



DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

14th November 2006

DSS3	NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICES
	FILE: 441 APV {Folio No. *}

SUMMARY:

Reporting on the 2006 / 2007 Allocation for the NSW Rural Fire Fighting Fund.



DESCRIPTION:

Council has received advice from the Commissioner of NSW Rural Fire Service of Council's approved allocation for the 2006/2007 Rural Fire Fighting Fund. A copy of the summary is attached at [Appendix C](#).

The total allocation is \$1,408,185.02 of which \$881,850 has been allocated to Council and \$531,378.02 is Council's contribution to State-wide programs including insurances. Note that Council will be reimbursed its contribution towards the State-wide Programs except for insurances. Council's nett contribution is \$123,744.27.

In Council's budget for 2006/2007, a nett amount of \$129,200 has been provided for Council's contribution to the Bush Fire Fighting Fund, a saving of \$5,456. However, Council's contribution to the Board of Fire Commissioners for 2006/07 is \$66,324 compared with the budget provision of \$58,731 i.e. a deficit of \$7,593. For Fire Control, this represents a nett deficit of \$2,137 for which provision will need to be made as part of the Quarterly Budget review.

The funding is generally in line with the estimates forwarded and is similar to 2005/2006.

The allocation of \$881,850 provides for the following items in 2006/07:

- A new Category 7 truck for Stuarts Point Brigade;
- A replacement Category 7 Truck for Crescent Head Brigade;
- A replacement Category 7 Truck for Aldavilla Brigade;

- A replacement Category 7 Truck for Kundabung Brigade;
- A new brigade station at Bellbrook.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil.

- *Social*

Nil.

- *Economic (Financial)*

The financial implication of the following recommendation is the commitment to contribute 13.3% of the budget allocated, resulting in a nett contribution of \$123,744. Council's budget for 2006/07 makes provision for such expenditure.

- *Policy or Statutory*

Council has a statutory requirement, by way of Sections 109 and 110 of the Rural Fires Act, to contribute 13.3% of this allocation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

.....
A P Vermeulen
DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES