

## State Rescue Board Meeting Communiqué

5 March 2015

The State Rescue Board (SRB) held its 115<sup>th</sup> meeting on Thursday 5 March 2015.

### Update to the Rescue Vehicle Drivers Directive

The Board determined that an update to the Rescue Vehicle Drivers Directive will occur after the completion of the *State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989* review. This will ensure that this and all other Directives issued by the Board continue to accurately reflect the content and intention of the Act.

### Volunteer Rescue Association (VRA) Vertical Rescue Update

The Board agreed to recommend to the Minister that the VRA units of Leeton, Coleambally, Narrandera and Coolah be de-accredited for vertical rescue. These units will remain accredited for general land rescue.

The VRA advised that they do not expect this will present significant risk as the Riverina Murray region will retain five vertical rescue units and the Central West and New England regions will have six.

### Annual Statistical Reports

The Board endorsed the *Annual Statistical Reports* for 2012-13 and 2013-14. The Board also noted that from 2014-15 forward, marine rescue data would be included within the *Annual Statistical Report* and that it would be published on the Ministry for Police and Emergency Services (MPES) website as an addendum to the State Rescue Board Annual Report.

### Capability Matrix Working Group

The Board noted that work on the capability matrix was underway with the Working Group meeting regularly. The SRB Rural Service Delivery Model, Fire & Rescue NSW's Resource Allocation Model and the NSW Police Force Computer Aided Dispatch would all provide information to be consolidated into a draft version of the capability matrix for consideration at the June State Rescue Board meeting.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 4 June 2015.