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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 (as amended).

Section 42 of the State Emergency and Rescue Management Act (Act) provides for a corporation with the corporate name of the State Rescue Board of New South Wales (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 Objectives:

The Corporate Objectives which flow from the Act are to:

1. Control and coordinate the rescue agencies in connection with rescue operations.
2. Ensure the maintenance of efficient and effective rescue services throughout New South Wales.

Functions:

The Board is required to:

- develop policies to promote the provision of comprehensive, balanced and coordinated rescue services throughout New South Wales;
- make recommendations to the Minister on policy matters relating to the rescue and emergency services;
- 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 organizations 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) to volunteer organizations 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

There were no recommended changes to the State Emergency and Rescue Management Act, 1989 during the reporting period.

STATE RESCUE BOARD MEMBERSHIP 2002/2003

Chairperson: Mr P C Koperberg, AO AFSM BEM
Commissioner
NSW Rural Fire Service

Members: Deputy Commissioner D B Madden APM
State Emergency Operations Controller
(From 27 September 2002)

Deputy Commissioner K Moroney APM
State Emergency Operations Controller
(To 26 September 2002)

Assistant Commissioner R S Adams APM RFD
Commander City East Region
NSW Police Service

Mr I D G Mac Dougall AC AFSM
Commissioner
NSW Fire Brigades

Mr S Whinfield
General Manager Operations
Ambulance Service of NSW

Brigadier P J McNamara CSC
Director General
State Emergency Service

Mr R G Gill ESM
President
NSW Volunteer Rescue Association Inc

Mr R Isaacs
Chairman
Volunteer Marine Rescue Council of NSW

ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO THE BOARD

THE VOLUNTEER MARINE RESCUE COUNCIL OF NEW SOUTH WALES

The Volunteer Marine Rescue Council of New South Wales advises the Board on all maritime rescue matters.

Chairperson: Mr R Isaacs
NSW Volunteer Rescue Association Inc.

Members: Superintendent Terrence Dalton (Deputy Chair)
NSW Water Police
(From 25 November 2002)

Acting Inspector G Finnis (Acting Deputy Chair)
NSW Water Police
(To 24 November 2002)

Sergeant Alan Gannon
NSW Water Police

Commodore J M Stringer OAM ESM
Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol

Captain M Wain ESM
Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol
(To 24 November 2002)

Mr Robert King
Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol
(From 25 November 2002)

Commodore M Wilson ESM
Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association

Commodore S Cowie ESM
Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association

Mr G Barrett
NSW Volunteer Rescue Association Inc
(To 24 November 2002)

Mr Stephen Reading
NSW Volunteer Rescue Association Inc
(From 25 November 2002)

FLOOD ACCREDITATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Mr H Mueller
Assistant Secretary
NSW State Rescue Board

Members: Acting Inspector G Finniss
NSW Police Service

Mr R Stone
State Emergency Service

Mr W Lingen
NSW Volunteer Rescue Association Inc

SUB COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

The Board has established the following standing committees to assist and advise it in the performance of its functions.

TRAINING ADVISORY PANEL

Chairman: Mr H Mueller
Assistant Secretary
NSW State Rescue Board

Members: Inspector G Smith APM
NSW Police Service

Acting Superintendent K Williams
Ambulance Service of NSW
(From 1 January 2003)

Station Officer R Hamilton
Ambulance Service of NSW
(To 31 December 2002)

Station Officer W Kidd AFSM
NSW Fire Brigades

Mr J Young
State Emergency Service

Mr H Black
NSW Volunteer Rescue Association Inc

VERTICAL RESCUE SUB COMMITTEE

Chairman: Mr H Mueller
Assistant Secretary
NSW State Rescue Board

Members: Inspector G Smith APM
NSW Police Service

Acting Superintendent K Williams
Ambulance Service of NSW

Station Officer C Sykes
NSW Fire Brigades

Mr J Young
State Emergency Service

Mr P Toomer
NSW Volunteer Rescue Association Inc

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Annex A. State Rescue Board – Members Attendance

Annex B. Volunteer Marine Rescue Council – Members Attendance

Chapter One – Annex A – Members Attendance – State Rescue Board

State Rescue Board – Members Attendance		
MEMBER	PRESENT	REPRESENTED
Mr P C Koperberg AO AFSM BEM Chairman	2	Nil
Deputy Commissioner D B Madden APM State Emergency Operations Controller	Nil	Nil
Deputy Commissioner K Moroney APM State Emergency Operations Controller	Nil	Nil
Assist. Commissioner R S Adams APM RFD Commander City East Region NSW Police Service	2	Nil
Mr S Whinfield General Manager Operations Ambulance Service of NSW	1	1
Mr I D G Mac Dougall AC AFSM Commissioner NSW Fire Brigades	Nil	2
Brigadier P J McNamara CSC Director General State Emergency Service	1	1
Mr R G Gill ESM President NSW Volunteer Rescue Association Inc	2	Nil
Mr R Isaacs Chairman Volunteer Marine Rescue Council of NSW	2	Nil

Note: The State Rescue Board conducted two meetings during the reporting period – 26 February 2003 and 28 May 2003.

**Chapter One – Annex B – Members Attendance
Volunteer Marine Rescue Council of NSW**

Volunteer Marine Rescue Council – Members Attendance		
MEMBER	PRESENT	REPRESENTED
Mr R Isaacs NSW Volunteer Rescue Association Inc Chairman	6	Nil
Superintendent T Dalton NSW Water Police Deputy Chairman	4	Nil
Acting Inspector G Finniss NSW Police Service Acting Deputy Chair	3	Nil
Sergeant Alan Gannon NSW Water Police	2	Nil
Commodore M Wilson ESM Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association	6	Nil
Commodore S Cowie ESM Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association (Secretary)	2	Nil
Commodore J M Stringer ESM OAM Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol Treasurer	6	Nil
Captain M Wain ESM Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol	Nil	Nil
Mr R King Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol	2	Nil
Mr G Barrett NSW Volunteer Rescue Association Inc	Nil	Nil
Mr S Reading Volunteer Rescue Association of NSW Inc	5	Nil

Note: The Volunteer Marine Rescue Council conducted six meetings during the reporting period – 27 July 2002, 28 September 2002, 23 November 2002, 8 February 2003, 29 March 2003 and 10 May 2003.

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CHAPTER TWO

**OVERVIEW OF BOARD
OPERATIONS**

OVERVIEW OF BOARD OPERATIONS – 2002/03

The Board is responsible for the development and promulgation of rescue policy, the setting, promulgation and monitoring of training standards, the appointment of Senior Rescue Instructors, providing advice and recommendations on the compatibility of rescue equipment, assisting in the conduct of training exercises and for recommending to the Minister the accreditation of rescue units. In addition, the Board maintains a register of all rescue operators.

Over the reporting period the Board conducted two meetings. The Board continued to concentrate on minor variations to the accreditation of land and maritime rescue resources, and the efficient and effective delivery of rescue services.

The Board is committed to the introduction of competency-based training in accordance with the Australian Quality Training Framework. The Board will base its future training requirement for rescue operators on the Australian National Training Authority endorsed Public Safety and Maritime Training Packages.

The Board's Volunteer Marine Rescue Council met on six occasions during the reporting period. In addition to providing advice to the Board on applications for marine accreditation, the Council focused on standardising maritime rescue operational procedures, monitoring the annual inspection program, monitoring the progress of the marine rescue services improvement program and examining ways to improve the continued financial viability of the volunteer organizations that contribute to marine rescue in this State.

The Board's Training Advisory Panel met on four occasions during the reporting period. Its principle dealings included a review of the training requirement for General Land Rescue Operators, the appointment of rescue instructors, recommending to the Board the appointment of Senior Rescue Instructors and reviewing the status of all provisionally accredited rescue units. In addition, the Training Advisory Panel examined several technical and procedural issues that were either referred by the Board or which resulted from rescue incidents.

Rescue Committees are established at both Emergency Management District and Local levels. The Committees comprise representatives of emergency service organizations that operate at the respective levels. The Rescue Committees are chaired by an appropriate senior police officer in recognition of the responsibility of the Police Service to coordinate rescue operations. The Committees are responsible for ensuring an appropriate level of rescue resources in the area and to make recommendations to the Board concerning the accreditation of land and maritime rescue resources.

The Board's principles for the accreditation of rescue units are:

- ❖ The demonstrated need for rescue services in the community;
- ❖ The precedence of full time emergency services over volunteer resources; and

- ❖ That rescue units accept Police responsibility for the control of response to rescue incidents and for control and coordination at the scene of rescue operations.

During the reporting period the Board was required to consider the implications of the availability of certain categories of liability insurance to cover the activities of volunteer accredited units. Of particular concern was the cover afforded to the “specialist” units that were recognised in the State Rescue Policy as accredited groups. The Board was conscious that these groups, while undertaking their own training requirements, did not have to meet requirements that were accepted by the Board.

The Board directed that a review of these specialist groups should be undertaken. The Board has yet to finalise its consideration of that review at the time of this report.

The Board was made aware of the requirement of the State to provide information to the Productivity Commission in relation to road accident rescues for inclusion in its Report on Government Services 2004. The Board expressed some concern in relation to the matters that rescue units, particularly the volunteer units, were to be asked to collect. It was therefore decided to ask all agencies that operated rescue units involved in road accident rescue to collect the following statistics from 1 July 2003;

- The number of call outs,
- How many of those call-outs were called off prior to arrival on scene,
- How many of those call outs involve an extrication, and
- The total elapsed time from call out to the unit being available for re-tasking.

The Board recommended to the Minister that \$750,000 be made available to the Volunteer Rescue Association for the 2002/2003 financial year.

The Board also made recommendations to the Minister on the disbursement of \$622,000 provided in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement negotiated with the Waterways Authority.

The training of individual rescue operators to the Board’s rescue training standards is the responsibility of the individual rescue services. At the end of the reporting period the Board has in place a total of 73 Senior Rescue Instructors and 287 Unit Rescue Instructors.

The Minister for Emergency Services again made provision of \$250,000 for cross agency emergency management and rescue training. \$90,000 was made available to the Board. Allocations were made from these funds to assist in the conduct of rescue training activities open to members from all the rescue agencies. In 2002/03 some of the funds were also utilised to conduct a series of four workshops for rescue assessors across the State.

At the conclusion of the reporting period, there were 196 primary and 128 secondary accredited general land rescue units and one provisionally accredited general land rescue units. Of the 324 accredited general land rescue units, 92 units are accredited for vertical rescue operations.

OVERVIEW OF OPERATIONS VOLUNTEER MARINE RESCUE COUNCIL – 2002/03

The Volunteer Marine Rescue Council of New South Wales is an advisory body to the State Rescue Board on all maritime rescue matters. The Council comprises representatives of the NSW Volunteer Rescue Association Inc, the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol, the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association Inc and the NSW Water Police.

Mission Statement:

The Council's Mission Statement 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.

Corporate Objectives:

In 1996 the Minister issued the Council with the following Corporate Objectives as part of the Memorandum of Agreement between the organizations represented on Council:

- a. Ensure that member organizations implement the State's Maritime Rescue Policy.
- b. Assist in the further development of Maritime Rescue Policy.
- c. Ensure that member organizations train members to standards required by the State Rescue Board for maritime accreditation.
- d. Assist in the further development of maritime rescue procedures and marine rescue resource capabilities.
- e. Provide advice and recommendations to the State Rescue Board on the status of Marine Rescue Units (MRU), Search and Rescue Coordination Centres (SARcc) and Marine Radio Bases (MRB) and on the funding needs of the volunteer organizations.
- f. Provide a coordinating body to the State Rescue Board on marine rescue matters.
- g. Maintain effective liaison with the NSW Water Police and ensure that member organizations continue to accept Police responsibilities for the control and coordination of rescue.

Marine rescue operations are normally conducted by the local accredited units to a level consistent with the level of its equipment capability and level of training. Operations are conducted in cooperation with the NSW Water Police who are responsible for the coordination of search and rescue operations within state waters. There are over 5,000 rescue missions performed by the accredited marine rescue units in NSW each year.

When an incident is beyond the capability of the rescue assets in NSW the State Coordinator may request the Commonwealth to take over the coordination of operations. The Commonwealth automatically has responsibility for incidents beyond the limit of state waters.

Training & Development

During the period, the Council focused its attention on the continued rationalization of accredited marine rescue resources, rationalization of the State’s marine radio safety network and defining the training requirements for marine rescue operators in preparation for the introduction of competency based training.

The training requirements for all marine rescue operators are considered in both the short and long term. The Council continues to monitor the development of a marine rescue training package. The package is based on the endorsed Maritime Training Package and will be introduced in accordance with the Australian Qualifications Training Framework. The revised training requirement for all marine rescue operators is expected to be complete and presented to the Board in late 2003.

Funding

The member organizations 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. At present the Government, in recognition of the significant contribution of volunteers, provides funding support through a special arrangement between the Waterways Authority and the State Rescue Board. The funding agreement provided a total of \$372,000 towards capital improvement of volunteer marine rescue units. There was an additional \$250,000 provided to offset operational expenses such as fuel, insurance and administration.

One of the Council’s significant long-term objectives is the progressive upgrade of all seagoing units to the equivalent of the commercial 2C survey standard. To assist in achieving this goal the total funding of \$622,000 from the Government for this financial year was distributed to volunteer organizations as follows (includes Capital Improvement and Operational Support component):

Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol.....	\$277,050
Australian Volunteer Coast Guard.....	\$203,710
Volunteer Rescue Association, Marine.....	\$141,240

Funding Expenditure

Capital Improvement

The Memorandum of Understanding between the Waterways Authority and the State Rescue Board requires the total funds of \$372,000 disbursed to the marine rescue organizations for Capital Improvement in 2002/2003 to be expended proportionately against three specified categories as follows:

Cat 3 & 2 Lifeboats.....	68%
Base Level Funding.....	29%
SARcc.....	3%

The funds for Capital Improvement were disbursed within respective marine rescue organizations as follows:

- NSW Volunteer Rescue Assoc. (\$84,471)

Shoalhaven Marine - replacement Cat 2 vessel; Port Macquarie – refurbishment of SARcc; Base Level Funding for 10 units.

- Australian Volunteer Coast Guard (\$121,834)

Kingscliff – replacement Cat 2 vessel; Bermagui – replacement Cat 2 vessel; SARcc/MRB upgrades at Evans Head; Norah Head; Terrigal and Ku-ring-gai.

- Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol. (\$165,694)

Broken Bay – replacement Cat 2 vessel; Port Stephens – replacement Cat 2 vessel; Wollongong – refurbishment of Cat 3 vessel; SARcc/MRB refurbishments at Trial Bay; Eden; Forster; Newcastle; Terrey Hills; Botany Bay and Moruya.

Operational Support

The disbursement of the allocated \$250,000 for purposes of operational support was based on an agreed formula developed by the constituent members of the VMRC. The resultant disbursement for 2002/03 was: NSW Volunteer Rescue Assoc. - \$56,769; Australian Volunteer Coast Guard - \$81,878; and Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol - \$111,353.

Accreditation

All accredited SARcc, MRB and MRU are inspected in accordance with the NSW State Rescue Policy. Prior to a new unit receiving accreditation, they must first undergo a needs analysis at Local and District Level to ensure that a requirement does exist. During the reporting period the following changes in accreditation were approved by the Minister:

RVCP

- RVCP Central Coast - accreditation extended to include MRU Category 1;
- RVCP Crowdy / Harrington Division - accredited as a MRB;
- RVCP Foster / Tuncurry - increase in accreditation to MRU Category 2;
- RVCP Jervis Bay Division - accreditation extended to include MRU Category 1;
- RVCP Kiola - increase in accreditation to MRU Category 2;
- RVCP Narooma Division - increase in accreditation from a MRB to a SARcc; and
- RVCP Sydney Metropolitan Division - accreditation as a MRB was revoked.

AVCGA

- AVCGA Port Stephens - increase in accreditation to MRU Category 2.

VRA

- VRA Gerringong Bait and Tackle - accredited as a MRB.

Police

- Port Kembla Police - accreditation extended to include MRU Category 2;
- Newcastle Police - increase in accreditation to MRU Category 2;
- Forster Police - accreditation as a MRU was revoked;
- Tweed Heads Police - accreditation as a MRU was revoked;
- Ballina Police - accreditation as a MRU was revoked; and
- Port Kembla Police - accreditation as a MRB was revoked.

A total of eight Category 2 and one Category 3 vessels were either purchased or replaced during the period assisted by funding received under the agreement between the Board and the Waterways Authority. In addition the funding allowed for the upgrading or purchase of equipment for SARcc and MRB.

The Council continued to examine the equipment carried on the different categories of rescue vessels and rationalised the kit based on the size and area of operations. The Council has adopted an overlay of the Beaufort scale to assist in determining the categories of rescue vessels in this State.

RVAG

The Chair of the VMRC has over the period and in the past, represented all marine rescue groups on the Waterways Authority Policy Advisory Group (WAPAG). In June 2002, the Waterways Authority announced the new advisory structure. A new peak group called the Waterways Authority Council (WAC) was formed. Under the WAC are several advisory groups. The VMRC is a standing member of a newly formed Recreational Vessel Advisory Group (RVAG). The other is the Commercial Vessels Advisory Group. Since the 8th October 2002 the VMRC has contributed in the development of the Waterways Authority safety and emergency policies.

Awards

Two emergency service members were recipients of the Emergency Service Medal (ESM) during the period. The Emergency Service Medal is awarded in recognition of 'Distinguished Service' to emergency services. Those awarded were Commodore Steve Cowie ESM, of the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association and Commodore Mark Wain ESM, of the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol.

ANNEXES:

- Annex A. Summary of accredited general land and vertical rescue units.
- Annex B. Summary of accredited marine rescue resources.

State Rescue Board of New South Wales

Summary of Land Rescue Accreditations

DISTRICT	LOCATION	PRIMARY UNIT	UNIT No.	SECONDARY UNIT	UNIT No.
CENTRAL WEST	BATHURST	BATHURST PRS (v)	260	BATHURST CITY SES	270
	BLAYNEY	BLAYNEY SES	272	BLAYNEY FB	28
	CANOWINDRA	CANOWINDRA SES	276	CANOWINDRA FB	100
	CONDOBOLIN	CONDOBOLIN SES (v)	278	CONDOBOLIN FB	117
	COWRA	COWRA AMB	243	COWRA FB	51
	EUGOWRA	NIL		EUGOWRA SES	345
	FORBES	FORBES SES	292	FORBES FB	53
	LAKE CARGELLIGO	LAKE CARGELLIGO SES	356	LAKE CARGELLIGO FB	127
	LITHGOW	LITHGOW VRA (v)	212	LITHGOW FB	29
	MOLONG	MOLONG FB	120	NIL	
	OBERON	OBERON SES (v)	316	OBERON FB	30
	ORANGE	ORANGE FB	31	NIL	31
	PARKES	PARKES SES (v)	318	PARKES FB	58
	PEAK HILL	PEAK HILL SES	391	PEAK HILL FB	121
	SOFALA/HILL END	TURON SES	360	NIL	
TRUNDLE	TRUNDLE SES	328	NIL		

Legend:

- VRA - Volunteer Rescue Association
- SES - State Emergency Service
- FB - NSW Fire Brigades
- PRS - Police Rescue Squad
- AMB - Ambulance Service of NSW
- (V) - Vertical

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FAR WEST	BOURKE	BOURKE VRA (v)	192	BOURKE FB	48
	BREWARRINA	BREWARRINA SES (v)	274	NIL	
	BROKEN HILL	BROKEN HILL SES (v)	275	BROKEN HILL FB	62
	COBAR	COBAR SES (v)	197	COBAR FB	50
	MENINDEE	MENINDEE SES	414	NIL	
	NYNGAN	NYNGAN FB	57	NIL	222
	TIBOObURRA	TIBOObURRA SES (v)	413	NIL	
	WHITE CLIFFS	WHITE CLIFFS SES (v)	338	NIL	
WILCANNIA	WILCANNIA SES	339	NIL		

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DISTRICT	LOCATION	PRIMARY UNIT	UNIT No.	SECONDARY UNIT	UNIT No.
HUNTER	BRANXTON	BRANXTON FB	23	NIL	
	CESSNOCK	CESSNOCK DISTRICT VRA (v)	196	NIL	
	DENMAN	DENMAN VRA (v)	203	NIL	
	DUNOG	DUNOG SES (v)	281	DUNOG FB	150
	LAKE MACQUARIE	COORANBONG SES (v)	353	NIL	
	MAITLAND	RUTHERFORD AMB	245	NIL	
	MERRIWA	MERRIWA VRA	214	MERRIWA FB	40
	MURRURUNDI	MURRURUNDI VRA (v)	216	NIL	
	MUSWELLBROOK	MUSWELLBROOK SES	312	NIL	
	NELSON BAY	NELSONS BAY FB (v)	24	NIL	
	NEWCASTLE	NEWCASTLE PRS (v) HAMILTON AMB (v)	257 244	COOKS HILL FB	382
	RAYMOND TERRACE	PORT STEPHENS SES	319	NIL	
	SCONE	SCONE SES	320	NIL	
	SINGLETON	SINGLETON AMB	246	NIL	
	TEA GARDENS	TEA GARDENS FB (v)	25	NIL	

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ILLAWARRA	KIAMA	KIAMA SES (v)	307	KIAMA FB	85	
	NOWRA	BOMADERRY AMB (v)	247	NOWRA FB	165	
	ULLADULLA/ SUSSEX INLET	ULLADULLA FB (v)	166	NIL		
	WOLLONGONG	WOLLONGONG AMB		248	WOLLONGONG FB	86
		WOLLONGONG PRS (v)		258	BULLI FB	82

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MID NORTH COAST	BELLINGEN	NIL		BELLINGEN FB	88
	BOWRAVILLE	NIL		BOWRAVILLE FB	167
	BULAHDELAH	BULAHDELAH VRA	194	NIL	
	COFFS HARBOUR	COFFS HARBOUR CITY SES (v)	277	COFFS HARBOUR FB	89
	DORRIGO	DORRIGO SES (v)	354	DORRIGO FB	168
	FORSTER	FORSTER FB (v)	22	NIL	
	GLOUCESTER	GLOUCESTER SHIRE SES (v)	294	GLOUCESTER FB	90
	KEMPSEY	KEMPSEY SHIRE SES (v)	306	KEMPSEY FB	92
	LAURIETON	LAURIETON FB (v)	169	CAMDEN HAVEN SES	394
	LORD HOWE ISLAND	LORD HOWE ISLAND SES (v)	410	NIL	
	MACKSVILLE	NAMBUCCA DIST VRA	217	MACKSVILLE FB	372
	NABIAC	NABIAC SES	313	NIL	
	NAMBUCCA HEADS	NIL		NAMBUCCA HEADS FB	93
	PORT MACQUARIE	HASTINGS SES	301	PORT MACQUARIE FB	94
	SAWTELL	NIL		SAWTELL FB	170
	SOUTH WEST ROCKS	SOUTH WEST ROCKS FB (v)	171	NIL	
	TAREE	TAREE VRA (v)	232	TAREE FB	95
	URUNGA	URUNGA SES	385	URUNGA FB	172
	WAUCHOPE	WAUCHOPE FB	181	NIL	
	WINGHAM	NIL		WINGHAM FB	173
WOOLGOOLGA	WOOLGOOLGA FB	182	NIL		

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MONARO	BATEMANS BAY	BATEMANS BAY VRA	187	BATEMANS BAY FB	160
	BEGA	BEGA VRA (v)	189	BEGA FB	81
	BOMBALA	BOMBALA FB	74	NIL	
	BRAIDWOOD	BRAIDWOOD FB (v)	161	NIL	
	COOMA	COOMA PRS (v)	262	COOMA-MONARO SES	284
	EDEN	EDEN-PAMBULA SES (v)	290	EDEN FB	162
	JINDABYNE	SNOWY RIVER SES (v)	375	JINDABYNE FB	158
	MERIMBULA	MERIMBULA FB	180	NIL	
	MORUYA	EUROBODALLA SES (v)	291	MORUYA FB	163
	NAROOMA	NAROOMA VRA (v)	218	NAROOMA FB	164
	PERISHER VALLEY	PERISHER VALLEY FB (v)	371	NIL	
	QUEANBEYAN	QUEANBEYAN FB	78	QUEANBEYAN SES (v)	286
	THREDBO	THREDBO FB (v)	178	NIL	

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MURRAY	ALBURY	ALBURY VRA (v)	183	ALBURY CENTRAL FB	370
	BALRANALD	BALRANALD VRA	185	BALRANALD FB	61
	BARHAM	BARHAM FB	123	NIL	
	BERRIGAN	NIL		BERRIGAN FB	124
	COROWA	COROWA-RUTHERGLEN VRA	201	COROWA FB	63
	CULCAIRN	CULCAIRN SES	280	CULCAIRN FB	75
	DENILQUIN	DENILQUIN VRA (v)	202	DENILQUIN FB	64
	ECHUCA/MOAMA	ECHUCA-MOAMA VRA	205	MOAMA FB	128
	FINLEY	NIL		FINLEY FB	125
	HENTY	NIL		HENTY FB	156
	HOLBROOK	HOLBROOK SES	305	HOLBROOK FB	157
	JERILDERIE	JERILDERIE FB	67	NIL	
	MOULAMEIN	WAKOOL SES	399	NIL	
	MULWALA	MULWALA FB	174	NIL	
	OAKLANDS	OAKLANDS SES	315	NIL	
	TOCUMWAL	TOCUMWAL VRA	231	TOCUMWAL FB	129
	URANA	URANA SES	330	NIL	
	WENTWORTH	WENTWORTH FB	72	WENTWORTH SES	288
TUMBARUMBA	TUMBARUMBA FB	79	NIL		

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NORTHERN RIVERS	ALSTONVILLE	NIL		ALSTONVILLE FB	106
	BALLINA	BALLINA SES	269	BALLINA FB	137
	BANGALOW	NIL		BANGALOW FB	107
	BRUNSWICK HEADS	BRUNSWICK VALLEY VRA (v)	193	BRUNSWICK HEADS FB	108
	BYRON BAY	NIL		BYRON BAY FB	109
	CASINO	CASINO VRA (v)	195	CASINO FB	110
	CORAKI	NIL		CORAKI FB	111
	EVANS HEAD	NIL		EVANS HEAD FB	132
	GRAFTON	GRAFTON CITY SES (v)	296	GRAFTON FB SOUTH GRAFTON FB	134 139
	KINGSCLIFF	TWEED DISTRICT VRA (v)	408	KINGSCLIFF FB	112
	KYOGLE	KYOGLE SES (v)	308	KYOGLE FB	135
	LISMORE	LISMORE PRS (v)	266	LISMORE FB LISMORE SES	136 403
	MACLEAN	MACLEAN SES	310	MACLEAN FB	138
	MULLUMBIMBY	NIL		MULLUMBIMBY FB	113
	MURWILLUMBAH	NIL		MURWILLUMBAH FB	114
	TABULAM	TABULAM SES	322	NIL	
	TWEED HEADS	NIL		TWEED HEADS FB	141
	URBENVILLE	URBENVILLE SES (v)	331	NIL	
	WOODBURN	WOODBURN SES	341	NIL	
	YAMBA	NIL		YAMBA FB	115

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PEEL	ARMIDALE	ARMIDALE SES (v)	184	ARMIDALE FB	87
	ASHFORD	ASHFORD SES	395	NIL	
	BARRABA	BARRABA VRA	186	BARRABA FB	32
	BINGARA	BINGARA SHIRE SES (v)	271	BINGARA FB	33
	BOGGABILLA	BOGGABILLA SES	350	NIL	
	BOGGABRI	BOGGABRI SES	273	BOGGABRI FB	142
	BURREN JUNCTION	BURREN JUNCTION VRA	233	NIL	
	DEEPWATER	DEEPWATER SES	357	NIL	
	GLEN INNES	GLEN INNES VRA (v)	206	GLEN INNES FB	133
	GUNNEDAH	GUNNEDAH SES	299	NIL	
	GUYRA	GUYRA VRA	208	GUYRA FB	91
	INVERELL	INVERELL VRA	209	INVERELL FB	38
	MANILLA	MANILLA VRA (v)	213	MANILLA FB	39
	MOREE	MOREE PLAINS SES	311	MOREE FB	41
	NARRABRI	NARRABRI VRA (v)	219	NARRABRI FB	43
	NUNDLE	NUNDLE SES (v)	314	NIL	
	QUIRINDI	QUIRINDI VRA	225	QUIRINDI FB	44
	TAMBAR SPRINGS	TAMBAR SPRINGS SES	324	NIL	
	TAMWORTH	TAMWORTH AMB	249	TAMWORTH CENTRAL FB TAMWORTH-PARRY SES	45 287
	TENTERFIELD	TENTERFIELD SES (v)	326	TENTERFIELD FB	140
	URALLA	URALLA FB	96	NIL	
	WALCHA	WALCHA SES (v)	333	NIL	
	WARIALDA	YALLAROI SES	342	WARIALDA FB	47
	WEE WAA	WEE WAA SES	336	NIL	
WERRIS CREEK	NIL		WERRIS CREEK FB	145	
YETMAN	YETMAN SES	343	NIL		

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RIVERINA	COLEAMBALLY	COLEAMBALLY VRA (v)	198	NIL	
	COOLAMON	COOLAMON FB	176	NIL	
	GOOLGOWI	GOOLGOWI SES	295	NIL	
	GRIFFITH	GRIFFITH SES (v)	297	GRIFFITH FB	65
	HAY	HAY SES (v)	303	HAY FB	66
	HILLSTON	HILLSTON SES	304	HILLSTON FB	126
	JUNEE	JUNEE VRA	210	JUNEE FB	77
	LEETON	LEETON VRA (v)	211	NIL	
	LOCKHART	LOCKHART FB	69	NIL	
	NARRANDERA	NARRANDERA VRA (v)	220	NARRANDERA FB	70
	TEMORA	TEMORA SES	325	TEMORA FB	71
	THE ROCK	THE ROCK SES	327	NIL	
	WAGGA WAGGA	WAGGA WAGGA VRA (v) WAGGA WAGGA AMB	369 250	TURVEY PARK FB	80
	WEST WYALONG	WEST WYALONG SES (v)	349	WEST WYALONG FB	122
YENDA	NIL		YENDA FB	130	

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SYDNEY METROPOLITAN	BANKSTOWN	BANKSTOWN AMB (v)	237	NIL	
	BEROWRA	BEROWRA FB	17	NIL	
	BLACKTOWN	BLACKTOWN FB (v)	377	NIL	
	BURWOOD	BURWOOD FB	4	NIL	
	CAMDEN	CAMDEN AMB (v)	238	NIL	
	CARINGBAH	CARINGBAH AMB (v)	239	NIL	
	CASTLE HILL	CASTLE HILL FB	15	NIL	
	CROWS NEST	CROWS NEST FB	381	NIL	
	EASTWOOD	EASTWOOD FB	378	NIL	
	GOSFORD	GOSFORD AMB (v)	242	GOSFORD FB	26
	HURSTVILLE	HURSTVILLE FB	5	NIL	
	KATOOMBA	KATOOMBA PRS (v) KATOOMBA FB	264 102	NIL	102
	LIVERPOOL	LIVERPOOL FB	3	NIL	
	MACQUARIE FIELDS	MACQUARIE FIELDS FB	21	NIL	
	MITTAGONG	BERRIMA VRA (v)	234	WINGECARRIBEE SES	340
	NARRABEEN	NARRABEEN FB (v)	379	NIL	
	PARRAMATTA	PARRAMATTA AMB	241	NIL	
	PENRITH	PENRITH VRA	236	PENRITH FB	149
	PICTON	NIL		PICTON FB	103
	RICHMOND	HAWKESBURY SES (v)	302	RICHMOND FB	148
	SPRINGWOOD	SPRINGWOOD PRS (v)	267	SPRINGWOOD FB	104
	ST IVES	ST IVES AMB (v)	374	NIL	
	WINDSOR	NIL		WINDSOR FB	147
	WYONG	CENTRAL COAST VRA (v)	235	NIL	
ZETLAND	ZETLAND PRS (v)	400	NIL		

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SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS	BATLOW	BATLOW VRA	188	BATLOW FB	131
	BINALONG	BINALONG VRA (v)	366	NIL	
	BOOROWA	BOOROWA FB	175	NIL	
	COOTAMUNDRA	COOTAMUNDRA FB (v)	177	COOTAMUNDRA SES	285
	CROOKWELL	CROOKWELL FB	83	NIL	
	GOULBURN	GOULBURN PRS (v)	263	GOULBURN FB	84
	GRENFELL	GRENFELL SES (v)	390	GRENFELL FB	118
	GUNDAGAI	GUNDAGAI SES	298	GUNDAGAI FB	155
	HARDEN	HARDEN SES	300	HARDEN FB	76
	TUMUT	TUMUT VRA (v)	227	TUMUT FB	159
	YASS	YASS FB	179	NIL	
	YOUNG	YOUNG FB	146	NIL	

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WESTERN SLOPES	BARADINE	BARADINE SES	347	NIL	
	COLLARENEBRI	COLLARENEBRI SES	396	NIL	
	COOLAH	COOLAH VRA (v)	199	COOLAH FB	34
	COONABARABRAN	COONABARABRAN VRA (v)	200	COONABARABRAN FB	35
	COONAMBLE	COONAMBLE FB	36	COONAMBLE SES	279
	DUBBO	DUBBO VRA (v)	204	DUBBO CENTRAL FB	52
	DUNEDOO	DUNEDOO SES	355	DUNEDOO FB	116
	GILGANDRA	GILGANDRA SES	293	GILGANDRA FB	54
	GLENGARRY	GLENGARRY SES (v)	362	NIL	
	GULGONG	GULGONG VRA	207	GULGONG FB	119
	LIGHTENING RIDGE	LIGHTENING RIDGE SES (v)	309	LIGHTENING RIDGE FB	143
	MENDOORAN	MENDOORAN VRA	411	NIL	
	MUDGEES	MUDGEES VRA	215	MUDGEES FB	55
	NARROMINE	NARROMINE VRA	221	NARROMINE FB	56
	RYLSTONE/KANDOS	RYLSTONE-KANDOS VRA (v)	226	KANDOS FB	101
	TRANGIE	TRANGIE FB	154	NIL	
	WALGETT	WALGETT SES	334	WALGETT FB	46
	WARREN	WARREN VRA	230	WARREN FB	59
WELLINGTON	WELLINGTON SES (v)	337	WELLINGTON FB	60	

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Accreditation Breakdown By District

District	Primary	Secondary	Vertical
Central West	15	12	5
Far West	9	3	6
Hunter	16	3	9
Illawarra	5	4	4
Mid North Coast	16	14	9
Monaro	13	8	10
Murray	16	12	2
Northern Rivers	11	19	7
Peel	25	16	8
Riverina	15	9	7
Sydney Metropolitan	24	7	13
Southern Highlands	12	7	5
Western Slopes	19	14	7
TOTALS	196	128	92

Accreditation Breakdown By Service

Service	General Rescue		Vertical Rescue
	Primary	Secondary	
Police Service	9		9
Ambulance Service	14		7
Fire Brigades	44	117	12
State Emergency Service	80	11	36
Volunteer Rescue Association	49		28
TOTALS	196	128	92

Note: City of Sydney FB holds provisional accreditation only and is not included in the figures.

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Summary of Marine Rescue Units

SQUAD NO:	UNIT – MARINE RESCUE AREA	ORGANISATION	ACCREDITATION & CATEGORY
NORTHERN RIVERS DISTRICT			
1.	Point Danger Air Sea Rescue Inc.	VRA	SARCC MRU Cat(3) 23173QC Cat(2) 23193QC Cat(1) 11524QC
3.	Kingscliff Flotilla	AVCGA	SARCC MRU Cat(1) CG19N Cat(2) CG180N
4.	Tweed Coast Sea Rescue	VRA	MRU Cat(1) AAJ410N
5.	Brunswick Valley Rescue Squad Inc	VRA	MRB MRU Cat(2) 21883
6.	Cape Byron Division	RVCP	MRB
7.	Ballina Flotilla	AVCGA	SARCC MRU Cat(3) CG11N

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SQUAD NO:	UNIT – MARINE RESCUE AREA	ORGANISATION	ACCREDITATION & CATEGORY
9.	Evans Head Flotilla	AVCGA	MRB MRU Cat(3) CG161N
10.	Iluka/Yamba Flotilla	AVCGA	SARCC MRU Cat(3) CG17N Cat(1) CG1N
11.	Yamba Police	Yamba Police LAC	MRU Cat(3) 18734
12.	Wooli Rescue Squad	VRA	MRB MRU Cat(1) EM327N
13.	Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore Surf Life Saving Club	SLSA	Ministerial Limited. Ballina Bar Operation only. MRU Cat(1) SR900N Surf Rescue Jet Boat

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SQUAD NO:	UNIT – MARINE RESCUE AREA	ORGANISATION	ACCREDITATION & CATEGORY
MID NORTH COAST DISTRICT			
14.	Woolgoolga Sea Rescue Inc	VRA	MRB MRU Cat(2) 22117
15.	Coffs Harbour Division	RVCP	SARCC MRU Cat(1) Provisional
16.	Coffs Harbour Police	NSW Police Marine Area Comd	MRU Cat(3) 17726
17.	Trial Bay Division	RVCP	SARCC MRU Cat(3) 44-011
18.	Port Macquarie Sea Rescue Inc	VRA	SARCC MRU Cat(1) RescueN Cat(1) DuckieN Cat(3) T467
19.	Camden Haven Sea Rescue Squad Inc	VRA	MRB MRU Cat(3) CH10N
20.	Crowdy Harrington Division	RVCP	MRB
21.	Forster Tuncurry Division	RVCP	SARCC MRU Cat(2) 18944
81.	Nambucca River Marine Rescue Inc.	VRA	MRU Cat(1) VCP6N

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SQUAD NO:	UNIT – MARINE RESCUE AREA	ORGANISATION	ACCREDITATION & CATEGORY
HUNTER DISTRICT			
24.	Port Stephens Flotilla	AVCGA	MRB MRU Cat(2) CG4
25.	Port Stephens Division	RVCP	SARCC MRU Cat(1) CP105N Cat(3) 5209
26.	Port Stephens Police	NSW Police Marine Area Comd	MRU Cat(2) WP47 Cat(3) WP23
27.	Newcastle Police	NSW Police Marine Area Comd	MRU Cat(2) WPV 40
28.	Lake Macquarie Division	RVCP	MRB MRU Cat(1) CP63N Cat(2) CP98N Cat(1) CP187N Cat(2) CP40N
29.	Swansea Flotilla	AVCGA	SARCC MRU Cat(1) CG300N Cat(2) CG301
82.	Newcastle Division	RVCP	MRB

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SQUAD NO:	UNIT – MARINE RESCUE AREA	ORGANISATION	ACCREDITATION & CATEGORY
<u>SYDNEY NORTH DISTRICT</u>			
30.	Norah Head Search & Rescue Boat Club Inc	AVCGA	MRB MRU Cat(2) Norah9N Cat(2) Norah1N
31.	Central Coast Division	RVCP	MRB MRU Cat(2) CP2000N Cat(1) CP20N
32.	Terrigal Division	RVCP	MRB
33.	Terrigal Sea Rescue Service Inc	AVCGA	MRB MRU Cat(3) TSR1N Cat(1) TSR2N
34.	Brisbane Waters (Woy Woy) Police	Brisbane Waters Police LAC	MRU Cat(2) 18716
35.	Bar Point Rescue Base	VRA	MRB MRU Cat(1) VRS014N
36.	Hawkesbury River Division	RVCP	MRB MRU Cat(1) CP7N
37.	Brooklyn Police	Ku-ring-gai Police LAC	MRU Cat(2) 17818

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38.	Ku-Ring-Gai Flotilla	AVCGA	MRB MRU Cat(3) CG3 Cat(2) CG18N
39.	Broken Bay Division	RVCP	MRB MRU Cat(2) CP35N Cat(1) CP74
40.	Broken Bay Police	NSW Police Marine Area Comd	SARCC MRU Cat(3)
41.	Sydney Command – Terrey Hills Division	RVCP	MRB
42.	Sydney Division – The Spit	RVCP	MRB MRU Cat(3) 44-007 Cat(1) CP1N Cat(1) CP5N Cat(2) CP104N
80.	Tuggerah Lakes Division	RVCP	MRB MRU Cat(1) CP39N

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SQUAD NO:	UNIT – MARINE RESCUE AREA	ORGANISATION	ACCREDITATION & CATEGORY
<u>SYDNEY EAST DISTRICT</u>			
43.	Port Jackson Police	NSW Police Marine Area Comd	SARCC MRU Cat(3) WPV11 Cat(3) WPV12 Cat(3) WPV21 Cat(3) WPV22 Cat(3) WPV23 Cat(3) WPV24 Cat(3) WPV25 Cat(3) WPV26 Cat(3) WPV27 Cat(3) WPV31 Cat(3) WPV32 Cat(3) WPV33 Cat(2) WPV40 to WPV49
45.	Port Jackson Flotilla (South Head Signal Station)	AVCGA	MRB
<u>SYDNEY MID WEST DISTRICT</u>			
44.	Port Jackson Flotilla (Birkenhead Point)	AVCGA	MRB MRU Cat(2) CG853N Cat(2) CG224N
<u>GEORGES RIVER DISTRICT</u>			
47.	Botany Bay Division	RVCP	SARCC MRU Cat(3) 44003
48.	Botany Bay Flotilla	AVCGA	MRU Cat(2) HondaN

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SQUAD NO:	UNIT – MARINE RESCUE AREA	ORGANISATION	ACCREDITATION & CATEGORY
49.	Botany Bay Police	NSW Police Marine Area Comd	MRB MRU Cat(3) 16817 Cat(2) 21324 Cat(1) 18362 Cat(1)
50.	Solander Division Flotilla	AVCGA	MRB
51.	Port Hacking Flotilla	AVCGA	MRU Cat(2) 21456
52.	Botany Bay (Cronulla) Police	NSW Police Marine Area Comd	MRU Cat(2) 18920
77.	Botany Bay Air Services Australia	ASA	MRU Cat(2) 50763 Cat(1) AAG966N

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<u>ILLAWARRA DISTRICT</u>			
53.	Bellambi Flotilla	AVCGA	MRU Cat(2) CG5N
54.	Wollongong Division	RVCP	MRB MRU Cat(2) CP14N
55.	Port Kembla Flotilla	AVCGA	SARCC
56.	Port Kembla Police	NSW Police Marine Area Comd	MRU Cat(3) 17334 Cat(2)
57.	Lake Illawarra Flotilla	AVCGA	MRU Cat(1) CG26N
58.	Shellharbour Flotilla	AVCGA	MRU Cat(2) CG107N
59.	Gerringong Bait & Tackle	VRA	MRB
60.	Nowra Police	Shoalhaven Police LAC	MRU Cat(1) 50491
61.	Jervis Bay Division	RVCP	MRB MRU Cat(3) 43001 Cat(1) CP67N
63.	Shoalhaven Marine Rescue Association	VRA	SARCC MRU Cat(3) SMRA8N Cat(2) SMRA24N

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64.	Sussex Inlet Division	RVCP	MRB MRU Cat(2) JE768N Cat(1) CP81N
65.	Ulladulla Division	RVCP	SARCC MRU Cat(2) Cat(3) 44006
79.	Kioloa Division	RVCP	MRB MRU Cat(2) CP27N

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SQUAD NO:	UNIT – MARINE RESCUE AREA	ORGANISATION	ACCREDITATION & CATEGORY
<i>MONARO DISTRICT</i>			
66.	Batemans Bay Division	RVCP	SARCC MRU Cat(3) 44014N Cat(2) VCP2N Cat(1) CP83N
67.	Batemans Bay Police	Far South Coast LAC	MRU Cat(2) 18751
68.	Moruya Division	RVCP	MRB MRU Cat(2) JN986N
69.	Tuross Rescue Squad Inc.	VRA	MRB MRU Cat(1) TSO2N Cat(1) TSO3N Cat(1) TSO4N
70.	Narooma Rescue Squad Inc	VRA	MRU Cat(1) VRS619N Cat(1) BM 683N
71.	Narooma Division	RVCP	MRU SARCC Cat(3) 44-004
72.	Narooma Police	South Coast LAC	MRU Cat(2) 18700
73.	Bermagui Flotilla	AVCGA	SARCC MRU Cat(2) CG16N

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74.	Merimbula Division	RVCP	MRB MRU Cat(2) CP9N
75.	Eden Division	RVCP	SARCC
76.	Eden Police	NSW Police Marine Area Comd	MRU Cat(2) 18751

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<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>SARCC</u>	<u>MRB</u>	<u>MRU</u>	<u>TOTAL ACCREDITATIONS</u>	<u>TOTAL UNITS</u>	<u>MRU VESSELS</u>
NSW WATER POLICE	2	1	15	18	15	31
NSW VOLUNTEER RESCUE ASSOCIATION	3	7	12	22	13	20
ROYAL VOLUNTEER COASTAL PATROL	9	17	20	46	26	36
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEER COAST GUARD	6	8	16	30	19	23
OTHER	Nil	Nil	2	2	2	3
TOTALS	20	33	65	118	75	113

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<u>OPERATIONAL AREA CATEGORIES FOR MARINE RESCUE UNITS</u>	<u>WATER POLICE</u>	<u>RVCP</u>	<u>AVCGA</u>	<u>VRA</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Category 1	4	14	5	12	2	37
Category 2	11	13	13	4	1	42
Category 3	16	9	5	4		34
<u>SUB TOTAL</u>	31	36	23	20	3	113
<u>OPERATIONAL COORDINATION</u>						
SARCC	2	9	6	3		20
MRU	15	20	16	12	2	65
MRB	1	17	8	7		33
<u>SUB TOTAL</u>	18	46	30	22	2	118

Note: Accreditation for SLSA Ballina is Ministerial Limited for Operations on the Ballina Bar Only.

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CHAPTER THREE

REPORT OF OPERATIONS

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RESCUE OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

OBJECTIVE ONE

To control and coordinate the rescue agencies in connection with rescue operations

IDENTIFY THE NEED FOR AND RECOMMEND THE ACCREDITATION OF RESCUE UNITS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

The Board, with the support of District Rescue Committees, had made recommendations to the Minister regarding rescue accreditations in accordance with the established protocols for the accreditation of rescue units. During the period three general land rescue units were accredited, two primary and one secondary. One general land rescue unit was endorsed for vertical rescue and one other was provisionally accredited and is expected to become operational in 2004.

After a review of vertical accreditation there are now 92 rescue units accredited for vertical rescue in NSW.

In conjunction with the Volunteer Marine Rescue Council of New South Wales, the Board completed an inspection of all accredited marine rescue units, search and rescue coordination centres and marine radio bases.

At the conclusion of the reporting period, the Minister approved the accreditation of 324 General Land Rescue Units (of which 92 are accredited for Vertical Rescue), 65 Marine Rescue Units, 20 Maritime Search and Rescue Coordination Centres and 33 Marine Radio Bases throughout the State. Certificates of Accreditation for 2003 were issued to all accredited land rescue units on 1 January 2003. Certificates for the marine units accredited for rescue were issued on 1 July 2002 for the twelve months to 30 June 2003.

DEVELOP AND PROMULGATE STATE RESCUE POLICIES.

The 2nd Edition, State Rescue Policy, including the Maritime Rescue Policy dated 10 May 1995 has been issued to all participating organizations, accredited general land rescue units, marine rescue units, search and rescue coordination centre, marine radio bases, Police Stations, Ambulance Service Stations and Fire Brigade Stations. A complete re-write of the State Rescue Policy is scheduled to commence in 2004.

DEVELOP STANDING ORDERS, INSTRUCTIONS AND STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURES.

In accordance with the State Rescue Policy, Standing Orders, Instructions and Standing Operating Procedures are developed by the Board, District and Local Rescue Committees. In 2001 the State Rescue Board in conjunction with the VMRC developed SRB Standing Operating Procedures for Marine Rescue Units Edition 1 (SRB Marine SOP). These have now been promulgated to all District Rescue Committees, accredited marine rescue units and appropriate local Police and Police communication centres.

DEVELOP LIAISON LINKS WITH ALL RESCUE AGENCIES.

The following sub committees are established and meet regularly.

- Training Advisory Panel;
 - Volunteer Marine Rescue Council of NSW;
 - Vertical Rescue Sub Committee;
 - Flood Accreditation Advisory Panel;
 - 13 District Rescue Committees and
 - 116 Local Rescue Committees;
 - Maritime Rescue Advisory Sub Committees in the Northern Rivers, Mid North Coast, Hunter, Illawarra and Monaro Emergency Management Districts.
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ESTABLISH INTERSTATE LIAISON WITH RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS

Liaison has been established with appropriate agencies in the Australian Capital Territory, Queensland, South Australia and Victoria. In addition, liaison is established with Air Services Australia and the Australian Maritime Safety Authority.

Districts that adjoin State and Territory boundaries have been asked to formalize cross boundary response protocols that have been developed.

MONITOR RESCUE RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS

In accordance with the State Rescue Policy, District Rescue Committees include representatives from relevant agency Control Facilities. District Rescue Committees monitor rescue response arrangements and resolve minor complaints regarding rescue response.

In 1998 the Board in response to several incidents resolved to amend the State Rescue Policy to allow for the constitution of a Significant Incident Review Panel to ensure timely and objective review of incidents where significant concerns had been expressed.

The review led to a significant recommendation in relation to the Standing Operating Procedures used in search and rescue coordination centres and marine radio bases. The Board has subsequently developed and issued SRB Marine Standing Operating Procedures to all accredited marine rescue units, radio bases and search and rescue coordination centres as well as other agencies with marine rescue responsibilities.

MONITOR ACCREDITED RESCUE UNIT PERFORMANCE

Performance by accredited land and maritime rescue units is monitored by the respective committees.

Rescue exercises and workshops are conducted by District and Local Rescue Committees and rescue agencies.

Exercise reports from Rescue Committees and rescue agencies are monitored by the Board.

The Board maintains a 'Register' of Registered Land and Maritime Rescue Operators pursuant to section 57 of the Act.

The number of Registered Land Rescue Operators by Service at the end of the period are:

SERVICE	2001/02	2002/03
NSW Police Service	103	118
Ambulance Service of NSW	200	181
NSW Fire Brigades	2172	2188
State Emergency Service	1090	937
NSW Volunteer Rescue Association Inc	616	648
TOTAL:.....	4181	4072

The numbers of Registered Marine Rescue Operators by Service at the end of the period are:

SERVICE	2001/02	2002/03
NSW Water Police	153	152
Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association Inc	535	515
Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol	810	866
NSW Volunteer Rescue Association Inc	331	358
Others	Nil	32
TOTAL:.....	1829	1923

RECOMMEND CHANGES TO ACCREDITATION FOR RESCUE UNITS TO PARTICIPATE IN RESCUE OPERATIONS.

Rescue accreditations are reviewed annually by Rescue Committees. The following table details the number of accredited land and marine rescue units at the end of the reporting period.

ACCREDITED RESCUE UNITS	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03
General Land Rescue Units	322	321	324
Vertical Land Rescue Units	89	91	92
Marine Search & Rescue Coordination Centres	19	19	20
Marine Radio Bases	33	33	33
Marine Rescue Units	66	65	65

**OBJECTIVE
TWO**

To ensure the maintenance of efficient and effective rescue services throughout the State.

ESTABLISH DISTRICT AND LOCAL RESCUE COMMITTEES.

Thirteen District and 116 Local Rescue Committees are established. No further Rescue Committees are envisaged. Police Commanders with responsibilities for marine rescue have also established Maritime Rescue Advisory Committees. These are currently established in the Northern Rivers, Mid North Coast, Hunter, Illawarra and Monaro Emergency Management Districts.

REVIEW DISTRICT AND LOCAL RESCUE COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS.

District Rescue Committee Minutes and Reports are reviewed and actioned as an on going program.

EVALUATE THE LEVEL OF SKILLS NEEDED FOR RESCUE PERSONNEL TO DETERMINE THE TRAINING STANDARDS.

Skill levels have been reviewed for Senior Rescue Instructors, Rescue Instructors and Rescue Operators. These skill levels are for the most part encapsulated in the Public Safety Training Package. Senior Rescue Instructors and Rescue Instructors are progressively re-qualifying as trainers and assessors in accordance with the Australian Qualifications Framework.

The training package for SRB registered rescue operators is under development and is being aligned to the Public Safety Training Package. The training package for SRB registered marine rescue operators is nearing completion and is aligned with the Maritime Training Package but will incorporate competencies from the Public Safety Training Package. It is anticipated that the revised marine rescue operator training package will be implemented in 2004.

DEVELOP TRAINING STANDARDS TO MEET THE TRAINING SKILLS REQUIREMENTS.

General land, vertical and maritime rescue training standards are incorporated within the State Rescue Policy.

The Board has endorsed competency based training and has approved it as the system by which land and maritime rescue operators at all levels will be assessed for purposes of registration. The training standards for general land rescue as stipulated in the Public Safety Training Package have been developed in consultation with industry representatives including representatives from all fulltime emergency service organizations. The package has been accepted as the basis for the standards required by the Board. The current training material for general land rescue originally approved by the Board in 1991 will be retained until the formal introduction of Competency Based Training.

The training standards for marine rescue are also under review by the Board. The Maritime Training Package is being used as the basis for marine rescue operators with some competencies from the Public Safety Training Package also being used. The development of the SRB marine rescue training package is nearing completion and is expected to be introduced in 2004.

DEVELOP TRAINING PACKAGES.

The following training packages and material has been distributed to accredited units, registered operators and rescue agencies.

3000 copies of the Board's Rescue Training Reference Manual (Second Edition).

65 copies of the Board's Rescue Instructors Training Guide (Second Edition) along with 65 copies of a package of high quality "rescue Instruction Overhead Transparencies."

400 copies of the General Motors Emergency Service Bulletin Booklet concerning the safety arrangements for "Air Bags".

500 copies of the Board's Reference Manual for Supplementary Restraint Systems (SRS) Airbags.

5700 copies of a Federal Office of Road Safety publication on Supplementary Restraint Systems.

500 copies of the Australian Defence Force Publication "Military Aircraft Accident Sites – Safety Guidelines for Emergency Services Personnel".

500 copies of the NSW Police Service Publication "NSW Emergency Services Organizations (ESOs)".

333 copies of the Board video on the Brifen Safety Fence.

101 copies of the video working Safely With Aircraft.

100 copies of the Electrical Awareness Safety Package.

56 copies of reference notes relating to Procedures of the Coroner's Court.

56 OZPOD frame pamphlets.

200 SRB Marine Standing Operating Procedures.

200 Urban Search & Rescue Category 1 compact disks.

70 US Emergency Services Response to September 11 Attack compact disks and video.

7 Public Safety Training Package compact disks.

7 Maritime Training Package compact disks.

ARRANGE AND CONDUCT RESCUE TRAINING.

The Training Advisory Panel met on four occasions during the reporting period. The Training Advisory Panel is responsible for monitoring and reviewing issues related to training. This includes making recommendations to the Board on the suitability of candidates for appointment as Rescue and Senior Rescue Instructors.

The basic rescue operator training syllabus is included within the State Rescue Policy. This is supported by a Second Edition Rescue Training Reference Manual and a Second Edition Rescue Instructors Training Guide.

Rescue agencies are continuing to conduct rescue operator training in accordance with the Board's rescue operator training syllabus and the Board's policy requirements. The Board maintains a register of the 287 Unit Rescue Instructors and the 73 Senior Rescue Instructors.

MONITOR RESCUE TRAINING STANDARDS.

The Board Secretariat monitors training on behalf of the Board. The Secretariat attended several District Rescue Committee Meetings and viewed District and Local multi-agency rescue training activities. In addition, the Secretariat conducted four workshops for rescue assessors at Armidale, Bathurst, Albion Park and Narrandera.

RECOMMEND AMENDMENTS TO LEGISLATION.

There were no recommended changes to the State Emergency and Rescue Management Act, 1989 considered during the period.

DEVELOP AND DISTRIBUTE APPROPRIATE RESCUE PUBLICATIONS.

Rescue publications, safety and training publications and videos are continually being developed and distributed to rescue agencies and rescue units as required.

See also section – “Develop Training Packages”.

DETERMINE AND RECOMMEND ON RESCUE EQUIPMENT STANDARDS AND NEEDS.

Equipment standards and lists for primary and secondary land rescue units and equipment lists for maritime rescue units have been developed and incorporated within Parts 4 and 5 of the State Rescue Policy. Maritime equipment lists were reviewed, updated and re-promulgated during the reporting period.

RECOMMEND ON LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT SUPPORT TO VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS.

Recommendations were made to the Minister resulting in the provision of \$750,000 to the NSW Volunteer Rescue Association Inc for distribution to its accredited land rescue units.

The Volunteer Rescue Association has used the additional funding to set up a fund to assist in the acquisition of capital equipment and to arrange centralized insurance arrangements for all its affiliates.

The funds for the marine rescue units were disbursed according to arrangements agreed between the Board and the Waterways Authority and incorporated in a Memorandum of Agreement between those bodies. The amount allocated to each organization is shown below. It incorporates a significant proportion for the replacement of rescue vessels to conform with the standards set out by the Waterways Authority.

The grant assisted in the provision of new and replacement vessels at Shoalhaven, Kingscliff, Bermagui, Broken Bay, Port Stephens and Wollongong.

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT ALLOCATED FY 2002/03
NSW Volunteer Rescue Association Inc	\$141,240
Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol	\$277,050
Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association Inc	\$203,710
TOTAL	\$622,000

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CHAPTER FOUR

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT RESCUE OPERATIONS**

OVERVIEW OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT RESCUE ARRANGEMENTS AND RESOURCES

In accordance with Section 48 A of the State Emergency and Rescue Management Act, 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. In addition, a Sydney Metropolitan Area Rescue Committee is established with responsibilities for all Police Districts within the area served by Police Radio (VKG) Sydney.

Each District Rescue Committee is chaired by the relevant Police Commander and comprises senior representatives of the emergency services organizations operating within the district.

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

- 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.
- Provide endorsement to rescue unit applications for Service Head approval to purchase rescue equipment beyond \$500 and provide advice and recommendations to the State Rescue Board on the purchase, allocation and compatibility of rescue equipment, including communications equipment.
- 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.

DISTRIBUTION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT RESCUE RESOURCES

Emergency Management District	Local Rescue Committees	General Land Rescue Units	Vertical Land Rescue Units	Marine Rescue Units	Search & Rescue Coordination Centre	Marine Radio Bases
Central West	9	27	5	Nil	Nil	Nil
Far West	7	12	6	Nil	Nil	Nil
Hunter	10	19	9	6	2	3
Illawarra	3	9	4	11	3	5
Mid North Coast	8	30	9	8	4	3
Monaro	7	21	10	10	4	3
Murray	13	28	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
Northern Rivers	8	30	7	10	4	4
Peel	17	41	8	Nil	Nil	Nil
Riverina	12	24	7	Nil	Nil	Nil
Southern Highlands	10	19	5	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sydney Metropolitan	1	31	13	20	3	15
Western Slopes	11	33	7	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	116	324	92	65	20	33

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DISTRICT RESCUE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The District Rescue Committees and where applicable their associated Marine Rescue Advisory Committees continue to provide valuable input into the considerations of the Board. The continued success of the District Marine Inspection Teams in the reporting period is particularly pleasing.

It is clear to the Board, that the District Rescue Committees play a vital part in the rescue arrangements within the State. Much of the credit regarding the quality of services provided by accredited rescue units to their respective communities is due to the District Rescue Committee.

A number of District Rescue Committees report the ongoing desirability for rescue units of all Services to undertake joint training. The Board strongly endorses the concept of combined rescue training being undertaken and encourages District Rescue Committees to consider this aspect during the conduct of district rescue exercises. Funding support for these activities is available from the Board's allocation of funds for cross agency training.

The Board is satisfied that the District Rescue Committee structure and the district rescue arrangements were both efficient and effective throughout the reporting period despite the long absences and retirement of several District Emergency Management Officers. District Emergency Management Officers from adjoining Districts assisted by over-seeing the essential operations of those District Rescue Committees affected by the absences.

DISTRICT RESCUE COMMITTEES

Central West District

Nine Local Rescue Committees are established and working. They are Bathurst/Evans, Blayney, Cabonne, Cowra, Forbes, Lachlan, Oberon, Orange City and Parkes.

The District Rescue Committee met three times during the reporting period. Two of these meetings were held at Dubbo in conjunction with the Far West and Western Slopes District Committees. The combined District meeting involved representation from the NSW Police, Ambulance and Fire Brigades communication centres that service the District.

The State Rescue Board conducted a Senior Rescue Instructors Workshop at Bathurst which was well attended by Instructors located within the District and from other areas within Western NSW.

Heavy motor vehicle accidents remain as the predominant rescue operation conducted by units in the District with a significant number of large-scale 'search and rescue' operations also recorded. Helicopter resources from the Orange based Careflight Helicopter Service continue to play a vital role in the District being used extensively to locate, extricate and transport the lost or injured from rescue incidents. The District was also subject to the activation of the NSW Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Plan for a complicated rescue operation of workers from a collapsed water tower at Lake Cargelligo.

Far West District

Seven Local Rescue Committees are established in the District. They are Bogan, Bourke, Brewarrina, Broken Hill City, Cobar, Central Darling and Tibooburra.

The District Rescue Committee met on two occasions at Dubbo. These meetings were held in conjunction with the Western Slopes District and Far West District Committees. The Centre Managers for the Police, Ambulance and Fire Service communication centres that service the western areas of NSW attended one of the meetings. Their participation in the Committee provides an opportunity to discuss issues associated with the call-out of accredited rescue services across the Western areas of NSW.

The District has commenced a program that will result in all primary accredited rescue unit vehicles being fitted with superseded Police VHF radios. This will allow rescue units to remain in constant contact with Police during rescue operations.

Rescue units within the District continue to face challenges associated with a declining resource base of volunteers in rural areas. Despite this rescue units continue to meet the State Rescue Board accreditation criteria and associated personnel and training standards.

Hunter District

Ten Local Rescue Committees are established. They are Cessnock, Dungog, Maitland, Merriwa, Murrurundi, Muswellbrook, Newcastle/Lake Macquarie, Port Stephens, Scone and Singleton. A Marine Rescue Advisory Committee is also established. The Hunter District Rescue Committee and the Marine Rescue Advisory Council both met on four occasions during the reporting period.

The District Rescue Committee continued to develop protocols and procedures to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of responses to rescue incidents in their area of operations.

The District conducted several multi-agency training activities over the period for both general land and marine rescue units. The training activities included rescue workshops and both land and marine search and rescue exercises.

Illawarra District

Three Local Rescue Committees are now established and working, following the combination of the Kiama and Shellharbour Committees. They are Kiama/Shellharbour, Shoalhaven and Wollongong. A Marine Rescue Advisory Committee is also established and working.

The District Rescue Committee, Local Rescue Committees and the Marine Rescue Advisory Sub Committee each conducted three meetings plus one extraordinary meeting during the reporting period.

There was no marked change in the number of rescues responded to within the District. The majority of which were MVA related but with some vertical and marine rescue operations being recorded.

The District conducted four significant multi agency rescue training activities including two marine search exercises and two combined emergency services rescue training camps.

The District Marine Inspection Team also completed its annual accreditation inspections program of all accredited District marine rescue resources.

Mid North Coast

Eight Local Rescue Committees are established and working. They are Bellingen, Coffs Harbour, Gloucester, Great Lakes, Hastings, Kempsey, Nambucca and Taree. A Marine Rescue Advisory Committee is also established and working. Circumstances prevented the District Rescue Committee from meeting through the period however the Marine Rescue Advisory Committee met on three occasions.

The annual inspection of marine rescue resources was completed during the period with reports confirming that the marine rescue units continue to maintain a high level of rescue preparedness.

Several local multi agency training activities were undertaken during the period. Particularly pleasing was the cooperative approach between participating emergency service organisations. In addition a number of general land and marine rescue units were subject to upgrades in their rescue equipment and facilities.

Rescue resources in the District responded to a large number of MVAs with a significant proportion involving heavy vehicles.

Monaro District

Seven Local Rescue Committees are established and working. They are Bega Valley, Bombala, Cooma-Monaro, Eurobodalla, Queanbeyan-Yarrowlumla, Tallaganda and Snowy River. A District Marine Rescue Advisory Sub Committee is also established and working.

The District Rescue Committee, the Local Rescue Committees and the Marine Rescue Advisory Sub Committee each met on three occasions during the reporting period.

The majority of the District land based rescue operations were MVA with several vertical rescue operations being conducted along coastal cliffs. Marine rescue units all reported normal levels of rescue operations in their areas of responsibility.

Several local area training activities were conducted during the period as well as the annual District inspection of accredited marine rescue resources. The District continues to promote multi agency marine and general land rescue training and can report that units are progressively upgrading their rescue equipment and facilities.

Murray District

Thirteen Local Rescue Committees are established and working. They are Albury/Hume, Balranald, Berrigan, Corowa, Culcairn, Deniliquin-Conargo, Holbrook, Jerilderie, Murray, Tumbarumba, Urana, Wakool and Wentworth.

The District Rescue Committee held four regular meetings during the reporting period at Albury, Deniliquin, and Tocumwal.

The rescue resources in the Murray District attended many MVA incidents but none of the severity of the bus crash in the previous reporting period. There was also an increase in the number of bush and river search operations in the District.

There are two main areas of concern for the District. The first is the difficulty in maintaining the rescue capability, particularly in the smaller towns whose populations are decreasing in size and increasing in age. The second is the increased number of rescue operations being experienced on the Western part of the Alpine area. This is mainly due to the improved access roads in and through the area coupled with a significant increase in adventure touring in the high country. The District is reviewing its rescue resources with the aim of improving its rescue response into that area.

The District continues to foster its important cross border relations through rescue training and exercises and active participation in several other Local and District forums. The District conducted two multi agency rescue training activities during the reporting period including a workshop with the Police Forensic and Accident Investigation teams. The District is reviewing several rescue initiatives including more specific training in search and working in remote areas.

Northern Rivers District

Eight Local Rescue Committees are established and working. They are Ballina, Byron Shire, Casino, Lismore, Grafton, Kyogle, Maclean and Tweed Heads. A Marine Rescue Advisory Committee is also established. The District Rescue Committee met on three occasions and the Marine Advisory Committee met on four occasions over the reporting period.

The rescue resources in the Northern Rivers District continue to train and equip to the standards detailed in the SRB Policy. The number of rescue operations on land and at sea is proportionally higher than previous reporting periods. The District Rescue Committee is examining the reasons for this as well as measures to ensure a high standard of rescue response is maintained.

The District marine inspection team completed its annual inspections of accredited marine rescue units. Of note was that several marine rescue units received replacement vessels this financial year. The District aims to maintain an efficient and effective rescue service by monitoring training, developing standing operating procedures and ensuring equipment and facilities are well maintained.

Peel District

Seventeen Local Rescue Sub Committees are established and located at Armidale, Barraba, Bingara, Glen Innes, Gunnedah, Guyra, Inverell, Manilla, Moree, Narrabri, Nundle, Quirindi, Tamworth, Tenterfield, Uralla, Walcha and Wyallda. The District Rescue Committee met on four occasions during the reporting period.

Goondawindi Fire & Rescue Service has applied to the District Rescue Committee for secondary accreditation to help service Boggabilla and its surrounds. The application is supported by the District and has been forwarded to the Board for consideration.

Riverina District

Twelve Local Rescue Committees are established and working. They are Bland, Carrathool, Coolamon, Griffith, Hay, Junee, Leeton, Lockhart, Murrumbidgee, Narrandera, Temora and Wagga Wagga.

The District Rescue Committee met on four occasions over the reporting period.

Local rescue committees continued their program of promoting multi-agency rescue training and refining rescue response procedures within the District. The District rescue resources responded to over 60 rescue incidents over the period the majority of which were MVA.

Southern Highlands District

Ten Local Rescue Committees are established and working in the Southern Highland District. They are Boorowa, Cootamundra, Crookwell, Goulburn City/Mulwaree, Gundagai, Harden, Tumut, Weddin, Yass/Gunning and Young.

The District Rescue Committee met on four occasions. The Committee has established a Communications Advisory Group comprising the Managers of Police, Ambulance, Fire and other major communication centres that cover the Southern Highlands District. The principle function of the advisory group is to resolve communication issues and it will be working with an adjoining Communications Group covering the Illawarra and Monaro Districts.

The Yass/Gunning Local Rescue Committee coordinated a multi agency rescue training activity at Wee Jasper. This activity was sponsored by the Board. Rescue resources in the District responded to 124 rescue incidents during the reporting period, the majority of which were MVA related.

Sydney Metropolitan Area Rescue Committee

The Board has a direct interest in the rescue arrangements in the Sydney Metropolitan Area and reports from this rescue Committee have been included within the body of the Board's report.

Western Slopes District

Eleven Local Rescue Committees are established. These are located at Coolah, Coonabarabran, Coonamble, Dubbo, Gilgandra, Mudgee, Narromine, Rylstone, Warren, Walgett and Wellington.

The District Rescue Committee met on two occasions in conjunction with the Central West and Far West District Committees. The District Committee continues to have a close association with the NSW Police, Ambulance and Fire Service's communication centres that service the western areas of NSW. The Centre Managers attended one of the combined meetings.

Vehicles of primary accredited rescue units within the District are in the process of being fitted with superseded Police VHF radios. Access to the Police Radio network will enable Police to maintain in direct communications with responding rescue units thereby enhancing the delivery of rescue services.

Numerous local area airfield rescue operations exercises were conducted throughout the reporting period in a cooperative arrangement between Local Rescue and Emergency Management Committees and relevant Local Government Authorities who own the Airports in these areas. These exercises are conducted to meet the Civil Aviation Safety Authority regulations associated with airport licence conditions.

OVERVIEW OF DISTRICT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICERS

District Emergency Management Officers are members of the NSW Police Service and provide executive support for Police Commanders in their role as District Emergency Operations Controllers. It is in this capacity that District Emergency Management Officers also support the District Rescue Committees and district rescue structure and arrangements.

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CHAPTER FIVE

BOARD SECRETARIAT

THE STAFF OF THE STATE RESCUE BOARD AS AT 30 JUNE 2003

- **Mr B Goodes** Secretary
- **Mr H J Mueller** Assistant Secretary
- **Mr J Rossi** Support Officer Marine
- **Mrs A Raiti** Support Officer Land

The staff of the Board is part of the Office for Emergency Services which is administered by the NSW Rural Fire Service.

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**Personnel and Staffing**

The equivalent full-time (EFT) staff as at the 30 June 2003 was four.

Consequently the profile of the combined staff is as follows:

- a. Management 2
- b. Land and Marine Rescue Accreditation 2

The staff of the Board is administered by the NSW Rural Fire Service. Mandatory reporting detail in relation to the staff is included in the Annual Report of that service.

CONSULTANTS

There were no consultants used during the reporting period.

PUBLICATIONS

The following publications have been produced and are available at the Board:

1. State Rescue Board Corporate Plan 1995-1999;
2. State Rescue Policy (2nd Edition – 1995);
3. State Rescue Board Reference Manual;
4. State Rescue Board Rescue Instructors Guide;
5. State Rescue Board Rescue Instructors Overhead Transparencies;
6. State Rescue Board Exercise Management Guide;
7. State Rescue Board Supplementary Restraint Systems (SRS) Air Bags;
8. State Rescue Board Marine Standing Operating Procedures.

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 that Service.

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