



DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

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DSS5	RURAL FIRE SERVICES ESTIMATES
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on the Rural Fire Fighting Funds Estimates for the 2008/2009 year.

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DESCRIPTION:

The 2008/2009 Rural Fire Fighting Funds Estimates have been prepared and a copy is attached at [Appendix D Part1, Part2– Page H5](#)

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

In addition to the amount of \$588,354 shown in those estimates, a further amount of approximately \$240,000 for District Salaries, \$400,000 for Statewide programs and an estimated \$50,000 for insurances need to be provided. This would result in a total estimate of \$1,278,354 for 2008/2009 of which Council would be required to contribute 13.3% or \$170,021.

In the draft forward budget for 2008/2009 Council has made provision for an amount of \$195,000 as its contribution to Bush Fire Fighting Funds

The estimates have been reviewed by Council staff and the following comments are provided:

- Under other Vehicles, the estimates provide to replace the two existing (1994) Group Captains' vehicles at an estimated cost of \$82,600.
- Under Brigade Stations, the estimates provide to refurbish the kitchen facilities and to enlarge the training room at the Rural Fire Services Headquarters at North Street, West Kempsey.
- No tankers are proposed to be replaced in 2008/09 as the last of the old petrol fire tankers should have been replaced this financial year (2007/08).

- ***Environmental***

Nil

- ***Social***

Nil

- *Economic (Financial)*

The financial implications of the following recommendation are the commitment to contribute 13.3% of the budget allocated, ie \$170,021. Council's forward estimates makes provision for such expenditure.

- *Policy or Statutory*

Council has a statutory requirement, by way of Section 109 and 110 of the Rural Fires Act, to provide 13.3% of this budget.

- *Director's Review*

Council is asked to endorse the recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the 2008/2009 Rural Fire Fighting Funds Estimates as proposed be approved.

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ACTING DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES