

Rural Fire Service Strategic Planning Committee

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 10 August, 2022

Location: Teams Meeting

Time: 5.30pm

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Agenda

1. Apologies

2. Confirmation of Minutes

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4. General Business

Membership

Clr Evan Christen – Chairperson

Clr Serena Copley

Clr Patricia White (alternate)

Chief Executive Officer or nominee (Mr Paul Keech)

RFS Executive: Mr Jonathan Hill

RFS Staff: Mr Chris Palmer

Group 1 Area: Mr Andrew Fielding (Alternate – Mr Stuart Thaler)

Group 2 Area: Ms Jennifer Lawther (Alternate Vic Walker)

Group 3 Area: Mr Ross Smith (Alternate – Mr Thomal Tait)

Group 4 Area: Mr Dennis Stannard (Alternate – Mr Geoff Phillips)

Group 5 Area: Mr John Ashton (Alternate – Mr Steve Heggie)

Group 6 Operations Support: Mr Clayton Short (Alternate – TBA)

Primary Representative RFSA: Mr Vic Walker (Alternate – TBA)

Jervis Bay Territory: Mr Harvey More 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 and 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

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The following members were present:

Clr Evan Christen - Chairperson
Clr Patricia White
Clr Liza Butler
Mr Jonathan Hill
Mr Vic Walker
Mr Thomas Tait

Others present:
Mr Gary George – Shoalhaven City Council
Ms Helen Camacho – Shoalhaven City Council

Apologies / Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from Mr Chris Palmer and Mr Paul Keech.

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (Vic Walker / Clr Christen)

That the Minutes of the Rural Fire Service Strategic Planning Committee held on Wednesday 23 February 2022 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Declarations of Interest

Nil

REPORTS

RF22.2 Rural Fire Service - Future Works

**HPERM Ref:
D22/183158**

There was a broad ranging discussion on the status of unfunded capital works projects. The Acting District Manager advised that the current future works priorities are to be updated to reflect the RFS 10 year strategic plan as follows;

1. Tomerong Station Extension
2. Wandandian Station Extension
3. Broughton Vale/Berry new station

Tomerong and Wandandian stations both have project appraisals from the RFS and waiting on funding.

There is a secondary set of works which are renovations works to be undertaken and includes the following:

1. St Georges Basin Station Renovations
2. Currarong Station Extensions
3. Lake Tabourie Extensions

There was an emphasis on getting the St Georges Basin fire station renovations underway as it is it provides great support to other brigades in the area.

ACTION: Acting District Manager to send 10 year plan listing all projects to Department Manager Building Services.

ACTION: Letter of support is being sought by the RFS for the St Georges Basin Station renovations. Letter of Support to be issued by mid July.

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.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 6.31pm.

Clr Evan Christen
CHAIRPERSON

RF22.3 Rural Fire Service - Future Works

HPERM Ref: D22/329705

Department: Building Services
Approver: Trevor Dando, Manager Works & Services

Attachments: 1. Future Priorities & Works - Future RFS Stations and Works - August 2022 [↓](#)

Reason for Report

To review the status of the unfunded capital works projects

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.

Options

1. Nil

Background

The following projects will remain in the Shoalhaven Strategic Capital Expenditure Program:

New Works

- Tomerong Station
- Wandandian Station
- Broughton Vale / Berry

Renovation Works

- Tabourie Station extensions
- Currarong Station extensions
- St Georges Basin extensions

Refer to attachment 1 – Future works

All infrastructure projects funded from the NSW Rural Fire Fighting Fund Allocation 2020-21 are complete. Final claims and payments associated with these projects are complete.

Bushfire Local Economic Relief Fund (BLERF) grants were awarded for the construction of Conjola RFS Brigade extensions and the Manyana RFS Brigade new station.

Once current seed funded projects achieve a “shovel ready status”, re-evaluation of seed funding needs for unfunded projects will be undertaken.

Community Engagement

Concept plans for each station extension / refurbishment works are discussed with the relevant brigades and reviewed through regular design review meetings with RFS delegates.

Rural Fire Service - Future Works															
Year of Funding and Construction Commencement - Enter \$															
Details								6		7		8		Comments	
Area Command	District	LGA	Brigade / FCC Name	Brigade/FCC	Type	District Priority	Comments	2022/23 Bid	2022/23 Review	2023/24 Bid	2023/24 Review	2024/25 Bid	2024/25 Review		
South Eastern	Shoalhaven	Shoalhaven	Tomerong	Brigade	New Build	1				\$ 100,000.00			\$ 900,000.00		Strategic station, requires a new station to fit a new truck,
South Eastern	Shoalhaven	Shoalhaven	Wandandian	Brigade	New Build	2							\$ 100,000.00		Strategic station, will require a 4c station to cater for the needs
South Eastern	Shoalhaven	Shoalhaven	Broughton Vale/ Berry	Brigade	New Build	3									Political pressure being applied, may need to reshuffle priorities
South Eastern	Shoalhaven	Shoalhaven													
South Eastern	Shoalhaven	Shoalhaven	Tabourie	Brigade	Renovation	1				\$ 600,000.00					
South Eastern	Shoalhaven	Shoalhaven	Curarong	Brigade	Renovation	2				\$ 600,000.00					
South Eastern	Shoalhaven	Shoalhaven	St Georges Basin	Brigade	Renovation	3	See comments								Have applied for a grant, potentially self funded with Grant money,
Totals										\$ 1,300,000			\$ 1,000,000		