

MINUTES OF THE RURAL FIRE SERVICE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Thursday, 8 August 2019
Location: Council Chambers, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 6.00pm

The following members were present:

Clr Mitchell Pakes - Chairperson
Mr Paul Keech – Shoalhaven City Council
Mr Mark Williams
Mr Chris Palmer
Ms Jennifer Lawther
Mr Andrew Fielding
Mr Paul Gleeson
Mr Geoff Phillips
Mr Steve Heggie
Mr Bill Bean
Mr Vic Walker

Other Attendees

Ms Karen Lenard -
Mr Tom Dimec – Shoalhaven City Council
Ms Lynda Ho – Shoalhaven City Council

Apologies / Leave of Absence

An apology was received from Clr White and Messrs John Ashton, Chris Baseler, Mark Coombe, Paul Lyddiard, Ross Smith and Stuart Thaler.

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Minutes of the Rural Fire Service Strategic Planning Committee held on Thursday 09 May 2019 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Declarations of Interest

Nil

REPORTS

RF19.5 Rural Fire Service - Future Works

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The Committee held a broad ranging discussion on the list of future capital projects and noted:

- Consideration should be given to adding the Tomerong Station to the list to reflect the growth of the brigade and to allow for an additional or a larger vehicle;
- It was the remit of this committee to review the priority listing and make amendments to the current ranking of station works, as required.
- The capital works project listing had been formulated on the basis of a survey conducted 7 years ago and stakeholder feedback. However, the district was changing and there were many factors impacting the suitability of stations and potential capital priorities, including whether stations could accommodate a category 1 tanker, the current level of activity of a brigade or other "future proofing" criteria.
- Ideally, the District Superintendent sought to have around 6 shovel ready projects at his disposal at any given time to ensure funding opportunities could be used as they became available.
- It was agreed that any project listing ought to include commentary, particularly on the type of station works required and any impediment/s, and that an expected timeframe for the works ought not be included.

The District Superintendent undertook to provide a summary to the next meeting of the works planned for each station on the current priority list. He further undertook to discuss capital priorities with individual brigades.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Rural Fire Service Strategic Planning Committee notes the update on the status of unfunded capital works projects.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Rural Fire Service Strategic Planning Committee notes the update on the status of unfunded capital works projects and added the Tomerong Station to the list of unfunded capital projects.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

RF19.6 New NSW Rural Fire Service Area Management Model

The District Superintendent advised that a new NSW Rural Fire Service Area Management Model had come into play during July 2019. The new Area Management Model had come about by combining the existing functions of the four regions and Operational and Mitigation Services (OMS) to create seven service delivery areas across NSW.

The new area name encompassing the Shoalhaven would be called the South Eastern area and the office would be located at Moruya..

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 6.40PM.

Clr Mitchell Pakes
CHAIRPERSON