

MINUTES OF THE RURAL FIRE SERVICE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 16 August 2023
Location: Teams Meeting
Time: 6.20pm

The following members were present:

Clr Evan Christen - Chairperson
Clr Patricia White
Mr Matthew Reeves
Mr Geoff Ford
Mr Vic Walker
Mr Ross Smith
Mr Thomas Tait
Mr Gary George
Ms Taylah Anderson - Secretary

Apologies / Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from Clr Mark Kitchener and Acting Director Craig Exton.

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (Vic Walker / Thomas Tait)

That the Minutes of the Rural Fire Service Strategic Planning Committee held on Wednesday 10 May 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Declaration of Interests

Nil.

REPORTS

RF23.4 Rural Fire Service - Future Works

HPERM Ref:
D23/319205

RESOLVED (By consent)

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

CARRIED

RF23.5 General Business

St Georges Basin

The approach signage at St Georges Basin is being investigated further. The location of the RFS Station has many trees to be suitable for solar powered signage. Accordingly, the signage would require a low powered electrical connection and would require Council approval due to the proposed signs being in the road reserve. A discussion has occurred with Council's Electrical Engineer to undertake a suitable design. The estimated cost is approximately \$140K.

Action: Gary George to contact the NSW Ambulance to determine if they are having similar issues and safety concerns to determine if they would contribute funds.

Concerns were raised with summer approaching and the increase in traffic if there is an option to have safety sign boards installed over summer.

Action: Gary George - further investigations to occur and provide the information to Matthew for an infrastructure bid and provide a cost estimate for the VMS boards.

The long-term option of a roundabout will be considered after the effectiveness of the signage is assessed post installation.

Due to RFS members parking on the road verge, the view when entering the roadway is still obstructed. Options for additional parking need to be reviewed. There is enough parking onsite for current members. Parking becomes an issue when training events occur at the site due to being a larger station.

Action: Thomas Tait to discuss with the brigade, and Council regarding the amount of additional parking spaces required.

A Budget would be required to fund a master plan exercise which would consider any future building extensions and parking.

Action: Matthew Reeves to discuss with the St Georges Basin RFS brigade regarding the future needs and requirements of the station.

Huskisson RFS

Council's Building Officer has been liaising with the Huskisson RFS Station regarding repainting the station and the drainage issues.

The works consist of upgrading drainage pipes to street from 100mm to 150mm to facilitate water egress and alleviate ponding. Contractor engaged to complete works by end September.

Kioloa RFS

Council's Building Officer has investigated the drainage issues. A mega flow trench is going to be installed to connect the discharge pipe to a street head well. A contractor has been engaged and will have those works completed by the end of September 2023.

Ownership of Bridge on Dangerboard Road

This issue was discussed in the Bushfire Management Committee (BFMC). Discussions regarding the ownership of the bridge to remain within that meeting. No proof of ownership has occurred between CrowLand and Council. It was established that there had been information that National Parks were maintaining the bridge. The lack of ownership provides major complexities with emergencies in that area and access and needs to be rectified.

Matthew Reeves sent through an email to Gary George explaining evidence as to

Council being the custodian of the bridges.

Action: Gary George to provide evidence provided by Matthew Reeves to Trevor Dando to establish the ownership of the bridge

RESOLVED (By consent)

That:

1. Gary George to contact the NSW Ambulance to determine if they are having similar issues and safety concerns to determine if they would contribute funds.
2. Gary George - further investigations to occur and provide the information to Matthew for an infrastructure bid and provide a cost estimate for the VMS boards.
3. Thomas Tait to discuss with the brigade, and Council regarding the amount of additional parking spaces required.
4. Matthew Reeves to discuss with the St Georges Basin RFS brigade regarding the future needs and requirements of the station.
5. Gary George to provide evidence provided by Matthew Reeves to Trevor Dando to establish the ownership of the bridge.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 6.53pm.

Clr Evan Christen
CHAIRPERSON

Action	Topic	Responsible Person
Contact the NSW Ambulance to determine if they are having similar issues and safety concerns to determine if they would contribute funds.	General Business – St Georges Basin	Gary George
Further investigations to occur and provide the information to Matthew for an infrastructure bid and provide a cost estimate for the VMS boards.	General Business – St Georges Basin	Gary George
Discuss with the brigade, and Council regarding the amount of additional parking spaces required.	General Business – St Georges Basin	Thomas Tait
Discuss with the St Georges Basin RFS brigade regarding the future needs and requirements of the station	General Business – St Georges Basin	Matthew Reeves
Provide evidence provided by Matthew Reeves to Trevor Dando to establish the ownership of the bridge	General Business – Ownership of Bridge on Dangerboard Road	Gary George