

Emergency Services Bush Fire Brigade funding

Introduction

Bush Fire Brigades are established by the Shire of Capel under the Bush Fires Act 1954.

The Shire of Capel has a responsibility to equip brigades with appliances, equipment, and apparatus.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that any equipment or appliances purchased

1. is suited to the task for which it is intended
2. has the endorsement of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee
3. is in the best interests of the bush fire brigades and
4. is appropriately funded.

Policy statement

Generally, the Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) funds Bush Fire Brigades operational and capital requirements in accordance with the Manual for Capital and Operating Grants.

To ensure that Brigades are not competing against each other for grant funding/sponsorship from alternative sources, individual Brigades must seek approval from the Emergency Services Coordinator prior to submitting funding applications.

The Shire will submit any funding applications where a funding opportunity would benefit all brigades.

The Emergency Services Coordinator will inform the BFAC of any funding applications made and the outcome of those applications.

Any items not eligible for funding, shall be referred to the Bush Fire Advisory Committee to be recommended to Council for the municipal budget consideration.

Bush Fire Brigades may purchase items not funded by the LGGS or Council, using their own funds on the condition that any replacement/repair costs will be at the brigades' expense.

Application

Responsibility for the application of this policy is the Emergency Services Coordinator.

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