

## Meeting 120 - 31 March 2016 Communiqué

The State Rescue Board (SRB) held its 120<sup>th</sup> meeting on Thursday 31 March 2016 at the Office of Emergency Management in Sydney.

### Membership

The Board recognised the valuable contribution of the former NSW Police Force Deputy Commissioner and State Emergency Operations Controller, Mr Nick Kaldas, as member of the SRB since August 2011. The Board concurred that the Chair formally write to Mr Kaldas on its behalf expressing its appreciation and gratitude for his contribution over the years.

The Board welcomed Acting Deputy Commissioner Geoff McKechnie who is *ex officio* State Emergency Operations Controller and member of the SRB.

### State Rescue Policy

Various amendments to the Policy have been recommended by the Board in the past, but were deferred from being incorporated as a complete review of the Policy was to be considered in line with the proposed review of the *State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989*. The Board has now agreed to progress the policy amendments in the first instance. A full list of previously agreed amendments will be tabled at the June 2016 Board meeting.

### Rescue Capabilities and Unit Status

Members discussed methods of monitoring the level of capability and availability of rescue units. The Board agreed that Regional Emergency Management Officers would be consulted on methods to effectively monitor the status of accredited rescue units.

### Capability Matrix Working Group

The Capability Matrix Working Group (CMWG) Chair provided the Board with an update on the Working Group's progress. The Board agreed that a communiqué regarding the work of the CMWG should be prepared to communicate the purpose and expected outcomes of the Working Group to regions.

### General Land Rescue in Murrurundi

The Board considered an application for pre-accreditation of Fire and Rescue NSW for Primary General Land Rescue in Murrurundi. The majority of the Board voted to endorse the application for pre-accreditation.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on 2 June 2016 in Sydney.