

State Rescue Board Meeting Communiqué

13 June 2013

The State Rescue Board held its 108th meeting on Thursday 13 June 2013.

Membership Changes

Commissioner Ray Creen, Chief Executive Officer, Ambulance Service of NSW was welcomed to the Board as the new representative of Ambulance Service of NSW.

Rescue Accreditation Changes

The Board was presented with a number of new applications for accreditation.

The Board endorsed:

- the application for general land rescue accreditation of Fire & Rescue Morisset
- applications for flood rescue accreditation for four NSW Police Force units: Lake Illawarra, Newcastle, Goulburn and Bathurst.

The Board also received an accreditation cancellation request for SES Cooranbong. The Local Rescue Committees have put in place arrangements to cover the area previously serviced by this unit. Consequently, the Board endorsed the accreditation withdrawal of SES Cooranbong as a general land rescue unit.

Pursuant to section 54 of the *State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989*, the Board will recommend the accreditation changes to the Minister for endorsement.

Rescue Exercises

At the last meeting the State Rescue Board agreed to establish a Multi Agency Rescue Exercise Working Group to coordinate multi agency rescue exercises for the 2013/14 financial year. The Board endorsed the Terms of Reference for the group at the meeting.

The Board also endorsed funding for a series of marine rescue exercises and a land search and rescue exercise for the 2013/14 financial year as proposed by the working group.

Policy Amendments

The Board endorsed the amended Medical Access Emergency Protocol and the updated State Rescue Board Marine Standing Operating Procedures (SOPs) AL5.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 12 September 2013.