

State Rescue Board of NSW - Communique Meeting 132 – 15 August 2019

The State Rescue Board of NSW (SRB) held its third meeting of the year on Thursday 15 August 2019, at the Office of Emergency Management in Sydney.

NSW Rural Fire Service - Ellerston Rural Fire Brigade

The Board endorsed an application from the NSW Rural Fire Service for accreditation for Road Crash Rescue for its Ellerston Rural Fire Brigade. This is the first unit to seek RCR accreditation under the Land Rescue Reforms and is a significant achievement for all parties involved.

NSW Rural Fire Service – Moulamein Rural Fire Brigade

The Board endorsed an application from the NSW Rural Fire Service for accreditation for Road Crash Rescue for its Moulamein Rural Fire Brigade

Volunteering

The Board requested a report from the Policy Advisory Committee on its efforts to promote the recommendations of the Capability Matrix Working Group Report – Review of Land Rescue Arrangements in NSW, in particular the recommendations made to assist with supporting volunteering in NSW.

Cross border rescue arrangements

The Board endorsed an amendment to the State Rescue Policy to reflect that established rescue agencies in other jurisdictions are recognised in NSW. The endorsement is an interim measure subject to the preparation of a formal paper by the SRB Secretariat

Regional Rescue Committee reporting

The Board endorsed the development of a standard template for Regional Rescue Committee reporting. The template will ensure the Board receives information in a timely and consistent manner to inform its decision making and meet its legislative responsibilities.

State Rescue Board of NSW Member's Handbook

The Board endorsed the publication of the State Rescue Board of NSW Member's Handbook on the Emergency NSW website. The Office of Emergency Management prepared the Handbook to provide a single point of truth on the workings and procedures of the Board.

Rescue Training Package Working Group

The Board noted an update on the progress of Rescue Training Package Working Group. Work is currently being undertaken on the Road Crash Rescue competency. There has been significant cooperation between the agencies in undertaking this body of work. The Board endorsed the Terms of Reference for the Rescue Training Package Working Group.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the State Rescue Board is scheduled for Thursday 14 November 2019.