

# State Rescue Board of NSW - Communique

## Meeting 133 – 27 February 2020

The State Rescue Board of NSW (SRB) held its first meeting of the year on Thursday 27 February 2020 at the Office of Emergency Management in Sydney. This meeting was originally scheduled to be held on 14 November 2019, however due to unprecedented bushfires impacting NSW it was postponed. A number of issues were considered by the Board out of session in December 2019.

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### **Westpac Helicopter**

The Board noted the 'Review of Helicopter Search and Rescue Services on the NSW South Coast' prepared by the Office of Emergency Management.

*Out of session December 2019*

### **State Rescue Board of NSW Annual Report 2018/19**

The Board endorsed the 2018/19 SRB Annual Report to be presented to the Minister for tabling in Parliament. The SRB Annual Report will be published on the Emergency NSW website once it has been tabled.

### **NSW State Emergency Service – Flood Rescue bulk accreditation**

The Board endorsed an application from the NSW State Emergency Service to accredit 96 of its units for On Water Flood Rescue. Changes made to the State Rescue Policy in November 2018, removed the default allowance for NSW State Emergency Service units to be automatically accredited for On Water Flood Rescue (previously Level 2 Flood Rescue).

### **Marine Rescue NSW – Lord Howe Island**

The Board endorsed an application from Marine Rescue NSW for pre-accreditation for Marine Rescue for its Lord Howe Island unit.

### **Fire and Rescue NSW – Wollongong brigade**

The Board endorsed an application from Fire and Rescue NSW for pre-accreditation for In Water Flood Rescue for its Wollongong brigade.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the State Rescue Board is scheduled for Thursday 28 May 2020.