

State Rescue Board Meeting Communiqué

5 June 2014

The State Rescue Board held its 112th meeting on Thursday, 5 June 2014.

Rescue Accreditation Changes

The Board endorsed Fire & Rescue Brewarrina's request for pre-accreditation as a secondary general land rescue unit. Brewarrina State Emergency Service hold primary general land rescue accreditation in the Brewarrina local government area.

The Board also endorsed the pre-accreditation of Fire & Rescue Scone as a general land rescue unit.

The Board also endorsed the transfer of general land rescue accreditation of Fire & Rescue Shellharbour (Station 488) to Albion Park (Station 207), when construction and occupation of the Albion Park station is complete.

Richmond Local Rescue Committee

The Board approved the request to combine the Ballina, Kyogle, Lismore and Richmond Valley Local Rescue Committees into a single local rescue committee, referred to as the Richmond Local Rescue Committee.

This was done in accordance with section 48A(6) of the *State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989*, under which the Board may approve of a single rescue committee for two or more local government areas.

CBRN and Hazmat Awareness Training

The Board agreed that additional awareness training in responding to a CBRN or Hazmat event would be beneficial. The Chair of the Board will write to the Chair of the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) to task the CBRN & Hazmat Sub Committee (to the SEMC) to review current awareness levels and identify the need for further multi-agency training in this field.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 17 September 2014.