

State Rescue Board of NSW – Meeting 130

The State Rescue Board of NSW held its first meeting of the year on 28 February 2019, at the Office of Emergency Management in Sydney.

Membership changes

The Board noted the nomination of Assistant Commissioner Karen Webb APM, Commander Police Transport and Public Safety Command as the new NSW Police Force representative on the State Rescue Board of NSW. Assistant Commissioner Webb replaces Assistant Commissioner Kyle Stewart.

Guest presentation – Department of Premier and Cabinet

Mr James McTavish, NSW Cross-Border Commissioner gave a presentation the Board on the role of his office, the status of current cross-border agreements, and the unique rescue and emergency management matters faced by border towns.

NSW Rural Fire Service - Moulamein Brigade

The Board noted that an application from the NSW Rural Fire Service for pre-accreditation for Road Crash Rescue for its Moulamein has been approved by the Minister for Emergency Services.

Rescue response – Cathedral Rock

The Board noted advice from the North Coast Regional Rescue Committee that two rescue units (NSW State Emergency Service Dorrigo and Armidale units) will be routinely dispatched for incidents in the Cathedral Rock area.

Standardised Rescue Training Packages

Members discussed the development of a Board-endorsed multi-agency rescue training package for General Land Rescue, Road Crash Rescue, Vertical Rescue and Flood Rescue.

The Board endorsed the development of a multi-agency rescue training package, noting that the sharing of rescue training packages was commonplace already. The Board endorsed that the work be driven by a State Rescue Board working group, to report back to the Board through the Joint Venture Initiative.

NSW State Emergency Service – Glengarry Unit

The Board endorsed a request from the NSW State Emergency Service to withdraw all accreditation for its Glengarry Unit.

NSW State Emergency Service – Deepwater Unit

The Board endorsed a request from the NSW State Emergency Service to withdraw from Vertical Rescue for its Deepwater Unit. The Unit is maintaining its General Land Rescue accreditation.

The next State Rescue Board meeting will be held on Thursday, 30 May 2019.