

MINUTES OF THE RURAL FIRE SERVICE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 15 February 2023

Location: Teams Meeting

Time: 6.10pm

The following members were present:

Clr Evan Christen - Chairperson	Councillor
Clr Patricia White	Councillor
Mr Matthew Reeves	RFS District Manager / Acting
Mr Vic Walker	RFS Volunteer Representative
Mr Ross Smith	RFS District Officer
Mr Thomas Tait	Group 3 Representative
Mr Harvey More	Assistant Director of Operations - Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development (Jervis Bay Territory)
Mr Gary George	SCC Building Services Manager
Ms Taylah Anderson	Minute Taker

Apologies / Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from Mr Paul Keech (Director City Services).

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (Matthew Reeves / Ros Smith)

That the Minutes of the Rural Fire Service Strategic Planning Committee held on Wednesday 16 November 2022 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Declarations of Interest

Nil.

REPORTS

RF23.1 Rural Fire Service - Future Works

HPERM Ref:
D23/46996

There have been no updates to the attached Rural Fire Service – Future Works table since the previous meeting.

Those were the priorities that will be revalidated on 28 February 2023 as an annual validation process with the Senior Leadership Team (SLT).

Current discussions are taking place with the Tomerong RFS station to revisit the proposal for renovations rather than a new build. A discussion with the Senior Leadership Team, Matthew Reeves and Gary George to occur to determine most suitable option.

General discussion regarding accurate costs estimating required prior to submitting budget bids or grant applications. Particularly considering recent inflation and escalation impacts to project costs across the industry.

Lake Tabourie RFS Station

Council have obtained a quotation from a quantity surveyor to undertake a cost plan for Lake Tabourie RFS Station. Council will fund engagement of QS and issue the cost plan to the RFS for additional information in their budget bids.

Currarong RFS Station

Cost plan completed when the DA commenced. If Council or RFS apply for a Grant, a cost plan will need to be reviewed to consider cost of inflation and escalation.

St Georges Basin RFS Station

Parking at the site has become an issue, with additional parking onsite required. An option to resolve the parking issue is to discuss with Shoalhaven water the potential to provide overflow parking on their site. The intersection of The Wool Road and the Wool Lane has become a concern due to safety.

Action – Department Manager, Gary George to discuss with Paul Keech regarding the potential for works at this station to improve access.

Action – Basin District Engineer, Theo Prakash to respond to the RFS providing an update to items included within letter dated 18/10/22 from Paul Keech to Michelle Thornley.

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)

That the Rural Fire Service Strategic Planning Committee request:

1. The Department Manager, Gary George to discuss with Paul Keech regarding the potential for works at the St Georges Basin RFS Station to improve access.
2. The Basin District Engineer, Theo Prakash to respond to the RFS providing an update to items included within letter dated 18/10/22 from Paul Keech to Michelle Thornley.

CARRIED

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

Clr Evan Christen
CHAIRPERSON