



DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

2 February 2010

**DSS6 REPLACEMENT OF SES VEHICLES AND PROPOSED
UPGRADES TO SES INFRASTRUCTURE
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on a proposal for the replacement of SES vehicles and upgrades to SES infrastructure.

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DESCRIPTION:

The SES forwarded a proposal to Council in June 2009 concerning the replacement of SES vehicles and proposed upgrades to SES infrastructure. These matters have been followed up on several occasions informally and the general thrust of the proposals are supported subject to budgetary provisions and the financial impact for Council. A copy of the letter from the SES is attached [Appendix E – Page SS5](#).

A meeting was held between the SES Regional Controller, Mr Peter Floyd, and Council's Director Shire Services, Mr Bruce Morris, on 21 January 2010. At this meeting the forward budgets and works were discussed with the most pressing issue being the proposed replacement of the SES troop carrier vehicle at the Kempsey SES Unit. It was agreed at this meeting to have Council consider a budgetary allocation for the shortfall of funds available from the SES for the replacement of this vehicle at its Ordinary Meeting of 2 February 2010. It was also agreed that the other matters would be further considered in due course with an assessment of the residual values of the other vehicles proposed for replacement undertaken and concept designs and estimates being needed to further consider the infrastructure upgrades.

In summary the following activities / works are proposed subject to budgetary allocations:

- a. Replace VE 1095 Troop Carrier at Kempsey SES Unit with a Type 3 SES Vehicle in the current financial year.
- b. Replace VE2020 4WD SES Vehicle at the Kempsey SES unit and the VE2144 4WD SES Vehicle at the Gladstone SES unit in financial year 2010/2011.
- c. Replace VE1448 Rescue Truck at the Kempsey SES unit in financial year 2011/2012.

- d. Provide an extension to the South West Rocks SES unit, timeframe uncertain although desirable to be completed as soon as possible.
- e. Construct a facility at Gladstone for the SES unit. The SES should be able to provide funding for this work in financial year 2011/2012, although a contribution from Council is likely to be required.
- f. Construct a new larger operations room at the Kempsey SES unit. The SES may be able to provide funding for this work in financial year 2011/2012, with the possibility of a small contribution being required from Kempsey Shire Council.

Council currently has \$100,000 in its budget for the construction of a Headquarters for an SES unit in Crescent Head. These funds are loan funds with \$50,000 carried forward from last financial year and \$50,000 included in the budget as loan funds this financial year. A unit currently does not exist in Crescent Head and the SES does not want to progress the establishment of a unit in Crescent Head at this stage. In addition, Council has included forward budget projections within its three year budget of \$60,000 from loan funds in financial year 2010/11 for an SES facility at Gladstone. Forward budget provisions for Council's contribution have also been made for the replacement of VE1095 (\$22,000) at the Kempsey SES unit in financial year 2010/2011 and VE 1448 (\$35,000) at the Kempsey SES unit in financial year 2011/2012.

The SES currently has \$30,000 available in funds to replace VE1095 at the Kempsey SES unit. These funds need to be expended this financial year. Based on current quotes and the assessed residual value of the current vehicle, it is anticipated that Council will need to contribute in the order of \$15,000 for the replacement of this vehicle. These funds could be provided by allocating funding that is currently allocated for a proposed Headquarters at Crescent Head.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- **Environmental**

Nil

- **Social**

The replacement of vehicles and provision of suitable facilities for volunteer emergency organisations assists with the retention and recruitment of volunteers.

- **Economic (Financial)**

Provision is available within the budget to transfer funds to cover the expenditure requirements.

- **Policy or Statutory**

Nil

- **Director's Review**

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1 That Council transfers funds from the allocation for an SES Headquarters at Crescent Head for the replacement of VE1095 at the Kempsey SES unit.**
- 2 That the replacement of the other SES vehicles and the upgrades to infrastructure proposed by the SES be further considered by Council prior to the provision of a budgetary allocation.**

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