



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Your ref:
Our ref: F16/0036

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Dear Mr Rawlings

2016-17 ALLOCATIONS – NSW RURAL FIRE FIGHTING FUND

The Minister for Emergency Services, the Honourable David Elliott MP, has recently approved allocations for the 2016-17 Rural Fire Fighting Fund which supports volunteer brigades who protect your local community.

The Rural Fire Fighting Fund for 2016-17 is \$314.553 million. Highlights of this year's fund include:

- \$9.9 million to continue the pilot of the use of Large Air Tankers to combat fast moving and dangerous grass and bush fires; and
- Continuation of the commitment to develop the Guardian system to replace the existing Bushfire Risk Information Management System.

These enhancements build on the Government's pre-existing commitment to the NSW Rural Fire Service including:

- \$37.9 million for mitigation and hazard reduction works;
- \$11.7 million for fire fighting equipment and personal protective equipment;
- \$31.4 million for new and refurbished tankers; and
- \$19.1 million for volunteer brigade stations and Fire Control Centres.

As previously advised in correspondence of 31 May 2016, the NSW Rural Fire Service has moved to a percentage based allocation of the Rural Fire Fighting Fund. Accordingly, for your Council I hereby advise the:

Rural Fire Fighting Fund Allocation:	\$2,554,170
Council Contribution:	\$298,838
Percentage rate assigned:	0.812%

Shown at Appendix A is a schedule of key allocations including fire fighting appliances, infrastructure, equipment and grants that will be provided directly to your Council in the 2016-17 year. Your attention to completing and claiming reimbursement for the infrastructure works listed in the Appendix in the 2016-17 year is requested.

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As in previous years, payments to Council for the Maintenance and Repairs grant will be made towards the end of the second quarter provided Council has made all Rural Fire Fighting Fund contributions due at that time.

Council are reminded that substantial additional resources are provided to Rural Fire Districts including:

- **Training and Volunteer Support**
Costs associated with volunteer relations including the cadets program, work health and safety programs for volunteers, critical incident support, Chaplaincy, learning and development, volunteer training and competency.
- **Fire Mitigation Works**
Bush fire mitigation works including the State Mitigation Support Services (SMSS) that operates across Local Government areas completing mitigation works, fire trail and hazard management works.
- **Insurances**
Volunteer workers compensation insurance and other insurances (excluding red fleet insurance).
- **Radio Communications**
Costs associated with communication assets, the private mobile radio network, the paging network and the Government Radio Network.
- **Emergency Fund**
Costs associated with responding to bush fire emergencies including out of area assistance.
- **Aviation and Other Operational Support**
Provision of the State Air Desk and aviation resources for emergency events, training and support of volunteers in aircraft operations and other operational support services such as Neighbourhood Safer Places, RART team and vulnerable communities support.
- **Engineering and Other Infrastructure**
Design and development of mobile infrastructure including tankers, other vehicles and fire fighting equipment. Insurance of the red fleet of fire fighting appliances. Development of designs and standards for the construction of brigade stations and fire control centres.
- **Communications and Public Awareness**
Management of media and corporate communications including the community advertising campaign, social media monitoring and provision of emergency messaging in emergency events.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Mr Stephen O'Malley, Chief Financial Officer on (02) 8741 5523 or at stephen.omalley@rfs.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Shane Fitzsimmons AFSM
Commissioner

cc: NSW RFS District Manager

NSW Rural Fire Fighting Fund Allocation - 2016-17

Council: Kempsey Shire Council

Infrastructure Projects

Aldavilla	Station - Upgrade & Amenities	\$150,000
Subtotal: Infrastructure Projects		\$150,000

Appliances

Gladstone	APPLIANCE - CAT 1 CREW CAB VILLAGE	\$322,100
Subtotal: Appliances		\$322,100

Equipment

Fire Fighting Equipment		\$37,500
Personal Protective Equipment		\$45,000
Community Education		-
Subtotal: Equipment		\$82,500

Hazard Reduction

Hazard Reduction Grant		\$34,700
Subtotal: Hazard Reduction		\$34,700

Maintenance and Repairs Grant

Petrol/Oil		\$30,000
Pumps		\$3,500
Radio		-
Stations/Equipment Sheds		\$20,000
Vehicles		\$92,480
Maintenance and Repairs - Other		\$27,000
Data Cards		-
Telephone (Fixed)		\$24,000
Telephone (Mobile)		-
Electricity		\$20,000
Gas		-
Insurance - Vehicles		-
Insurance - Sheds		\$14,000
Insurance - Radio Sheds		-
Insurance - Other		-
Radio Base Station Site Fees		-
Training Brigade		\$6,500
Cleaning		-
Security		-
Servicing Contracts		-
Other		\$17,500
Subtotal: Maintenance and Repairs		\$254,980

Other Enhancements

Brigade Amenities Program		-
Electrical Residual Current Device Compliance		\$8,000
Subtotal: Other Enhancements		\$8,000