

## **1. FINANCIAL HARDSHIP – RATE RELIEF POLICY**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate Services  
**AUTHOR:** Bradley Pascoe- Finance Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/1142

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### **Summary:**

This report provides a draft policy for Council's consideration in regard to offering rate relief to ratepayers experiencing financial hardship as per the legislative requirements of the Local Government Act 1993.

### **Background:**

The recovery of outstanding rates is an ongoing process and the adoption of a financial hardship policy will assist this process. The Local Government Act that the Council have procedures to assist ratepayers experiencing financial hardship in place.

### **Current Position:**

The objective of this policy is to provide a means for hardship assistance available to be provided to Walgett ratepayers who may be experiencing genuine financial hardship. This is a reflection of Council's commitment to serving the community and meeting the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 (Sections of legislation mentioned in the policy).

An individual assessment would be undertaken for ratepayers experiencing genuine financial hardship. Council will aim to achieve a minimum standard to support the ratepayers existing capacity to pay rates & charges. It is believed that this policy provides equality and fairness in assessment and recognises Walgett Shire Council's social obligation in regard to deemed 'vulnerable' rate payers to achieve a positive result for Council, rate payers and the broader community alike.

### **Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

Local Government Act  
'Hardship Rate Relief Application Form' as per the Department of Local Government (meeting relevant statutory requirements).

### **Governance issues:**

Under Chapter 15, Sections 567, 582, 577, 601, 610E of the local Government Act 1993 Council is to provide an avenue for rate relief for those experiencing financial hardship.

**Environmental issues:**

N/A

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council and ratepayers  
Division of Local Government

**Financial Implications:**

The Rate Relief Policy will give both Council and ratepayers flexibility in ascertaining 'vulnerable' members of the community capacity to pay rates, allowing options for extension of terms for payment and concessions where applicable. The actual cost to Council is expected to be moderate but will depend on the number of ratepayers who participate.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Council is required to adopt a policy in regard to Financial hardship – rate relief. It is of a discretionary nature to what degree Council offers assistance to rate payers upon application, through individual assessment (per the draft policy).

**Conclusion:**

The draft policy is presented for consideration by Council. Its meets the relevant requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 and reflects Council's desire to provide options for ratepayers experiencing financial hardship.

<b>Financial Hardship- Rate Relief Policy</b>
<p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That the draft policy adopted in principal and placed on public exhibition for 28 days.</li></ol> <p><b>Moved:</b> <b>Seconded:</b></p>

**Attachments:**

Financial Hardship- Rate Relief Policy  
Hardship Rate Relief Application Form

## Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate Services

**AUTHOR:** Jeremy Way

**FILE NUMBER:** 12/255-01

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### Summary:

The sale of land for overdue rates, in accordance with the provisions of Division 5, Part 2, Chapter 17 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, was held at the Council Chambers on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

A Total of twelve (12) properties were submitted for sale with two properties being passed in. This report provides further details in relation to the sale and recommends that the two (2) remaining properties be listed for sale by private treaty.

### Background:

Pursuant to a resolution by Council on 18 December 2012, thirteen (13) properties were publicly advertised for sale by way of auction on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2013. These properties were as follows;

Assessment No.	Owners Surname	Property Address	Title Details
11809	Gallagher	78-80 Wilson Street, Collarenebri	Lot 5 Section 18 DP 758262
9209	Smith	18-20 McNamara Street, Carinda	Lot 1 Section 14 DP 758227
7856	Frost	13 Balaclava Street, Burren Junction	Lot 9 Section 8 DP 758199
6544	Thorne	75 Warrena Street, Walgett	Lot 41 DP 802933
9910	Smith	9-11 Church Street, Collarenebri	Lot 8 Section 2 DP 758262
10447	Mogilevsky	56 Earl Street, Collarenebri	Lot 1 DP 213571
10496	Gallagher	9-11 George Street, Collarenebri	Lot 8 DP 650707
10595	Millstead	28 George Street, Collarenebri	Lot 4 Section 9 DP 758262 – WLL 9208
6569	Reid	20 Peel Street, Walgett	Lot 1 Section 10 DP 759036
11197	Gallagher	6-8 Narran Street, Collarenebri	Lot 2 Section 7 DP 758262
10801	Gallagher	33-35 High Street, Collarenebri	Lot 7 Section 12 DP 758262
9928	Gallagher	5-7 Church Street, Collarenebri	Lot 9 Section 2 DP 758262
8813	Ayers Pty Ltd	22-24 Colin Street, Carinda	Lot 2 & 10 Section 13 DP 758227

Subsequently one property, being Assessment 8813 for 22-24 Colin Street, Carinda (Carinda Hotel), was formally withdrawn from the sale of land for overdue rates at Council's meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2013 due to issues around ownership of this property. The remaining twelve (12) properties were submitted for sale by auction on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2013. Of these properties eight (8) had dwellings and four (4) were vacant land blocks. There were eight (8) properties in Collarenebri (five (5) of these owned by one ratepayer), two (2) in Walgett and one each in Burren Junction and Carinda.

Auctioneer Anthony Diprose, on behalf of Kelly's Properties Sales Pty Ltd, conducted the sale with nineteen (19) bidders registering for the auction and close to forty (40) people overall in attendance.

**Current Position:**

Of the twelve (12) properties that went to auction ten (10) properties were sold. Two (2) properties were sold on the fall of the hammer, while eight (8) were passed in at auction. After auction purchases were successfully negotiated by the General Manger with the highest bidders of these eight (8) properties.

The two (2) vacant land blocks in Walgett failed to attract an opening bid and were passed in on the day.

As at 12<sup>th</sup> April 2013 the outstanding rates on these twelve (12) properties was \$221,854. The combined sales price for the ten (10) properties sold was \$123,700 with the sale price on three (3) of the properties in excess of the level of outstanding rates.

Contracts have been sent to the relevant solicitors or conveyancing firms with settlement being 28 days after the date of auction meaning properties will settle on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013. Costs incurred through the sale process will now be journaled onto these rate assessments.

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

Debt Recovery Policy and Procedures.  
Division 5, Part 2, Chapter 17 of the *Local Government Act 1993*

**Governance issues:**

The sale was conducted in accordance with the provisions of Division 5, Part 2, Chapter 17 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

**Environmental issues:**

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire  
Ratepayers

**Financial Implications:**

Seven (7) of the properties sold at auction will result in purchase money insufficient to satisfy all rates, charges and debts incurred so Council will need to write off these amounts as a final settlement for overdue rates in line with Section 719 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

As at the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2013 before final costs are apportioned the total amount of rates and charges to be written off amounts to \$93,963.00. This figure excludes the two (2) unsold properties.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Nil

**Conclusion:**

Given the condition of most of the properties submitted for sale it is believed that the sale result was reasonable. The remaining properties are recommended for sale under private treaty.

**Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates**

**Recommendation:**

1. That Council delegate to the General Manager authority to sell the two (2) remaining properties being Assessment 6544 for 75 Warrena Street, Walgett – Lot 41 DP 802933 and Assessment 6569 for 20 Peel Street, Walgett – Lot 1 Section 10 DP 759036 by private treaty in accordance with Section 716 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
2. That the General Manager be delegated authority to complete the required legal documentation associated with the sale of the properties submitted for sale under Section 713 of the Local Government Act 1993 and to affix the Council Seal where required.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Summary of Walgett Shire Council Section 713 Sales for Unpaid Rates on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2013

**SUMMARY OF WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL SECTION 713 SALES FOR UNPAID RATES ON 13 APRIL 2013**

Order of Sale	Assessment No.	Owners Surname	Property Address	Title Details	Use	Outstanding Rates as at 12/04/13	Sale Price
1	11809	Gallagher	78-80 Wilson Street, Collarenebri	Lot 5 Section 18 DP 758262	House	\$18,488.52	\$21,000
2	9209	Smith	18-20 McNamara Street, Carinda	Lot 1 Section 14 DP 758227	Vacant Land	\$7,520.89	\$1,000
3	7856	Frost	13 Balaclava Street, Burren Junction	Lot 9 Section 8 DP 758199	House	\$9,902.85	\$3,500
4	6544	Thorne	75 Warrena Street, Walgett	Lot 41 DP 802933	Vacant Land	\$21,328.59	
5	9910	Smith	9-11 Church Street, Collarenebri	Lot 8 Section 2 DP 758262	House	\$19,458.27	\$11,000
6	10447	Mogilevsky	56 Earl Street, Collarenebri	Lot 1 DP 213571	Vacant Land	\$8,069.80	\$700
7	10496	Gallagher	9-11 George Street, Collarenebri	Lot 8 DP 650707	House	\$18,581.97	\$11,000
8	10595	Millstead	28 George Street, Collarenebri	Lot 4 Section 9 DP 758262 – WLL 9208	House	\$54,032.44	\$7,000
9	6569	Reid	20 Peel Street, Walgett	Lot 1 Section 10 DP 759036	Vacant Land	\$9,164.67	
10	11197	Gallagher	6-8 Narran Street, Collarenebri	Lot 2 Section 7 DP 758262	House	\$18,830.81	\$12,000
11	10801	Gallagher	33-35 High Street, Collarenebri	Lot 7 Section 12 DP 758262	House	\$17,893.00	\$21,000
12	9928	Gallagher	5-7 Church Street, Collarenebri	Lot 9 Section 2 DP 758262	House	\$18,581.98	\$35,500

# 1. **NSW RURAL FIRE FIGHTING -NORTH WEST ZONE SERVICE ESTIMATE FOR 2013/2014 BUDGET**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Engineering Services  
**AUTHOR:** Raju Ranjit – Director Engineering Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/1238-02

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## **Summary:**

That Council formally receives estimated budget figures for Councils' Contribution to Rural Fire fighting North West Zone funding for 2013/2014

## **Background:**

Rural Fire Service in Walgett Shire is managed by the North West Zone. The 2013/2014 budget of the funding for the Rural Fire Service is \$ 2,419,851

## **Current Position:**

The Rural Fire Service North West Zone has submitted an approved budget of 2,419,851 of which councils's contribution is \$ 144,392.51. The detail calculation is as follows.

51 % of 2,419,851= \$1,234,124.01  
11.7 % of \$ 1,234,124.01= \$144,392.51

In addition to the above contribution, there will be a program charge that will be submitted approximately on October 2013.

The figure \$ 144,392.51 is less than previous years (Ref. Table).

Table

Year	Walgett Shire Council's Contribution
2012/2013	\$ 186,852.92 or (51 % of \$ 366,378.25)
2011/2012	\$ 179,615.30 or (51 % of \$352,186.87)
2010/2011	\$ 162,687.69 or (51 % of \$318,995.47)

## **Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

North West Zone Funding budget

**Governance issues:**

Nil

**Environmental issues:**

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

NSW Rural Fire Service- Walgett Brigades and Residents

**Financial Implications:**

WSC management plant 2013/2014

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Nil

**Conclusion:**

The Council is required to include the contribution amount of \$ 144,392.51 for 2013/2014 budget.

**Rural Fire Fighting North West Zone Service Funding budget 2013/2014**

**Recommendation:**

1. That Council receive and approves the contribution of \$ 144,392.51 to Rural Fire Services fund for 2013/2014.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

1. *RFS estimated budget document*



**2013/2014 Rural Fire Fighting Fund Estimates**

**Summary Page**

**NORTH WEST ZONE**

Annual Maintenance and Repairs....	\$340,800.00
Appliances .....	\$748,545.00
Second Hand Appliances .....	\$93,750.00
Other Vehicles .....	\$0.00
Equipment .....	\$177,500.00
Brigade Stations .....	\$170,000.00
Reimbursable Items .....	\$0.00
Hazard Reduction .....	\$96,000.00
District Staff Estimate.....	\$793,256.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,419,851.00</b>

I hereby certify that above figures are true and fair estimate of the anticipated expenditure from the Rural Fire fighting Fund in respect of this council for this financial year. The council will comply with Sections 109 and 110 of the Rural Fires Act, when meeting its statutory contribution.

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**General Manager**

**Date:**

# 2013/2014 Rural Fire Fighting Fund Estimates

1st July 2012 to 30th June 2013

## Annual Repairs and Maintenance

### NORTH WEST ZONE

Maintenance Stations Sheds		\$12,000.00
Maintenance Vehicles		\$105,000.00
Maintenance Pumps		\$1,300.00
Maintenance Radio		\$20,100.00
Maintenance Petrol Oil		\$45,000.00
Maintenance Other		\$51,000.00
General maintenance and repairs	\$51,000.00	
Freight Cartage		\$2,500.00
Telephone Rental		\$20,000.00
Telephone Calls		\$16,800.00
Electricity		\$0.00
Insurance Vehicles		\$3,000.00
Insurance Sheds		\$12,000.00
Insurance Other		\$0.00
First Aid Training		\$0.00
Training Subsidy Brigade		\$0.00
ERS Paging Subsidy		\$0.00
Other Total		\$52,100.00
Cleaning FCC	\$3,000.00	
Security FCC	\$2,100.00	
Maintenance FCC	\$6,200.00	
FCC Photocopier Meter Servicing	\$2,400.00	
Printing and stationery	\$3,900.00	
Postage	\$4,300.00	
ERS Alert lines	\$3,100.00	
Annual repeater Audit	\$12,100.00	
Volunteers' Training	\$15,000.00	
<b>Total Section B</b>		<b>\$340,800.00</b>

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Listing of Appliances Ordered [by Description]

NORTH WEST ZONE

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Item No	Item	Price	Stock No	Item Description	Quantity	Extended Cost
301001	APPLIANCE - CAT 1 CREW CAB MULTIPURPOSE	\$281,000.00		FOUR WHEEL DRIVE (4X4) CREW CAB MULTI PURPOSE APPLIANCE INCORPORATING 3500 LITRE TANK, 4 FULL SIZE LOCKERS, ONE HEAT SHIELD, CLASS 3 DIESEL POWERED PUMP, 1 X 19MM (ID) X 60M HOSE REEL, 1 X 25MM(ID) X 50M HOSEREEL, PVC DELIVERY HOSE, NOZZLES, LIGHTS, SIREN, FOAM PROPORTIONER, ACCESS LADDER AND BRACKET, PUMP CONTROLS IN CABIN, THERMAL INSULATION ON RUBBER BRAKE AND FUEL LINES, FRONT SPRAY BARS,RING CABIN SPRAY PROTECTION SYSTEM, RADIATION CURTAINS, GRN/PMR RADIO FITTED,SIX FIRE BLANKETS AND HOLDER FITTED, CLASS 7 PORTABLE PUMP, AIR CONDITIONED CABIN, MAXIMUM CREW OF 6.	1	\$281,000.00
306001	APPLIANCE - CAT 6 SINGLE CAB HEAVY TANKER	\$355,000.00		6 x 4 SINGLE CAB CHASSIS INCORPORATING 9000 LITRE TANK, 2 FULL SIZE LOCKERS, CLASS 4 DIESEL POWERED PUMP, 1 X 19MM (ID) X 60M HOSE REEL, 1 X 25MM(ID) X 50M HOSEREEL, PVC DELIVERY HOSE, NOZZLES, LIGHTS, SIREN, FOAM PROPORTIONER, PUMP CONTROLS IN CABIN, THERMAL INSULATION ON RUBBER BRAKE AND FUEL LINES, FRONT SPRAY BARS,RING CABIN SPRAY PROTECTION SYSTEM, RADIATION CURTAINS, GRN/PMR RADIO FITTED, 2 FIRE BLANKETS AND HOLDER FITTED, CLASS 7 PORTABLE PUMP, AIR CONDITIONED CABIN, MAXIMUM CREW OF 2.	1	\$355,000.00
309000	APPLIANCE - CAT 9 STRIKER / MOP UP UNIT	\$105,000.00		INITIAL ATTACK / MOP UP UNIT, FOUR WHEEL DRIVE (4 X 4) SINGLE CABIN APPLIANCE INCORPORATING A 600 LITRE TANK SUPPLIED WITH LIGHTS, SIRENS, CLASS 1 DIESEL PUMPSET WITH CONTROL PANEL AND FOAM PROPORTIONING SYSTEM, 30M HOSEREEL WITH PVC DELIVERY HOSE AND NOZZLE, RING CABIN SPRAY PROTECTION, RADIATION CURTAINS, 2 FIRE BLANKETS, GRN/PMR RADIO FITTED, CLASS 6 PORTABLE PUMP, AIR CONDITIONED CABIN, MAX CREW OF 2.	1	\$105,000.00
301001L	GENERATOR, 3kva FOR INCLUSION ON CAT 1 CREW CAB MULTIPURPOSE APPLIANCE	\$1,504.00		3.3 kVa 240V GENERATOR FOR INCLUSION ON CAT 1 APPLIANCE. COST INCLUDES PROVISION OF UNDER TRAY LOCKABLE STOWAGE UNIT WITH SLIDE OUT RACK.	1	\$1,504.00
301001G	HOSE REEL - ELECTRIC. FOR FITMENT TO CAT 1 CREW CAB	\$2,776.00		ELECTRIC HOSE REEL FOR INCLUSION ON CAT 1 APPLIANCE	1	\$2,776.00
301001H	PUMP CONTROLS, AUXILIARY IN WORK AREA FOR CAT 1 CREW CAB MULTIPURPOSE APPLIANCE	\$1,499.00		AUXILIARY PUMP CONTROLS FOR MAIN PUMP, LOCATED IN WORK AREA, FOR INCLUSION ON CAT 1 APPLIANCE	1	\$1,499.00
301001K	PUMP, FAST FILL FOR CAT 1 CREW CAB MULTIPURPOSE APPLIANCE	\$1,766.00		PETROL POWERED FAST FILL PUMP FOR INCLUSION ON CAT 1 APPLIANCE. COST INCLUDES PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL LOCKABLE STOWAGE UNIT WITH SLIDE OUT RACK	1	\$1,766.00

**2013/2014 Rural Fire Fighting Fund Estimates NORTH WEST ZONE**  
**Listing of Appliances Ordered [by Description]**

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Total of Equipment Items \$748,545.00

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 Listing of Appliances Ordered [by Item No.]

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301001	APPLIANCE - CAT 1 CREW CAB MULTI PURPOSE	\$281,000.00		FOUR WHEEL DRIVE (4X4) CREW CAB MULTI PURPOSE APPLIANCE INCORPORATING 3500 LITRE TANK, 4 FULL SIZE LOCKERS, ONE HEAT SHIELD, CLASS 3 DIESEL POWERED PUMP, 1 X 19MM (ID) X 60M HOSE REEL, 1 X 25MM(ID) X 50M HOSEREEL, PVC DELIVERY HOSE, NOZZLES, LIGHTS, SIREN, FOAM PROPORTIONER, ACCESS LADDER AND BRACKET, PUMP CONTROLS IN CABIN, THERMAL INSULATION ON RUBBER BRAKE AND FUEL LINES, FRONT SPRAY BARS,RING CABIN SPRAY PROTECTION SYSTEM, RADIATION CURTAINS, GRN/PMR RADIO FITTED,SIX FIRE BLANKETS AND HOLDER FITTED, CLASS 7 PORTABLE PUMP, AIR CONDITIONED CABIN, MAXIMUM CREW OF 6.	1	\$281,000.00
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309000	APPLIANCE - CAT 9 STRIKER / MOP UP UNIT	\$105,000.00		INITIAL ATTACK / MOP UP UNIT. FOUR WHEEL DRIVE (4 X 4) SINGLE CABIN APPLIANCE INCORPORATING A 600 LITRE TANK. SUPPLIED WITH LIGHTS, SIRENS, CLASS 1 DIESEL PUMPSET WITH CONTROL PANEL AND FOAM PROPORTIONING SYSTEM, 30M HOSEREEL WITH PVC DELIVERY HOSE AND NOZZLE, RING CABIN SPRAY PROTECTION, RADIATION CURTAINS, 2 FIRE BLANKETS, GRN/PMR RADIO FITTED, CLASS 6 PORTABLE PUMP. AIR CONDITIONED CABIN, MAX CREW OF 2.	1	\$105,000.00

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 Listing of Appliances Ordered [by Item No.]

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Item No	Item	Price	Stock No	Item Description	Quantity	Extended Cost
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Total of Equipment Items \$748,545.00

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**Second Hand Appliances**

**NORTH WEST ZONE**

<b>Brigade Name</b>	<b>Vehicle Make Model</b>	<b>Additional or Replacement</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Rowena	Izuzu 6 - 10 year old Cat 1 cr	Replacement	Department	\$93,750.00
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$93,750.00</b>

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Other Vehicles

NORTH WEST ZONE

Brigade Name	Vehicle Make Model	Additional, Replacement or New	Source	Amount
			Total	\$0.00



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**Equipment**

**NORTH WEST ZONE**

Pumps .....	\$3,500.00
PPE .....	\$60,000.00
Enhancements	
Community Safety .....	\$2,500.00
DeContamination Services .....	\$1,500.00
Fire Fighting Equipment .....	\$110,000.00
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Total	\$177,500.00
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## 2013/2014 Rural Fire Fighting Fund Estimates

### Brigade stations

#### NORTH WEST ZONE

Brigade Name	Category of Brigade Station	Amount
Airport water for aircra	Water Tanks/storage	\$45,000.00
Rowena	Category 2B	\$125,000.00
Total		\$170,000.00

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**Reimbursable Items**

**NORTH WEST ZONE**

Description	Quantity	Cost	Amount
		Total	\$0.00

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## District Estimates

### NORTH WEST ZONE

Approved Staff No. ....		4
Current Staffing Level.....		4
Salaries .....		\$437,525.00
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Travel .....		\$7,500.00
Telephones .....		\$9,500.00
Equipment General .....		\$5,750.00
Equipment Computers .....		\$6,000.00
Network Provision .....		\$4,697.00
IS Services .....		\$32,133.00
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Approved No Of Vehicles .....		3
Est. No.Of Changeovers .....		2
Changeover Cost .....		\$29,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance .....		\$33,172.00
New Vehicles .....		\$0.00
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Other District Staff Items		\$227,979.00
Trainee 3/4 cost	\$45,000.00	
GRN	\$120,243.00	
Red Fleet Insurance	\$62,736.00	
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	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$793,256.00</b>

## 2013/2014 Rural Fire Fighting Fund Estimates

### Priority Listing

#### NORTH WEST ZONE

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<b>Priority 1:</b>	New Appliances	<b>Priority 11:</b>
<b>Priority 2:</b>	Second hand appli	<b>Priority 12:</b>
<b>Priority 3:</b>	Brigade Stations a	<b>Priority 13:</b>
<b>Priority 4:</b>	Total M & R	<b>Priority 14:</b>
<b>Priority 5:</b>	Traineeship	<b>Priority 15:</b>
<b>Priority 6:</b>	PMR Site Rental	<b>Priority 16:</b>
<b>Priority 7:</b>	Equipment Total	<b>Priority 17:</b>
<b>Priority 8:</b>	Hazard Reduction	<b>Priority 18:</b>
<b>Priority 9:</b>	District Costs	<b>Priority 19:</b>
<b>Priority 10:</b>		<b>Priority 20:</b>

## 2013/2014 Rural Fire Fighting Fund Estimates

### Administrative Details

#### NORTH WEST ZONE

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**Delivery Name**            The Zone Manager  
**Delivery Address**        North West Zone FCC  
**(Delivery Address)**      Lot 3 Buckley Drive  
**Delivery Town**            COONAMBLE  
**Delivery Post Code**      2829  
**Delivery Enquiry Name**   Georgina PRIMMER  
**Delivery Enquiry Title**   Administration Officer  
**Delivery Enquiry Phone** 02 6822 4422  
**Delivery Enquiry Fax**    02 6822 4203  
**E Mail Address**

# 2013/2014 Rural Fire Fighting Fund Estimates

## Hazard Reduction Applications

### NORTH WEST ZONE

ID	Activity Name	Type	Applicant	Date	Bid Amount
10	Coonamble HR works	HRM	John Cook	21/01/2013	\$26,000.00
9	Walgett HR works	HRM	John Cook	21/01/2013	\$35,000.00
11	Warren HR Works	HRM	John Cook	21/01/2013	\$35,000.00
<b>Hazard Reduction Total</b>					<b>\$96,000.00</b>

All communications to be addressed to:

North West Zone  
and Bogan District  
NSW Rural Fire Service  
PO-Box 370  
COONAMBLE NSW 2829

Telephone: (02) 6822 4422  
e-mail: john.cook@rfs.nsw.gov.au

North West Zone  
and Bogan District  
NSW Rural Fire Service  
Lot 3 Buckley Drive  
COONAMBLE NSW 2829

Facsimile: (02) 6822 4203



**Mr Don RAMSLAND**  
The General Manager  
Walgett Shire Council  
Fox Street  
**WALGETT NSW 2832**

29th January 2013

**Re: 2013/2014 Rural Fire Fighting Fund Estimates -- North West Zone**

Dear Mr Ramsland,

A copy of the 2013/2014 Rural Fire Fighting Fund Estimates recently prepared for the North West Zone which covers the Coonamble, Walgett and Warren Shires is enclosed.

In preparing the 2013/2014 RFFF Estimates, consideration of previous allocations from the NSW Rural Fire Service, the *Strategic Plan 2009 – 2018 North West Zone and Bogan District RFS*, the proposed Vehicle Replacements and Additional Vehicles and Brigade Shed Developments along with the increased costs of goods and services provided by numerous suppliers were all taken into account. There have also been additional charges and some changes to the funding from the NSW Rural Fire Service which are now inclusions and must be considered. Some such charges and / or changes were not included in the *Strategic Plan 2009 – 2018 North West Zone and Bogan District RFS* or, if they were, they were well under estimated when the Plan was developed. RF Insurances, GRN costs, Defibrillators contributions, Program Charges and general maintenance are some such changes and these financial matters now need to be fully considered and included in the Estimates.

If you wish to discuss any of the matters in the Bids and Estimates for the 2013/2014 financial year please let me know and we can organise a meeting of the necessary personnel in order to discuss any of the matters you may wish to raise.

I seek your concurrence, as one of the signatory councils under the Zone Agreement for the North West Zone by signing one of the copies on the

◆ Rural Fire Service Advisory Council

◆ Bush Fire Co-ordinating Committee



summary page on the front of the document. Mr Rick Warren will be the master signatory for the Zone to go to Region as part of the Bids and Estimates process for the 2013 2014 financial year.

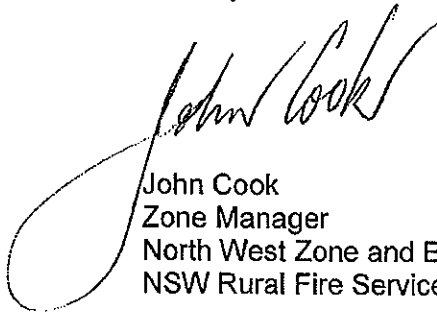
As always, time constraints are tight and I am hopeful that the time frames of returning the signed and dated document to the North West Zone and Bogan District Fire Control Centre in Coonamble before the end of February 2013 can be met. These time frames will allow for the signed document to be forwarded to the NSW Rural Fire Service Region West by the due date.

If you have any questions in relation to the set of 2013 / 2014 Rural Fire Fighting Fund Estimates for the North West Zone please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you need an electronic copy let me know and I can forward same to you.

Thank you for your anticipated support as we support each other in providing this very valuable and worthwhile service to the citizens and the communities of the Coonamble, Warren and Walgett Shires through the hard working volunteers of the NSW Rural Fire Service in the North West Zone.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Cook". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping loop at the beginning.

John Cook  
Zone Manager  
North West Zone and Bogan District  
NSW Rural Fire Service