

Rural Fire Service Strategic Planning Committee

Meeting Date: Thursday, 09 February, 2017
Location: Seven Mile Meeting Room, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 5.30pm

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Membership

Clr Jo Gash – Chairperson
Clr Mark Kitchener
Clr Mitchell Pakes
Mr Russ Pigg or nominee (Mr Ben Stewart)
Mr Mark Williams
Mr Paul Gooley
Ms Jennifer Lawther (Alternate Mr John Ashton)
Mr Andrew Fielding (Alternate – Mr Bob Johnston)
Mr Vic Walker (Alternate – Mr Jacqui Cox)
Mr Martin Gaffey (Alternate – Mr Ron Rollinson)
Mr Paul Gleeson (Alternate – Mr Geoff Phillips)
Mr Colin Lonergan (Alternate – TBA)
Mr Bill Bean (Alternate – TBA)
Mr Chris Baseler or nominee

Quorum - Five (5)

Objectives:

To advise Council on issues of a strategic and policy nature relating to the operation of the Rural Fire Services having regard to the following:

- That the core communication between brigades and Fire Control Officer on operational issues be raised through the Group Officers utilising the committee structure.
- All issues be raised through Fire Control so that statutory matters can be resolved immediately.
- Policy matters raised can be referred to the Strategy & Assets Committee through the General Manager so that statutory matters can be resolved.
- That the Strategic Planning Committee be developed as the body advising Council on Rural Fire Service policy issues.

MINUTES OF THE RURAL FIRE SERVICE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Thursday, 10 November 2016
Location: Seven Mile Beach Room, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 5.30pm

The following members were present:

Clr Joanna Gash - Chairperson
Clr Mitchell Pakes
Mr Ben Stewart - Director Assets & Works
Mr Mark Williams
Mr Paul Gooley
Ms Jennifer Lawther
Mr John Ashton
Mr Andrew Fielding
Mr Vic Walker
Mr Bill Bean

Others present
Lynda Ho – Shoalhaven City Council
Megan Birmingham - Shoalhaven City Council

Apologies / Leave of Absence

An apology was received from Clr Kitchener, Colin Lonergan and Chris Baseler.

Clr Joanna Gash thanked Clr Lynne Kearney for her service as former Chair and welcomed Clr Mitchell Pakes to the Committee.

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (Ben Stewart / Mark Williams)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Fire Service Strategic Planning Committee held on 11 August 2016, be confirmed.

CARRIED

REPORTS

RF16.1 Rural Fire Service Update

HPERM Ref:
D16/346671

Ben Stewart highlighted that the:

- Integrated Emergency Management Centre Masterplan underpinned development at the site and had been redrafted to resolve allocations of property between the RFS and Surf Life Saving over a preferred building site. The Masterplan would be presented to the 22 November 2016 Council meeting for adoption.
- Balance of the sum needed to cover the electricity supply upgrade may be provided by Council and would total \$300,000. The electricity design revealed that the current electricity supply had reached capacity and the new power substation would cover future electricity needs at the site. The funding arrangements for the substation would be presented to the 15 November 2016 Strategy & Assets meeting.
- The brigade would move into the new West Nowra Rural Fire Station the following day. An interim occupation certificate had been issued pending formal access to the IEMC via the “dog track road”. The station would temporarily use the builders power supply until the Pad Mount sub station was installed.
- The Fire Control Centre Operations/Administration Extensions works were completed on 17 July 2016 and would be officially opened on 19 November 2016. Ben Stewart stressed that Council had funded the items not supported by the RFS or the RFFF.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Committee receive the report for information.

RESOLVED (Mark Williams / Paul Gooley)

That the Committee receive the report for information.

CARRIED

RF16.2 Proposed Dates for Meetings in 2017

HPERM Ref:
D16/346436

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Committee adopt the proposed meeting dates for 2017.

RESOLVED (Vic Walker / Andrew Fielding)

That the following meeting dates be adopted for 2017.

- 5:30pm – Thursday 9 February 2017;
- 5:30pm – Thursday 11 May 2017 (to be convened if required);
- 5:30pm – Thursday 10 August 2017, and
- 5:30pm – Thursday 9 November 2017 (to be convened if required)

CARRIED

Items marked with an * were resolved 'en block'.

RF16.3 Infrastructure Preface

**HPERM Ref:
D16/345889**

Mark Williams spoke to the list of infrastructure projects, highlighting the funds allocated, as compared to the expected costs and funding shortfalls. He emphasised that projects 2-4, 6-9 and 11 were now fully funded.

RESOLVED* (Bill Bean / Paul Gooley)

That the Committee receive the report for information.

CARRIED

RF16.4 IEMC 92 Albatross Road, South Nowra Master Plan

**HPERM Ref:
D16/345962**

RESOLVED* (Bill Bean / Paul Gooley)

That a report be provided to the Committee that status of the sub division of "Dog Track Rd" and pursue this to completion as a matter of priority.

That Council Officers commence negotiations and formulate agreement with the RFS without delay as to the contribution percentage/values for reimbursement to the RFS for costs expended for infrastructure (power/water/sewer etc) to be imposed for any and all future occupants of the IEMC precinct.

CARRIED

RF16.5 West Nowra Rural Fire Station

**HPERM Ref:
D16/346017**

Mark Williams confirmed that although there had been some delays during the build the end result was very pleasing. The Pad Mount substation was needed for the facility to be fully functional – there was currently no three phase power or air conditioning.

RESOLVED* (Bill Bean / Paul Gooley)

That Council expedite the installation and connection of the Pad Mount transformer and connection of permanent power to the WNFS so as all electrical installations can be utilised.

CARRIED

RF16.6 Milton / Catering Station Extensions

**HPERM Ref:
D16/346070**

Mark Williams noted that the improved processes at the Milton / Catering station were bedding-down and food stuffs prepared had been well received by staff at a recent fire event. Catering's main function was to provide the mid-shift meal for brigades in active fire grounds or to cater for smaller fire incidents (ie 24-48 hr). The catering function would be supplemented by an external supplier, as necessary.

\$165,000 had been redirected from this project to the Pad Mount substation. Ultimately, facilities for the Milton brigade would be renewed.

RESOLVED* (Bill Bean / Paul Gooley)

That the Council & RFS meet on site to plan the proposed alternate station access using Woodstock Rd, and work with the RFS to rectifying maintenance and drainage issues which

remain post hydrant relocation.

That Council's utility Shoalhaven Water have the problematic hydrant disconnected and removed as the new hydrant has been provided.

CARRIED

RF16.7 Broughton Vale / Berry Rural Fire Station

**HPERM Ref:
D16/346088**

Mark Williams reported that good progress continued to be made towards securing the land for the RFS / Ambulance Station and all parties had agreed the land was workable. The RFS had had to adjust the proposed building footprint and manage services that ran through the site, currently this is a road reserve. Council and the RFS would continue to develop formal agreements with NSW Health Infrastructure (HINFRA). HINFRA hoped to complete their station by July 2017 while the RFS will be in future seeking approximately \$1 Million in funding to construct the station (funding that would not adversely impact Council's budget based on the new allocation system for the RFFF).

RESOLVED* (Bill Bean / Paul Gooley)

That Council Officers and the District Manager continue to work with HINFRA, RMS and Dept Lands to formalise the land use agreements and secure the identified land parcel

That RFS work with Council on the formal designing, plan preparation, cost estimation and DA submission for the new station within the available land parcel.

CARRIED

RF16.8 IEMC "Pad Mount" Transformer

**HPERM Ref:
D16/346128**

RESOLVED* (Bill Bean / Paul Gooley)

That a report be provided to the Committee to formalise agreement for reimbursement ratios to RFS for future occupation within the IEMC precinct.

That Council:

1. Advise the RFS of their funding contribution to the project.
2. Expedite the planning and subsequent construction of this project.

CARRIED

RF16.9 Bendalong / Cunjurong Pt / Manyana Amalgamation

**HPERM Ref:
D16/346146**

Mark Williams noted that the Bendalong and Cunjurong Point brigades had agreed to merge, becoming the Manyana Rural Fire brigade based primarily at Cunjurong Point, with a temporary garage accommodation also (replacing the asbestos-ridden Bendalong fire station). While there were a couple of brigade members who were not satisfied, both brigades had signed a deed of agreement in respect to the amalgamation. The Cunjurong Point station facilities will be upgraded as funding becomes available (requiring submission of a funding bid), by the addition of a meeting/multifunction room and having the "lean-to" enclosed.

The funding for the demolition costs, new temporary garage and meeting room would not impact Council's budget.

The Committee agreed it was a step forward to bring the matter to conclusion.

RESOLVED* (Bill Bean / Paul Gooley)

That the District Manager continue to work with the Steering Committee and Brigades towards this resolution.

CARRIED

RF16.10 Other Infrastructure Projects

**HPERM Ref:
D16/346155**

1. Fire Control Centre Operations/Administration extensions

Mark Williams noted that the Fire Control Centre had worked extremely well during the recent (Callala) Black Swamp fire. A few small issues had been identified and it may be that a screen needs to be installed behind the telephone and radio operators providing a holistic view of emergency situations but some noise buffer. Other improvements may be deferred as brigade stations were the priority at this stage. There was a road sealing issue at the IEMC that was being followed up by the RFS.

3. Kangaroo Valley Station Additions

4. Shoalhaven Heads Extensions

5. Kioloa Station Extensions

6. Tabourie Station Extensions

As these projects were fully funded, the RFS and Council would appoint a project engineer, submit a DA and calling for tenderers, as appropriate.

8. Training/Logistics/SMSS Facility (TLSF)

No external funding had been granted and the project was on hold until the State determined it as a priority for funding.

9. Wandandian Station Extensions

10. Basin View Station Extensions

11. Conjola Station Extensions

12. Beaumont Station Extensions

13. Huskisson Station Extensions

The above projects were in the planning stage and were largely unfunded.

RESOLVED* (Bill Bean / Paul Gooley)

That the Committee receive the report for information.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

RF16.11 Work Health & Safety (WH&S)

**HPERM Ref:
D16/345858**

No matters raised.

RF16.12 Code of Conduct

**HPERM Ref:
D16/345865**

No matters raised.

Next meeting – Will be held on Thursday 9 February 2017 in the (Seven Mile Meeting Room tbc (formerly Reception Room) of Council's Administrative Building.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 6.30pm.

Clr Joanna Gash
CHAIRPERSON

RF17.1 Rural Fire Service Update - February 2017

HPERM Ref: D17/28787

Group: Assets & Works Group

Purpose / Summary

To update the Committee on a number of RFS Infrastructure management issues.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Committee receives the report for information.

Options

1. That the Committee accepts the report.

Implications: The report will be for the Committee's advice.

2. That the Committee proposes an alternative.

Background

The masterplan for the Integrated Emergency Management Centre (IEMC) was presented to council for adoption to identify the spatial allocation of the current and future development of the site at Albatross Road.

The development of the Master Plan has involved all relevant stakeholders and consensus has been reached on its content, it was resolved on the 22nd of November 2016 that Council;

Adopt the Integrated Emergency Management Centre Master Plan (reference number S1/1k)

Also the Council is progressing the land matters related to the Berry RFS station.

West Nowra Rural Fire Station

Recently completed at the Albatross Road site is the new Rural Fire Station which includes 5 vehicle bays, training / multi-purpose room, office, CABA store, general store rooms, locker room, kitchen and amenities, hard stand area, water tanks and filling station.

The West Nowra Fire station requires an upgraded power supply and sub-station at the Albatross Road site to use all facilities including air-conditioning. The power supply has been designed to have capacity for the future development of the entire centre. The Council were requested to match funds with the RFS and at the Ordinary Council meeting on the 22nd of November 2016 it was resolved that Council;

Allocate a budget of \$135,000 funded from the Strategic Projects Reserve for the balance of costs for a new electrical substation and associated works.

Also related to the West Nowra Fire Station the access through Dog Track road to the Emergency Management Centre is being formalised with Crown Lands. A submission has been made to Crown lands and all enquiries responded to, however there is a recent Aboriginal Land Claim that now requires review in relation to the subdivision.

Fire Control Centre Operations and Garage extensions

The construction works extending the Fire Control Centre, RFS Garage, Emergency Operations Centre and SES administration were all completed prior to July 2017 and it was a very successful opening event on Saturday the 19th of November.

Financial Implications

RFS through their Rural Fire Fighting Fund have committed significant funds towards their projects and Council continues to budget for the Emergency Services contributions to the State for Fire and Rescue, SES and RFS which have increased by approximately \$817000 over the original forecast. Council has also allocated capital funding to recent construction works at Albatross Road such as the Emergency Operations Centre upgrade and the new SES shed.

The recent upgrades at the IEMC at Albatross Road has led to increased demand on the electrical supply. The electricity supply was reviewed last year and has now been designed and identified the precinct has reached capacity therefore an additional substation is required. RFS have recently allocated \$165000 from the Rural Fire Fighting Fund towards the electrical substation.

This report outlines that Council has now committed to provide the balance of funds of approximately \$135000 for conduits, switching building and substation.

Also a new change for Council is they will be in future under a Memorandum of Understanding administering the NSW Government Emergency Services Property Levy.

RF17.2 RFS Infrastructure Preface

HPERM Ref: D17/26045

Submitted by: Report of the Fire Control Officer, Superintendent Mark Williams

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Committee receives the report for information

Details

The below table shows the current Infrastructure component of the Strategic Capital Expenditure Program (SCEP). This table is detailed in order of funding allocated and priorities as to these and future. (These priorities may change from time to time as required.) *It should be noted that changes to the RFS policy, now sees projects being funded in a maximum of two stages, being:*

1. *the allocation of 'seed' or preparatory funding for costs encountered during the planning phase (reports, plans, consultants etc.)*
2. *the allocation of full cost to complete the project based on quantity cost estimates.*

#	PROJECT NAME	ALLOCATED	COST EST	SHORTFALL
1	IEMC Master Plan	\$ 30,000	U/K	nil
2	West Nowra Fire Station (new)	\$1,600,000	1,600,000	nil
3	Kangaroo Valley ablutions/extension	\$ 400,000	400,000	nil
4	Shoalhaven Heads extension	\$ 400,000	400,000	nil
5	Kioloa Station extension	\$ 220,000	220,000	nil
6	Tabourie Station extension	\$ 180,000	180,000	nil
7	Milton Station extension	\$ 35,000	200,000	165,000
8	Currarong Station extension	\$ 275,000	275,000	nil
9	Training, Logistics, SMSS Facility (TLSF) (new)	\$ 30,000	9,500,000	9,470,000
10	Broughton Vale Station (new)	\$ 50,000	1,000,000	950,000
11	Wandandian station extension	\$ 5,000	185,000	180,000
12	Basin View station extension	\$ 5,000	175,000	170,000
13	Conjola station extension	\$ 5,000	195,000	190,000
14	Beaumont station extension	\$ 5,000	160,000	155,000
15	Huskisson station extension	\$ 5,000	185,000	180,000
16	IEMC Pad Mount Transformer	\$165,000 (RFS) \$135,000 (SCC)	300,000	Nil
17	Bendalong/Cunjurong Pt - amalgamation	\$ 25,000	U/K	TBA
	TOTALS	\$3,570,000	\$14,975,000	\$11,460,000

All of these are in various forms of completion, from seed/investigation/planning, through to construction. As shown above, all have funding allocated and are listed as committed projects.

Note: Other projects listed will be bid for in following years estimates or at other times as required. It should be noted that in relation to project #11 other external RFS sections (SMSS & State Logistics) will be housed in the proposed facility.

Each of these items is dealt with separately and in more detail throughout this report, in accordance with the numbering in the table above.

RF17.3 Other RFS Infrastructure Projects

HPERM Ref: D17/26069

Submitted by: Report of the Fire Control Officer, Superintendent Mark Williams

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Committee receives the report for information

Details

1. Kangaroo Valley Station Additions

Current budget allocated:	\$400,000.00
Cost estimate of project:	\$400,000.00
Variance:	\$ 0.00

As previously advised, draft plans have been developed and endorsed by the Brigade.

Council has appointed staff to manage the final design, drawings and approvals. From first reports back, it is likely that some changes to the proposed plans will be required to ensure better use of funding and within the existing facility.

It is also now apparent that this and the remaining projects (No's 4, 5, 6 & 8) with full funding allocation, will not be completed by this financial year. DM has advised RFS of this, however it is requested that Council expedites these projects to completion, as further carry forward of funds is unlikely.

2. Shoalhaven Heads extensions

Current budget allocated:	\$400,000.00
Cost estimate of project:	\$400,000.00
Variance:	\$ 0.00

As previously advised, draft plans have been developed and endorsed by the Brigade.

Council has appointed staff to manage the final design, drawings and approvals. From first reports back, there maybe some necessary changes to the proposed plans to ensure better use of funding and within the existing facility.

It is also now apparent that this and the remaining projects with full funding allocation (No's 3, 5, 6 & 8) will not be completed by this financial year. DM has advised RFS of this, however it is requested that Council expedite these projects to completion, as further carry forward of funds is unlikely.

3. Kioloa station extensions

Current budget allocated:	\$220,000.00	
Cost estimate for project:	\$220,000.00	
Variance:	\$	0.00

As previously advised, draft plans have been developed and endorsed by the Brigade.

Council has appointed staff to manage the final design, drawings and approvals. From first reports back, there maybe some necessary changes to the proposed plans to ensure better use of funding and within the existing facility.

It is also now apparent that this and the remaining projects with full funding allocation (No's 3, 4, 6 & 8) will not be completed by this financial year. DM has advised RFS of this, however it is requested that Council expedite these projects to completion, as further carry forward of funds is unlikely.

4. Tabourie Station extensions

Current budget allocated	\$180,000.00	
Cost estimate of project:	\$180,000.00	
Variance:	\$	0.00

As previously advised, draft plans have been developed and endorsed by the Brigade.

Council has appointed staff to manage the final design, drawings and approvals. From first reports back, there maybe some necessary changes to the proposed plans to ensure better use of funding and within the existing facility.

It is also now apparent that this and the remaining projects with full funding allocation (No's 3, 4, 5, & 8) will not be completed by this financial year. DM has advised RFS of this, however it is requested that Council expedite these projects to completion, as further carry forward of funds is unlikely.

5. Currarong Station Additions

Current budget allocated	\$275,000.00	
Cost estimate of project:	\$275,000.00	
Variance:	\$	0.00

Concept Plans have now been received from the architect. These have been endorsed by the Brigade.

Council have allocated appropriate persons to undertake this role and are progressing on this.

It is also now apparent that this and the remaining projects with full funding (No's 3, 4, 5 & 6) will not be completed by this financial year. DM has advised RFS of this,

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however it is requested that Council expedite these projects to completion, as further carry forward of funds is unlikely.

6. **Training/Logistics/SMSS Facility (TLSF)**

Current budget allocated	\$ 30,000.00
Cost estimate of project:	\$9,500,000.00
Variance:	\$9,470,000.00

Nothing new to report.

RFS Infrastructure Management (Sydney) has not progressed the issue.

This project is now in hiatus whilst other Infrastructure works are occurring. The District (when able), will formalise the project proposal documentation which including all plans and costings undertaken to date and officially resubmit through Region and Head Office.

7. **Wandandian station extensions**

Current budget allocated:	\$ 5,000.00
Cost estimate for project:	\$185,000.00
Variance:	\$180,000.00

No change since last report.

Draft concept plans are still being developed and have not yet been received from the consultant. Once received, discussions will be held and input from the Brigades before finalisation and DA submission and bid made for full funding of project.

8. **Basin View Station extensions**

Current budget allocated:	\$ 5,000.00
Cost estimate for project:	\$175,000.00
Variance:	\$170,000.00

No change since last report.

Draft concept plans are still being developed and have not yet been received from the consultant. Once received, discussions will be held and input from the Brigades before finalisation and DA submission and bid made for full funding of project.

9. **Conjola Station extensions**

Current budget allocated:	\$ 5,000.00
Cost estimate of project:	\$195,000.00
Variance:	\$190,000.00

No change since last report.

Draft concept plans are still being developed and have not yet been received from the consultant. Once received, discussions will be held and input from the Brigades before finalisation and DA submission and bid made for full funding of project.

10. Beaumont Station extensions

Current budget allocated:	\$ 5,000.00
Cost estimate of project:	\$160,000.00
Variance:	\$155,000.00

No change since last report.

Draft plans have been developed and a meeting held with the Brigade who have endorsed these. These are now being formalised and prepared for submission of Development Approval.

This project is able to be separated into stages and therefore would likely remain under the threshold requiring tenders to be let.

11. Huskisson Station extensions

Current budget allocated:	\$ 5,000.00
Cost estimate of project:	\$185,000.00
Variance:	\$180,000.00

No change since last report.

Draft concept plans are still being developed and have not yet been received from the consultant. Once received, discussions will be held and input from the Brigades before finalisation and DA submission and bid made for full funding of project.

12. Staff Movements

No staff movements have occurred since last report.

Staff have and will continue to manage their leave throughout the current fire season whilst ensuring sufficient are available to ensure service delivery.

RF17.4 IEMC 92 Albatross Road South Nowra Master Plan

HPERM Ref: D17/26371

Submitted by: Report of the Fire Control Officer, Superintendent Mark Williams

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That Council reports to the Committee the status of the sub division of “Dog Track Rd” and pursue this to completion as a matter of priority.

Details

Current RFFF budget allocated	\$30,000.00
Cost estimate of project:	\$U/K

Master Plan project involving RFFF allocation expenditure ‘complete’. Working on version “J”. Council reimbursement claim submitted to RFS.

The Master Plan consultant and Council continue to develop and finalise the approvals for the Pad Mount Transformer for the precinct.

This is dealt in detail in a separate report.

The sub division of Dog Track Rd is still outstanding.

Council has previously advised this was due for completion in June ’16.

At the time of report submission, no update has been received from SCC on the status of this matter.

RF17.5 West Nowra Rural Fire Service

HPERM Ref: D17/26954

Submitted by: Report of the Fire Control Officer, Superintendent Mark Williams

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That Council expedites the installation and connection of the Pad Mount transformer and connection of permanent power to the WNFS so as all electrical installations can be utilised.

Details

Budget allocated:	\$1,600,000.00
Cost estimate of project:	\$1,600,000.00
Variance:	\$ 0.00

Construction was completed and possession taken on 28 October 2016.

Council is currently planning for the “Pad Mount” transformer for the IEMC site which includes permanent power for the WNFS. (See item 16 for further detail on this project)

As an interim measure, until the Pad Mount is completed, Council has received approval from Endeavour Energy to have the builder’s temporary power supply remain so as the Station can be occupied.

It must be noted that this will only allow for essential power items to be used. Items such as air conditioning and three phase power which is required for breathing apparatus compressors etc. cannot be connected to the circuit.

The facility was officially opened on 19 November 2016 in conjunction with the IEMC and Group Support shed extension openings.

RF17.6 Milton Catering Station Extensions

HPERM Ref: D17/26974

Submitted by: Report of the Fire Control Officer, Superintendent Mark Williams

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That

1. Council staff and RFS meet on site to plan the proposed alternate station access using Woodstock Road, and work with the RFS to rectify maintenance and drainage issues that remain post hydrant relocation.
2. Council staff consider having the problematic hydrant disconnected and removed.

Details

Current budget allocated	\$ 35,000.00
Cost estimate of project:	\$200,000.00
Variance:	\$165,000.00

Nothing further to report this quarter.

Station access driveway works are being investigated with Council at present.

Another hydrant has been provided by Shoalwater, however the problematic hydrant remains. Council has agreed to redirecting of the access driveway from Woodstock Road is an option for an alternate entry. Council & RFS are to meet and identify the necessary drainage works required and repair of damaged driveway post hydrant relocation.

RF17.7 Broughton Vale / Berry Rural Fire Station

HPERM Ref: D17/26996

Submitted by: Report of the Fire Control Officer, Superintendent Mark Williams

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That

1. Council and the District Manager continue to work with HINFRA, RMS and Dept Lands to formalise the land use agreements and secure the identified land parcel.
2. RFS works with Council on the formal designing, plan preparation, cost estimation and DA submission for the new station within the available land parcel.

Details

Current budget allocated		\$ 50,000.00
Cost estimate of project	(approx.)	\$1,000,000.00
Variance		\$ 950,000.00

Progress in the form of planning continues to occur. Further meetings between all parties have occurred and matters are progressing.

The site will require substantial fill to meet the requirements for flood mitigation. There is also increased costs for power provision and other services.

RF17.8 IEMC "Pad Mount" Transformer

HPERM Ref: D17/27007

Submitted by: Report of the Fire Control Officer, Superintendent Mark Williams

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That Council expedites the planning and subsequent construction of this project.

Details

Current budget allocated: \$165,000.00 (RFFF) & \$135,000 (SCC)

Cost estimate of project: \$300,000.00

Variance: \$0.00

As previously discussed, the IEMC precinct is currently at maximum capacity of the electrical supply.

The construction of the West Nowra Fire Station and any other future development requires a new Pad Mount Transformer to be placed on site.

Council has committed to fund \$135,000 towards this project, meaning that it is now fully funded.

This has now been costed and is currently still being planned for construction.

RF17.9 Bendalong / Cunjurong Point / Manyana Amalgamation

HPERM Ref: D17/27016

Submitted by: The Fire Control Office, Superintendent Mark Williams

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the District Manager continues to work with the Steering Committee and Brigades towards finalising this matter.

Details

Formalisation of the amalgamated brigades is continuing. A short delay in this was experienced due to one Brigade having a term deposit which matured in December 2016.

This will now be formally completed. Planning works on the two facilities continues and will be undertaken as soon as funding can be secured through the RFFF.