

State Rescue Board Meeting Communiqué

6 March 2014

The State Rescue Board held its 111th meeting on Thursday 6 March 2014.

Rescue Accreditation Changes

The Board was presented with a number of changes to rescue accreditation.

The Board endorsed the request to withdraw the general land rescue accreditation of the Yetman State Emergency Service unit due to insufficient member numbers. The area previously serviced by the Yetman State Emergency Service unit will now be covered by the Ashford State Emergency Service unit.

In accordance with the *State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989*, the Board will recommend the accreditation change to the Minister.

The Board also endorsed a change in rescue arrangements in the Moree Local Government Area. It was agreed that:

- Fire & Rescue Moree will become the primary general land rescue unit
- Moree State Emergency Service will become the secondary general land rescue unit.

Multi Agency Rescue Exercises Working Group

On 7 March 2013, the Board formed the Multi Agency Rescue Exercises Working Group to coordinate a series of rescue exercises at state level for the 2013/14 financial year. These exercises have now been completed.

The Board agreed to disband the working group at the meeting. All rescue exercises will now be coordinated by the State Emergency Management Committee Emergency Management Exercise Sub Committee.

Marine Rescue Botany Port Hacking

The Board was advised that Marine Rescue Botany Bay and Marine Rescue Port Hacking have been merged into a single new unit called Marine Rescue Botany Port Hacking. The 2 operating areas will continue.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5 June 2014.