

6. State Emergency Services positions in Bega Valley Shire

Consideration of acceptance of proposed SES appointments.

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BACKGROUND

Council has received a request from the SES Regional Controller Peter Higgins for acceptance of proposed appointments and reappointments for the SES controller positions within the Shire.

John Lacey is proposed to be reappointed as Local Controller for the Shire and would also undertake the responsibilities of the Eden unit controller as part of that role for at least the next few months.

Leslie McGrane is proposed to be appointed as unit controller for the Bega SES unit.

David Masterson is proposed to be appointed as unit controller for the Bermagui SES unit.

All three persons have significant experience in emergency service and have filled similar positions in the past. If Council accepts the proposals then they would be sent to the SES Director-General for formal appointments to be made in August this year.

ISSUES

Legal

No impact. The controllers are volunteers reporting to the SES.

Social / Cultural

The SES performs a very valuable role in the community and the support that Council is able to provide to them is appreciated.

Financial

As Council is aware the SES funding arrangements are being changed with a likely beneficial impact on Council's budget. The appointment of the controllers has no impact on Council contributions.

CONCLUSION

The appointment of the three controllers should be supported by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

30 That Council accept the recommendation from the State Emergency Services Regional Controller for appointment of the following:

John Lacey as Local Controller for the Shire

Leslie McGrane as unit controller for the Bega SES unit.

David Masterson as unit controller for the Bermagui SES unit.