

Meeting 122 – 8 September 2016 Communiqué

The State Rescue Board (SRB) held its 122nd meeting on Thursday 8 September 2016 in Sydney.

Membership

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

Rescue Unit Offline Notification Form

The Board has tasked the Policy Advisory Committee to finalise the new notification form, protocol and framework for monitoring when rescue units are offline.

Rescue Unit Accreditation Application Form

Members endorsed a new version of the Rescue Unit Accreditation Application Form pending minor amendments. The Board also endorsed process charts to reflect the land rescue accreditation outlined in Annex C of the State Rescue Policy.

Capability Matrix Working Group (CMWG)

The CMWG Chair provided the Board with an update on the progress of the final report.

The CMWG Chair also provided a presentation showing the coverage across New South Wales of: each Emergency Service Organisation, primary and secondary rescue unit locations, 20-40-60 response times, response times greater than 60, crash incident data from 2011-2015, and specific examples of areas which are outside the current response times.

NSW VRA Request for Funding 2016/17

The Board agreed to recommend to the Minister that funding to the value of \$1,360,854 be approved for the NSW Volunteer Rescue Association for the 2016/17 financial year.

It was noted that the new Operational Funding Agreement between the Office of Emergency Management and the NSW Volunteer Rescue Association has not yet been finalised.

General Land Rescue in Mungindi

The Board considered an accreditation application from the NSW Rural Fire Service for Secondary General Land Rescue in Mungindi. The motion was carried with no dissenting votes.

Vertical Rescue in Narromine

The Board considered an accreditation application from the NSW Volunteer Rescue Association for Vertical Rescue in Narromine. The motion was carried with no dissenting votes.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled on 1 December 2016 in Sydney.