Rural Service Delivery Model.

Multi-agency training days were held at Rennie and Culcairn during 2007-08.

During 2007-08, the rescue accreditation of the Echuca-Moama Search and Rescue Squad was revoked following the unit's disaffiliation from the Volunteer Rescue Association. The Moama Fire Brigade has upgraded its training and equipment and has assumed responsibility for provision of rescue in Moama. A change from secondary to primary rescue accreditation will be sought in 2008-09.

Northern Rivers District

There are seven Local Rescue Committees in the District: Tweed, Byron, Ballina, Lismore, Kyogle, Richmond Valley and Clarence Valley. The District also has a Marine Rescue Advisory Sub-Committee. The District Rescue Committee met three times during 2007-08, and Surf Life Saving NSW has joined the District Rescue Committee. Two meetings were held to commence the implementation of the Rural Service Delivery Model. The District Emergency Management Officer is introducing the RSDM to Local Rescue Committees and workshops will be held to work through and document the risk management process.

Several major marine rescues involved extensive use of resources and coordination, including a search for the crew of the trawler Sea-Rogue off Brunswick Heads in February 2008. Accredited Land and Marine Rescue Units participated in the Tweed Heads Emergency Services Day in the Park where rescue and emergency services undertook community education displays and demonstrations. Queensland-based rescue and emergency services also participated.

The Tabulam SES Unit was accredited for vertical rescue during 2007-08.

The accreditation of the Evans Head Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association marine rescue unit was changed from Category 3 to Category 2 and a new Marine Radio Base at Wooli was officially opened on 3 May 2008

Peel District

There are twelve Local Rescue Committees in the District: Armidale Dumaresq - Uralla, Glen Innes Severn, Gunnedah, Guyra, Gwydir, Inverell, Liverpool Plains, Moree

Plains, Narrabri, Tamworth Regional, Tenterfield and Walcha. The District Rescue Committee met four times during 2007-08.

During the year the District Committee continued to monitor interim joint call-out arrangement that have been implemented at several locations because of ongoing problems with volunteer availability.

The rescue accreditation of the Nundle SES Unit was revoked during 2007-08.

Riverina District

There are twelve Local Rescue Committees in the District: Bland, Carrathool, Coolamon, Griffith, Hay, Junee, Leeton, Lockhart, Murrumbidgee, Narrandera, Temora and Wagga Wagga. The District Rescue Committee met three times during 2007-08 and a workshop was held to progress the implementation of the Rural Service Delivery Model.

There were no changes to accreditations in the District during 2007-08.

Southern Highlands District

There are eight Local Rescue Committees in the District: Boorowa, Cootamundra, Goulburn-Mulwaree, Gundagai, Harden, Tumut, Upper Lachlan, Weddin, Yass Valley and Young. Harden Local Rescue Committee has been re-formed and is now functioning well. The District Rescue Committee met four times during 2007-08. Several meetings have been held to progress the implementation of the Rural Service Delivery Model.

Multi-agency training activities were held at Harden and Wee Jasper during 2007-08.

There were no changes to accreditations in the District during 2007-08.

Sydney East District

There are no Local Rescue Committees in the District. The District Rescue Committee met on two occasions during 2007-08. The Sydney Metropolitan Marine Rescue Advisory Sub-Committee, which encompasses the District, met four times during 2007-08.

There were no changes to accreditations in the District during 2007-08.

Sydney Mid West District

There are no Local Rescue Committees in the District. The District Rescue Committee met once during 2007-08.

There were no changes to accreditations in the District during 2007-08.

Sydney South West District

Wingecarribee Shire Local Rescue Committee is the only Local Rescue Committee in the District. The committee has worked progressively on the Rural Service Delivery

Model Risk Assessment for the Wingecarribee Area. The District Rescue Committee met three times during 2007-08.

There were no changes to accreditations in the District during 2007-08.

Sydney North District

There are no Local Rescue Committees in the District. The District Rescue Committee met four times during 2007-08, as part of the Combined Western Sydney-Sydney North District Rescue Committee.

There were no changes to accreditations in the District during 2007-08.

Western Slopes District

There are nine Local Rescue Committees in the District: Coonamble, Dubbo City, Gilgandra, Narromine, Mid Western Regional, Warren, Walgett, Warrumbungle and Wellington. The District Rescue Committee met four times during 2007-08, as part of the Combined Western Slopes, Central West and Far West committee.

There were no permanent changes to accreditations in the District during 2007-08.

During the year the District Committee continued to monitor interim joint call-out arrangement that have been implemented at several locations because of ongoing problems with volunteer availability.

Exercise 'Tonto', based on a simulated passenger train derailment at a level-crossing incident, was conducted in association with the Far West District at Ivanhoe in May 2008.

Western Sydney District

There are no Local Rescue Committees in the District. The District Rescue Committee met four times during 2007-08, as part of the Combined Western Sydney-Sydney North District Rescue Committee.

Several multi-agency swift water awareness and swiftwater rescue technician courses have been conducted at Penrith Whitewater facility. The courses have been attended by Ambulance Rescue and Ambulance SCAT officers, Fire Brigade Rescue Officers and Police Rescue Officers.

The Parramatta Ambulance rescue unit was accredited for vertical rescue during 2007-08. The primary general land rescue accreditation of the Penrith Rescue Squad was revoked at request of the VRA. Rescue services in the area are being provided by the secondary accredited unit, Penrith Fire Brigade which is operating out of the Regentville Fire Station because of the superior road accessibility of that site.

CHAPTER SIX – THE STATE RESCUE BOARD SECRETARIAT

The Secretariat, which forms part of the Office for Emergency Services, provides executive support to the State Rescue Board.

PERSONNEL AND STAFFING

Executive Officer	Mr H Mueller
Planning Officer	Mr N Pfister
Accreditation Support Officer	Mr J Rossi

Mandatory reporting in relation to the staff is included in the Annual Report of the NSW Rural Fire Service which provides administrative support to the Office for Emergency Services.

The equivalent full-time (EFT) staff as at the 30 June 2008 was three. The profile of the combined staff is as follows:

Management	1
Land and Marine Rescue Accreditation	2

FINANCE

Funding for the Board is provided through the budget of the NSW Rural Fire Service. Financial details are included as part of the Financial Statement in the Annual Report of the Rural Fire Service.

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ANNEX A: SUMMARY OF LAND RESCUE ACCREDITATIONS

Accreditation by District as at 30 June 2008

District	Primary	Secondary	Vertical
Central West	15	12	6
Far West	9	3	5
Hunter	20	5	8
Illawarra	7	3	5
Mid North Coast	16	14	10
Monaro	13	8	10
Murray	14	11	2
Northern Rivers	11	19	8
Peel	22	16	9
Riverina	15	9	7
Southern Highlands	12	7	5
Western Slopes	20	14	7
Georges River	2	0	1
Sydney Metro Area	22	8	11
TOTAL	186	129	93

Accreditation by Service as at 30 June 2008

Service	Land Rescue		Vertical Rescue
	Primary	Secondary	
Police Service	9	0	9
Ambulance Service	14	0	10
Fire Brigades	51	120	12
State Emergency Service	78	9	37
Volunteer Rescue Association	44	0	25
TOTAL	186	129	93

Emergency Management District Listings as at 30 June 2008

Central West District

Location	Primary Unit	Secondary Unit
Bathurst	Bathurst PRS (v)	Bathurst City SES (v)
Blayney	Blayney SES	Blayney FB
Canowindra	Canowindra SES	Canowindra FB
Condobolin	Condobolin SES (v)	Condobolin FB
Cowra	Cowra AMB	Cowra FB
Eugowra	<i>Canowindra SES</i>	Eugowra SES
Forbes	Forbes SES	Forbes FB
Lake Cargelligo	Lake Cargelligo SES	Lake Cargelligo FB
Lithgow	Lithgow VRA (v)	Lithgow FB
Molong	Molong FB	
Oberon	Oberon SES (v)	Oberon FB
Orange	Orange FB	
Parkes	Parkes SES (v)	Parkes FB
Peak Hill	Peak Hill SES	Peak Hill FB
Sofala - Hill End	Turon SES	
Trundle	Trundle SES	

Far West

Location	Primary Unit	Secondary Unit
Bourke	Bourke SES	Bourke FB
Brewarrina	Brewarrina SES (v)	
Broken Hill	Broken Hill SES (v)	Broken Hill FB
Cobar	Cobar SES (v)	Cobar FB
Menindee	Menindee SES	
Nyngan	Nyngan FB	
Tibooburra	Tibooburra SES (v)	
White Cliffs	White Cliffs SES (v)	
Wilcannia	Wilcannia SES	

Legend

- AMB Ambulance Service of NSW
- FB NSW Fire Brigades
- PRS Police Rescue Squad
- SES State Emergency Service
- VRA Volunteer Rescue Association
- (v) Vertical Rescue accredited unit
- Unit Primary Unit from another location

Hunter-Central Coast

Location	Primary Unit	Secondary Unit
Belmont	Belmont FB	
Branxton	Branxton FB	
Cessnock	Cessnock District VRA (v)	
Denman	Denman FB	
Dungog	Dungog SES	Dungog FB
Gosford	Gosford AMB (v)	Gosford FB
Lake Macquarie	Cooranbong SES	
Maitland	Rutherford AMB	
Merriwa	Merriwa VRA	Merriwa FB
Murrurundi	Murrurundi VRA (v)	
Muswellbrook	Muswellbrook SES	
Nelson Bay	Nelsons Bay FB (v)	
Newcastle	Newcastle PRS (v) Hamilton AMB (v)	Cooks Hill FB
Raymond Terrace	Port Stephens SES	
Scone	Scone SES	
Singleton	Singleton AMB	Singleton FB
Tea Gardens	Tea Gardens FB (v)	
Toronto	Toronto FB	
Wyong	Central Coast VRA (v)	

Illawarra District

Location	Primary Unit	Secondary Unit
Bulli	Bulli FB	
Kiama	Kiama SES (v)	Kiama FB
Nowra	Bomaderry AMB (v)	Nowra FB
Shellharbour	Shellharbour FB	
Ulladulla - Sussex Inlet	Ulladulla FB (v)	
Wollongong	Wollongong AMB (v) Wollongong PRS (v)	Wollongong FB

Mid North Coast District

Location	Primary Unit	Secondary Unit
Bellingen	<i>Urunga SES</i>	Bellingen FB
Bowraville	<i>Nambucca Dist VRA</i>	Bowraville FB
Bulahdelah	Bulahdelah VRA	
Coffs Harbour	Coffs Harbour City SES (v)	Coffs Harbour FB
Dorrigo	Dorrigo SES (v)	Dorrigo FB
Forster	Forster FB (v)	
Gloucester	Gloucester Shire SES (v)	Gloucester FB
Kempsey	Kempsey Shire SES (v)	Kempsey FB
Laurieton	Laurieton FB (v)	Camden Haven SES
Lord Howe Island	Lord Howe Island SES (v)	
Macksville	Nambucca Dist VRA	Macksville FB
Nabiac	Nabiac SES	
Nambucca Heads	<i>Nambucca Dist VRA</i>	Nambucca Heads FB
Port Macquarie	Port Macquarie - Hastings SES (v)	Port Macquarie FB
Sawtell	<i>Coffs Harbour City SES</i>	Sawtell FB
South West Rocks	South West Rocks FB (v)	
Taree	Taree VRA (v)	Taree FB
Urunga	Urunga SES	Urunga FB
Wauchope	Wauchope FB	
Wingham	<i>Taree VRA</i>	Wingham FB
Woolgoolga	Woolgoolga FB	

Monaro District

Location	Primary Unit	Secondary Unit
Batemans Bay	Batemans Bay VRA	Batemans Bay FB
Bega	Bega VRA (v)	Bega FB
Bombala	Bombala FB	
Braidwood	Braidwood FB (v)	
Cooma	Cooma PRS (v)	Cooma-Monaro SES
Eden	Eden SES (v)	Eden FB
Jindabyne	Snowy River SES (v)	Jindabyne FB
Merimbula	Merimbula FB	
Moruya	Eurobodalla SES (v)	Moruya FB
Narooma	Narooma VRA (v)	Narooma FB
Perisher Valley	Perisher Valley FB (v)	
Queanbeyan	Queanbeyan FB	Queanbeyan SES (v)
Thredbo	Thredbo FB (v)	

Murray District

Location	Primary Unit	Secondary Unit
Albury	Albury VRA (v)	Albury Central FB
Balranald	Balranald VRA	Balranald FB
Barham	Barham FB	
Berrigan	<i>Tocumwal VRA</i>	Berrigan FB
Corowa	Corowa-Rutherglen VRA	Corowa FB
Culcairn	Culcairn SES	Culcairn FB
Deniliquin	Deniliquin VRA (v)	Deniliquin FB
Finley	<i>Tocumwal VRA</i>	Finley FB
Henty	<i>Culcairn SES</i>	Henty FB
Holbrook	Holbrook SES	Holbrook FB
Jerilderie	Jerilderie FB	
Moama	Moama FB	
Mulwala	Mulwala FB	
Tocumwal	Tocumwal VRA	Tocumwal FB
Urana	Urana SES	
Wentworth	Wentworth FB	Wentworth SES
Tumbarumba	Tumbarumba FB	

Northern Rivers District

Location	Primary Unit	Secondary Unit
Alstonville	<i>Ballina SES</i>	Alstonville FB
Ballina	Ballina SES	Ballina FB
Bangalow	<i>Brunswick Valley VRA</i>	Bangalow FB
Brunswick Heads	Brunswick Valley VRA (v)	Brunswick Heads FB
Byron Bay	<i>Brunswick Valley VRA</i>	Byron Bay FB
Casino	Casino VRA (v)	Casino FB
Coraki	<i>Woodburn SES</i>	Coraki FB
Evans Head	<i>Woodburn SES</i>	Evans Head FB
Grafton	Grafton City SES (v)	Grafton FB South Grafton FB
Kingscliff	Tweed District VRA (v)	Kingscliff FB
Kyogle	Kyogle SES (v)	Kyogle FB
Lismore	Lismore PRS (v)	Lismore FB Lismore SES
Maclean	Maclean SES	Maclean FB
Mullumbimby	<i>Brunswick Valley VRA</i>	Mullumbimby FB
Murwillumbah	<i>Tweed District VRA</i>	Murwillumbah FB
Tabulam	Tabulam SES (v)	
Tweed Heads	<i>Tweed District VRA</i>	Tweed Heads FB
Urbenville	Urbenville SES (v)	
Woodburn	Woodburn SES	
Yamba	<i>Maclean SES</i>	Yamba FB

Peel District

Location	Primary Unit	Secondary Unit
Armidale	Armidale SES (v)	Armidale FB
Ashford	Ashford SES	
Barraba	Barraba VRA	Barraba FB
Bingara	Bingara Shire SES (v)	Bingara FB
Boggabri	Boggabri SES	Boggabri FB
Deepwater	Deepwater SES (v)	
Glen Innes	Glen Innes VRA (v)	Glen Innes FB
Gunnedah	Gunnedah SES	
Guyra	Guyra VRA	Guyra FB
Inverell	Inverell VRA	Inverell FB
Manilla	Manilla VRA (v)	Manilla FB
Moree	Moree Plains SES	Moree FB
Narrabri	Narrabri VRA (v)	Narrabri FB
Quirindi	Quirindi VRA	Quirindi FB
Tambar Springs	Tambar Springs SES	
Tamworth	Tamworth AMB (v)	Tamworth Central FB
Tenterfield	Tenterfield SES (v)	Tenterfield FB
Uralla	Uralla FB	
Walcha	Walcha SES (v)	
Warialda	Warialda SES	Warialda FB
Wee Waa	Wee Waa SES	Wee Waa FB
Werris Creek	<i>Quirindi VRA</i>	Werris Creek FB
Yetman	Yetman SES	

Riverina District

Location	Primary Unit	Secondary Unit
Coleambally	Coleambally VRA (v)	
Coolamon	Coolamon FB	
Goolgowi	Goolgowi SES	
Griffith	Griffith SES (v)	Griffith FB
Hay	Hay SES	Hay FB
Hillston	Hillston SES	Hillston FB
Junee	Junee VRA	Junee FB
Leeton	Leeton VRA (v)	
Lockhart	Lockhart FB	
Narrandera	Narrandera VRA (v)	Narrandera FB
Temora	Temora SES	Temora FB
The Rock	The Rock SES	
Wagga Wagga	Wagga Wagga VRA (v) Wagga Wagga AMB (v)	Turvey Park FB
West Wyalong	West Wyalong SES (v)	West Wyalong FB
Yenda	<i>Griffith SES</i>	Yenda FB

Sydney Metropolitan Area

Location	Primary Unit	Secondary Unit
Bankstown	Bankstown AMB (v)	
Berowra	Berowra FB	
Blacktown	Blacktown FB (v)	
Bundeena	<i>Caringbah AMB</i>	Bundeena FB
Burwood	Burwood FB	
Camden	Camden AMB (v)	
Caringbah	Caringbah AMB (v)	
Castle Hill	Castle Hill FB	
Crows Nest	Crows Nest FB	
Eastwood	Eastwood FB	
Engadine	<i>Caringbah AMB</i>	Engadine FB
Hurstville	Hurstville FB	
Katoomba	Katoomba PRS (v) Katoomba FB	
Liverpool	Liverpool FB	
Macquarie Fields	Macquarie Fields FB	
Mittagong	Berrima VRA (v)	
Narrabeen	Narrabeen FB (v)	
Parramatta	Parramatta AMB	
Penrith	Dunheved FB	Penrith FB
Picton	<i>Camden AMB</i>	Picton FB
Richmond	Hawkesbury SES (v)	Richmond FB
Springwood	Springwood PRS (v)	Springwood FB
St Ives	St Ives AMB (v)	
Sydney	<i>Zetland PRS</i>	City of Sydney FB
Windsor	<i>Hawkesbury SES</i>	Windsor FB
Zetland	Zetland PRS (v)	

Southern Highlands

Location	Primary Unit	Secondary Unit
Batlow	Batlow VRA	Batlow FB
Binalong	Binalong VRA (v)	
Boorowa	Boorowa FB	
Cootamundra	Cootamundra FB (v)	Cootamundra SES
Crookwell	Crookwell FB	
Goulburn	Goulburn PRS (v)	Goulburn FB
Grenfell	Grenfell SES (v)	Grenfell FB
Gundagai	Gundagai SES	Gundagai FB
Harden	Harden SES	Harden FB
Tumut	Tumut SES (v)	Tumut FB
Yass	Yass FB	
Young	Young FB	

Western Slopes

Location	Primary Unit	Secondary Unit
Baradine	Baradine SES	
Burren Junction	Burren Junction VRA	
Collarenebri	Collarenebri SES	
Coolah	Coolah VRA (v)	Coolah FB
Coonabarabran	Coonabarabran VRA (v)	Coonabarabran FB
Coonamble	Coonamble FB	Coonamble SES
Dubbo	Dubbo VRA (v)	Dubbo Central FB
Dunedoo	Dunedoo SES	Dunedoo FB
Gilgandra	Gilgandra SES	Gilgandra FB
Glengarry	Glengarry SES (v)	
Gulgong	Gulgong VRA	Gulgong FB
Lightening Ridge	Lightening Ridge SES (v)	Lightening Ridge FB
Mendooran	Mendooran VRA	
Mudgee	Mudgee VRA	Mudgee FB
Narromine	Narromine VRA	Narromine FB
Rylstone-Kandos	Rylstone-Kandos VRA (v)	Kandos FB
Trangie	Trangie FB	
Walgett	Walgett SES	Walgett FB
Warren	Warren VRA	Warren FB
Wellington	Wellington SES (v)	Wellington FB

ANNEX B: SUMMARY OF MARINE RESCUE ACCREDITATIONS

Accreditation by Service

Service	SARCC	MRB	MRU	Total Units	Vessels
NSW Water Police	1	0	11	11	24
Volunteer Rescue Association	3	4	12	13	23
Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol	8	17	20	25	32
Aust. Volunteer Coast Guard	6	7	16	18	19
Other	0	0	1	1	1
TOTAL	18	28	60	68	99

Marine Rescue Unit (MRU) Categories

	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
NSW Water Police	1	10	8
Volunteer Rescue Association	6	7	4
Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol	11	13	9
Aust. Volunteer Coast Guard	4	9	5
Other	1	0	0

Note: MRU Categories do not sum to the total number of MRUs from table above as many MRUs have multiple categories e.g., a single MRU may have both Category 2 and Category 3 accreditation.

Accreditation for SLSA Ballina is Ministerial Limited for operations on the Ballina bar only.

Legend

AVCGA	Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association
Cat 1	Smooth waters, partially smooth waters, enclosed waters and bars (within a limit of 0.5 nm seaward)
Cat 2	Restricted Offshore (within a limit of 7 nm seaward)
Cat 3	Offshore (within a limit of 15 nm seaward)
LAC	Police Local Area Command
MAC	Police Marine Area Command
MRB	Marine Radio Base
MRU	Marine Rescue Unit
RVCP	Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol
SARCC	Search & Rescue Coordination Centre
VRA	Volunteer Rescue Association Inc

Northern Rivers District

Squad Number	Unit – Marine Rescue Area	Organisation	Accreditation and Category
1	Volunteer Marine Rescue Point Danger	VRA	SARCC MRU Category 1, 2, & 3
3	Kingscliff Flotilla	AVCGA	SARCC MRU Category 1 & 2
4	Tweed Coast Sea Rescue	VRA	MRU Category 1
5	Brunswick Valley Rescue Squad Inc	VRA	MRB MRU Category 2
6	Cape Byron Division	RVCP	MRB
7	Ballina Flotilla	AVCGA	SARCC MRU Category 3
9	Evans Head Flotilla	AVCGA	MRB MRU Category 3
10	Iluka/Yamba Flotilla	AVCGA	SARCC MRU Category 3
12	Wooli Rescue Squad	VRA	MRB MRU Category 2
13	Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore Surf Life Saving Club	SLSA	Ministerial Limited. Ballina Bar Operation only. MRU Category 1

Mid North Coast District

Squad Number	Unit – Marine Rescue Area	Organisation	Accreditation and Category
14	Woolgoolga Sea Rescue Inc	VRA	MRB MRU Category 2
15	Coffs Harbour Division	RVCP	SARCC MRU Category 2
16	Coffs Harbour Police	NSW Police MAC	MRU Category 2 & 3
17	Trial Bay Division	RVCP	SARCC MRU Category 1 & 3
18	Port Macquarie Sea Rescue Inc	VRA	SARCC MRU Category 1 & 3
19	Camden Haven Sea Rescue Squad Inc	VRA	MRB MRU Category 3
20	Crowdy Harrington Division	RVCP	MRB
21	Forster Tuncurry Division	RVCP	SARCC MRU Category 1 & 2
81	Nambucca River Marine Rescue Inc.	VRA	MRU Category 2

Hunter – Central Coast District

Squad Number	Unit – Marine Rescue Area	Organisation	Accreditation and Category
24	Port Stephens Flotilla	AVCGA	MRB MRU Category 2
25	Port Stephens Division	RVCP	SARCC MRU Category 2 & 3
26	Port Stephens Police	NSW Police MAC	MRU Category 2 & 3
27	Newcastle Police	NSW Police MAC	MRU Category 2 & 3
28	Lake Macquarie Division	RVCP	MRB MRU Category 1 & 2
29	Swansea Flotilla	AVCGA	SARCC MRU Category 1 & 2
30	Norah Head Search & Rescue Boat Club Inc	VRA	MRB MRU Category 2
31	Central Coast Division	RVCP	MRB MRU Category 1 & 2
32	Terrigal Division	RVCP	MRB
33	Terrigal Sea Rescue Service Inc	AVCGA	MRU Category 3
34	Brisbane Waters (Woy Woy) Police	Brisbane Waters Police LAC	MRU Category 1
35	Hawkesbury River Rescue Inc.	VRA	MRB MRU Category 1 & 2
36	Hawkesbury River Division	RVCP	MRB MRU Category 1
80	Tuggerah Lakes Division	RVCP	MRB MRU Category 1
82	Newcastle Division	RVCP	MRB MRU Category 2

Sydney North District

Squad Number	Unit – Marine Rescue Area	Organisation	Accreditation and Category
37	Brooklyn Police	Ku-Ring-Gai Police LAC	MRU Category 2
38	Ku-Ring-Gai Flotilla	AVCGA	MRB MRU Category 2 & 3
39	Broken Bay Division	RVCP	MRB MRU Category 1 & 2
40	Broken Bay Police	NSW Police MAC	MRU Category 2 & 3
41	Sydney Command – Terrey Hills Division	RVCP	MRB
42	Sydney Division – The Spit	RVCP	MRB MRU Category 1, 2 & 3

Sydney East District

Squad Number	Unit – Marine Rescue Area	Organisation	Accreditation and Category
43	Sydney Water Police	NSW Police MAC	SARCC MRU Category 2 & 3
45	Port Jackson Flotilla (South Head Signal Station)	AVCGA	MRB

Sydney Mid West District

Squad Number	Unit – Marine Rescue Area	Organisation	Accreditation and Category
44	Port Jackson Flotilla (Birkenhead Point)	AVCGA	MRB MRU Category 2

Georges River District

Squad Number	Unit – Marine Rescue Area	Organisation	Accreditation and Category
47	Botany Bay Division	RVCP	MRB MRU Category 3
48	Botany Bay Flotilla	AVCGA	MRU Category 2
49	Botany Bay Police	NSW Police MAC	MRU Category 2 & 3
50	Solander Division Flotilla	AVCGA	MRB
51	Port Hacking Flotilla	AVCGA	MRU Category 2
52	Botany Bay (Cronulla) Police	NSW Police MAC	MRU Category 2

Illawarra District

Squad Number	Unit – Marine Rescue Area	Organisation	Accreditation and Category
53	Bellambi Flotilla	AVCGA	MRU Category 2
54	Wollongong Flotilla	AVCGA	MRU Category 2
55	Port Kembla Flotilla	AVCGA	SARCC
56	Port Kembla Police	NSW Police MAC	MRU Category 2 & 3
57	Lake Illawarra Flotilla	AVCGA	MRU Category 1
58	Shellharbour Flotilla	AVCGA	MRU Category 2
61	Jervis Bay Division	RVCP	MRB MRU Category 1 & 3
63	Shoalhaven Marine Rescue Association	VRA	SARCC MRU Category 3
64	Sussex Inlet Division	RVCP	MRB MRU Category 1 & 2
65	Ulladulla Division	RVCP	SARCC MRU Category 2 & 3
79	Kioloa Division	RVCP	MRB MRU Category 2

Monaro District

Squad Number	Unit – Marine Rescue Area	Organisation	Accreditation and Category
66	Batemans Bay Division	RVCP	SARCC MRU Category 1, 2 & 3
69	Tuross Rescue Squad Inc.	VRA	MRB MRU Category 1
70	Narooma Rescue Squad Inc	VRA	MRU Category 1
71	Narooma Division	RVCP	SARCC MRU Category 3
73	Bermagui Division	RVCP	MRB MRU Category 3
74	Merimbula Division	RVCP	MRB MRU Category 2
75	Eden Division	RVCP	SARCC
76	Eden Police	NSW Police MAC	MRU Category 2 & 3

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