

## MINUTES OF THE RURAL FIRE SERVICE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, 10 August 2022  
**Location:** Teams Meeting  
**Time:** 6.15pm

The following members were present:

Clr Evan Christen – Chairperson  
Clr Tonia Gray  
Clr Mark Kitchener  
Mr Jonathan Hill  
Mr Vic Walker  
Mr Thomas Tait  
Mr Harvey More  
Mr Gary George – Manager, Building Services  
Ms Helen Camacho – Minute taker

### Apologies / Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from Mr Paul Keech.

### Confirmation of the Minutes

**RESOLVED** (By consent)

That the Minutes of the Rural Fire Service Strategic Planning Committee held on Wednesday 08 June 2022 be confirmed.

CARRIED

### Declarations of Interest

Nil

## REPORTS

### RF22.3 Rural Fire Service - Future Works

**HPERM Ref:**  
**D22/329705**

It is noted that the Future Works table has been updated allowing for more information to be included.

There was a broad ranging discussion on the status of unfunded capital works projects. Acting District Manager advised that the current future works priorities have updated as follows and have been agreed on by the SLT (Senior Leadership Team).

New station builds:

- Tomerong
- Wandandian
- Broughton Vale/Berry

Renovations:

- Tabourie
- Currarong
- St Georges Basin

These don't encompass the 10 year plan, as the 10 year plan is sitting with the SLT for consideration. These are the short term interim plans and priorities to build over the next 5 years.

Acting District Manager asked if there had been movement on the decision to allow brigades to self-manage their renovations. Dept Manager, Building Services advised that there would be a need to apply risk management to that sort of process and agreed to further discussions on the matter.

**ACTION:** Dept Manager, Building Services to organise meeting with Paul Keech, James Ruprai Jonathan Hill and himself to develop a process map to allow Brigades to self fund and self manage the development of future builds.

TT advised that he did not receive the letter of support from Council which was requested at the previous meeting and that the \$300,000.00 grant was a lost opportunity. Dept Manager, Building Services requested that all future requests for letters of support be made in writing and to include details of the support requested. TT stated that most grant applications allow to lodge with a letter of support.

**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 new and renewal works projects.

**RESOLVED** (By consent)

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CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 6.36pm.

Clr Evan Christen  
CHAIRPERSON