

Meeting 126 – 14 December 2017

The State Rescue Board held its third meeting of the year on Thursday 14 December 2017, at the Office of Emergency Management in Sydney.

Terms of Reference

The Board endorsed the revised Terms of Reference for the Policy Advisory Committee. Substantive amendment was not required as the Terms of Reference remain appropriate and accurately reflect the scope of the Committee's work.

Capability Working Group

The Board noted an update provided by the Chair of the Capability Working Group. A two day workshop was held on 16 and 17 November 2017 which focused on the:

- Review of the State Rescue Policy
- General Land Rescue and Vertical Rescue equipment lists
- Land Rescue Accreditation Proposal for General Land, Road Crash & Vertical Rescue Capability form.

Work on these issues continue to be progressed.

Operational Capability Inspection Program

The NSW Police Force Emergency Management Unit conducted twelve Operational Capability Inspections in 2017. The Board endorsed the completion of the Operational Capability Inspection Program for 2017.

It was agreed that Capability Inspections for new units will be conducted by the Regional Emergency Management Officers. The Board endorsed that future Operational Capability Inspection Programs be a minimum of six annually, coordinated through the NSW Police Force Emergency Management Unit, who will then provide an annual summary to the Board.

Flood Rescue Policy

The NSW State Emergency Service completed a review of the Flood Rescue Policy in October 2017. The Board agreed to the incorporation of the Flood Rescue Policy into the State Rescue Policy once it is finalised.

Rapid Extrication Technique

The Board noted a presentation paper provided by NSW Ambulance on rapid extrication techniques in NSW.

Rescue Exercise Funding

The Office of Emergency Management outlined the process for applying for rescue exercise funding for 2017/18 and 2018/19 and the avenues of support available through the Office of Emergency Management.

Capability Audit update

The Board noted an update from the NSW State Emergency Service on its Capability Audit, which was undertaken to align to the land rescue reforms and the outcomes of the Capability Matrix Working Group.

General Land Rescue – NSW Rural Fire Service

The Board endorsed an application for accreditation from the NSW Rural Fire Service for Primary General Land Rescue for its Mungindi unit.

General Land Rescue – State Emergency Service

The Board endorsed a request from the NSW State Emergency Service to withdraw from Secondary General Land Rescue for its Camden Haven unit and Primary General Land Rescue for its Collarenebri unit.

Rescue Unit Offline/Online Form

The Board endorsed a number of minor amendments to the Rescue Unit Offline/Online Form.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the State Rescue Board is scheduled for 22 March 2018 in Sydney.