



## State Rescue Board of New South Wales

### Meeting Communiqué

August 25, 2010

The State Rescue Board (SRB) is established under the *State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989* to ensure the maintenance of efficient and effective rescue services throughout the State. The Board is responsible to the Minister for Emergency Services and includes the State Emergency Operations Controller (SEOCon) and senior representatives of the State's rescue services: the NSW Fire Brigades, Rural Fire Service, State Emergency Service, NSW Police Force, Ambulance Service of NSW, Volunteer Rescue Association and Marine Rescue NSW. The Board is chaired by NSW Rural Fire Service Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons.

The Board received an update by the Marine Service Delivery Model Planning Team on the progress of the Marine Service Delivery Model outlining the proposed alignment of marine rescue resources for the new single marine rescue service, Marine Rescue NSW (MRNSW). The Model is expected to be completed in November. The Board acknowledged the significant body of work that had been undertaken on this project.

The Board was advised that Emergency Services Minister Steve Whan has approved the transfer of accreditation for 34 marine rescue units from the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol (RVCP) and the NSW Volunteer Rescue Association Inc (Marine) to MRNSW. The Minister has also approved the recommended change in accreditation from category one to category two of the Marine Rescue NSW Tuross Unit.

The Board endorsed MRNSW Crowdy Harrington Unit becoming an accredited marine rescue unit operating a category two vessel. This will go to the Minister for approval.

Following changes to local rescue arrangements, the Board endorsed the following proposed changes to accreditation:

- Cooma-Monaro SES unit – from Secondary General Land Rescue to Primary General Land Rescue;
- Cooma NSW Fire Brigade – to Secondary General Land Rescue; and
- Queanbeyan SES Unit – relinquish its Secondary General Land Rescue accreditation.

These changes will now be recommended to the Minister for approval.

The next meeting will be held on November 24, 2010.