

State Rescue Board Meeting Communiqué 25 June 2015

The State Rescue Board (SRB) held its 116th meeting on Thursday 25 June 2015.

Capability Matrix Working Group

The Board noted the draft reports and recommendations produced by the Capability Matrix Working Group (CMWG). The Board endorsed a proposal to send a letter of thanks to the CMWG to congratulate them for their work on this issue. Members agreed that the CMWG would continue to progress the work, including examining the implementation of the draft report's recommendations. The Board also agreed that the scope of the work will be expanded to also consider marine rescue. The CMWG will report to the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) in August 2015 on the outcomes and the PAC Chair will advise the SRB accordingly at the September meeting.

Emergency Management Arrangements for Bombala, Cooma Monaro and Snowy River Councils

The Board endorsed the proposal to combine Southern Monaro and Snowy River Councils for the purpose of rescue. The proposed merger would allow for better emergency management support for emergency services and rescue agencies. This decision reflects the outcome of the June State Emergency Management Committee meeting where the same proposal was endorsed for the purpose of emergency management.

Centre for Road Safety Presentation

A representative from the Centre for Road Safety at Transport for NSW gave a presentation to the Board on the role and objectives of the Centre for Road Safety. This included considerable detail on statistics and information derived from current research projects on road crash response in NSW.

Search and Rescue Exercise 2015 – Presentation

Representatives from the NSW Police Force and the NSW Rural Fire Service conducted a presentation on a State level search and rescue exercise that was held in the Deua National Park in June 2015. This was a multi-agency event to test remote area rescue capabilities in NSW. The Board endorsed a vote of thanks to congratulate everyone involved in ensuring the exercise was a success.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 10 September 2015.