

## **State Rescue Board Meeting Communiqué**

**17 September 2014**

The State Rescue Board held its 113<sup>th</sup> meeting on Wednesday, 17 September 2014.

### **State Rescue Board Marine Standard Operating Procedures**

Recent changes in terminology and reporting processes within and between Marine Rescue NSW and NSW Police Force, Marine Area Command warranted amendments to the existing Marine Standard Operating Procedures.

The amendments clarify the coordination arrangements between Marine Rescue NSW and NSW Police Force, Marine Area Command as well as removing references to marine rescue agencies other than Marine Rescue NSW.

### **Marine Rescue Accreditations**

An administrative update was made to the accreditation of marine rescue units. Previously, individual vessels were accredited. However, since 2011, it is the units and not the vessels that are accredited. The Board endorsed the marine rescue accreditation of individual units, which were accredited to the highest level held under the old system. It was noted that these changes did not impact the deployment processes or existing arrangements between Marine Rescue NSW and the NSW Police Force, Marine Area Command.

### **Combining Tweed and Byron Local Rescue Committees**

The Board approved an application by the North Coast Regional Rescue Committee to combine the Tweed and Byron Local Rescue Committees into a single local rescue committee, referred to as the Tweed Byron Local Rescue Committee.

In approving this application, the Board noted that this arrangement will align with the combined Tweed Byron Local Emergency Management Committee.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 4 December 2014.