Meeting Communique

18 May 2011

The State Rescue Board (SRB) held its 100th Meeting on Wednesday, 18 May 2011.

No new requests for land accreditation changes were received since the last SRB meeting.

Marine Rescue NSW reported that one new vessel has been delivered to Port Kembla. It was noted that a further 5 vessels are expected with delivery of at least one of those in the next month and up to three in the next 2 months.

The SRB was advised that all Rural Service Delivery Model submissions have now been assessed. The SRB will send letters to all Local Rescue Committees providing feedback on their RSDM process. The letter details strategic themes highlighted by the Rural Service Delivery Model Assessment process and provides an assessment of the local areas RSDM submission.

The SRB endorsed the establishment of a Rescue Training Working Group. The SRB is responsible under the SERM Act and State Rescue Policy to monitor training standards and develop rescue policy for NSW. The Rescue Training Working Group will consider training specific issues and provide advice to the SRB through the Policy Advisory Committee.

A multi-agency planning team has been responsible for conducting a risk-based assessment of marine rescue in NSW. The aim of the project, the Marine Rescue Service Delivery Model, is to achieve a better fit between the distribution of marine rescue risks in the State and the disposition of resources to treat those risks. The final report of the project was presented to the SRB and endorsed at the meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 24 August 2011.