

Megalong Valley Volunteer Bushfire Brigade Meeting  
13<sup>th</sup> February 2019

<b>Brigade Name</b>	<b>Megalong Valley Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade</b>		
<b>Meeting Type</b>	<b>Bi -Monthly</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	13/2/2019
<b>Meeting Location</b>	<b>MV Fire Station</b>	<b>Time Commencing</b>	19.30 hrs

<b>No</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>RESPONSIBLE PERSON</b>	<b>Completed</b>
1	Welcome and Opening of Meeting	Chair	
2	Apologies	Attendees	
3	Guest Speaker	Adam Taranto – BART App	
4	Minutes from the Previous Meeting	Chair	
5	Business Arising from the Minutes	Assistant Secretary	
6	Correspondence	Assistant Secretary	
7	Matters Arising from Correspondence	Assistant Secretary	
8	Captain's Report – Activities previous 12 months	Captain	
9	President's Report	President	
10	Treasurer's Report	Treasurer	
11	Field Officer and/or Office Bearer Reports	Training/OHS/Com	
12	Motion(s) on Notice	Assistant Secretary	
13	General Business	Attendees	
14	Date of Next Meeting	10/4/2019	
15	Meeting Closed		

1. **Welcome** – Chair LG

2. **Apologies** – TB

**Attendance** - LG, RM, HF, IA, MS, Frank Taylor GC, Steve Parrott GC, Adam Taranto (BH) David Somerville, Tom Hanlon, John Allen Aaron Davenport and Max Horn

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3. **Guest Speaker – Nil**
4. **Minutes From Previous Executive Meeting – Copy is available on MYRFS and the Members page on the brigade Website.**

Proposed LG Seconded RM

**These Brigade minutes have been accepted as a true and accurate record on 12/12/2018**  
(Insert date of subsequent meeting)

I Annetts

I Annetts – Assistant Secretary  
13/2/2019

L Greer

L GREER President  
13/2/2019

**5. Business Arising from Minutes**

- 5.1 Request for Fire Warning signs to be erected at Dunphy's camping area submitted to District Office 29/4/18. NPWS advised they were looking at erecting TOBAN signs. Rob Vizenz advised Vanessa from NPWS was handling the matter.

**6. Correspondence –  
6.1 District Office**

**6.2 Emails District Office -**

Implementation of BART App  
SES Thankyou letter to members who assisted with storm damage.  
State weather briefing  
District training information booklet  
Mardi Gras participation  
Updated Service Standards  
Effect of extreme heat  
Updated District Contact Directory  
Seniors Week  
Recognition of Employers supporting the RFS  
Operational Update  
State operations overview  
Congratulations to Janne Bent OAM  
Town Entry Fire Bans signs updated  
Transgender employee district office  
Black Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**7. Matters arising from Correspondence – Nil**

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8. **Captain's Report** – Call outs for MVA and Lighting strikes

9. **President's Report** – Nil

10. **Treasurer's Report** – Copy attached

**Moved By** LG **Seconded By** RM

10. **Field Officer and/or Office Bearer Reports** –

**Community Engagement Report** –

**Training Officers Report** –

Linda, Ian, Therese and Max visited District Office communication centre. District Training Calendar has been distributed to members to self nominate.

**Equipment Officers Report** – Nil

**RFSA Branch Meeting** – IA report attached

11. **Motion(s) on Notice** – Nil

12. **General Business** –

**12.1 IA suggested that we should get a new lawn mower** as the current has a large crack in the base plate. Rob advised that a new model battery operated mower has just been released which is cheaper with longer battery and it was agreed that the brigade should submit an application to District Funds for the cost.

**12.3 Name/Brigade Tags for RFS members to be supplied by the RFSA** – IA to arrange, order placed 5 to 6 weeks waiting time.

**12.4 Malcolm raised concerns about the number of members attending call outs and advised he was no longer prepared to attend incidents by himself.** Discussion ensued and the lack of mobile reception was hindering brigade's member's ability to respond to incident in a timely manner. It was hoped the implementation of BART and the installation of the Yamboon Park mobile tower would help alleviate the problem.

#### **INTRODUCTION BART EMERGENCY APP**

Adam then gave an overview of BART app and demonstrated the benefits of the application for brigade members.

13. Meeting Closed 21.20

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**Treasurers Report 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

During this period the brigade has incurred the following income and expenditure for the proceeding two months;

**Expenditure**

Telstra	\$58.07
Ration Packs for Vehicles *	\$61.65
Digital Timer and Storage container *	\$41.49
Christmas BBQ Supplies (*R Morse)	\$55.43
Transfer DGR Funds to Operating Account	<u>\$350.00</u>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$566.64</b>

**Income**

Central Public Fund donations	\$100.00
Hat Donations	\$88.80
Bank Interest	\$23.41
DGR Transfer	<u>\$350.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$562.21</b>

<b>Total Net Profit/Loss</b>	<b>-\$4.43</b>
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Therefore I seek approval from the meeting to issue cheques for the expenditure shown above. Following is a summary of the brigade's financial position as at the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019.

I Annetts  
Treasurer MVVRFB

13/2/2019	<b>MONTHLY BANK RECONCILIATION</b>	
	<b>MEGALONG VALLEY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE</b>	
	<b>FOR THE MONTHS OF DEC - JAN 2018/19</b>	
<b>ACCOUNT GENERAL FUNDS</b>		
BALANCE AS PER GENERAL OPERATING		\$3,827.32
BALANCE AS PER OPERATING INVESTMENT ACCOUNT		\$5,000.00
BALANCE AS PER SOCIAL AND OPERATING INVESTMENT ACCOUNT		\$24,500.00
BALANCE AS PER SOCIAL ACCOUNT		\$3,276.81

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BALANCE AS PER CENTRAL PUBLIC FUND ACCOUNT	\$1.93
BALANCE AS PER STATEMENT OF ACCUMULATED ACCOUNTS	<b>\$36,606.06</b>

<b>MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>	
MEGALONG VALLEY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE	
FOR THE MONTHS OF DEC - JAN 2018/19	
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>	
BALANCE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH	36,610.49
PLUS MONTHLY RESULT	-4.43
BALANCE AT THE END OF THE MONTH	<b>36,606.06</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>	
BANK ACCOUNT- GENERAL FUNDS	3,827.32
INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS	29,500.00
SOCIAL ACCOUNT	3,276.81
BALANCE AS PER CENTRAL PUBLIC FUND ACCOUNT	1.93
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36,606.06</b>

Signed as a true account of the Brigade's financial position as at this date:

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Date 13 / 2 / 2019 Treasurer

Approved on behalf of the Brigade:

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Date 13 / 2 / 2019 President

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### BLUE MOUNTAINS RFSa MEETING 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019

Allan Catt chaired the meeting and advised of the following issues;

- District Manager has permitted the use of hiking boots to be worn on search and rescue incidents as long there is no fire within the search area and the boots are good quality.
- Megalong Submission has been approved at the Divisional 4 meeting and passed onto State Council for approval. The grant be approved subject to the submission of a financial plan for the use of their funds, an updated quote and that the brigade be required to fund the surplus over the minimum grant approved by the RFSa. BM District to submit copy of financial plan to divisional secretary.
- Lawson RFB station has been completed and has included provision for emergency generator.
- Chaser lights for Katoomba/Leura need replacing awaiting BMCC radio tech to return from leave.
- Branch Website – Ian from Megalong Valley Brigade has created a site at [bluemountainsrfsa.wordpress.com](http://bluemountainsrfsa.wordpress.com) which Allan agrees is much more professional.
- Brigade RFSa membership lists, Constitution & other documentation to be emailed out to RFSa Delegates.
- Division 4 AGM will be held at Hornsby FCC on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019
- Brush Cutters and Pole Saws are currently not approved RFS equipment as no operating guidelines are in existence. Brigades should request Group Captains raise the issue with District Office.
- Freeway crossovers - RFS vehicles are not classified as Emergency Vehicles under the current RMS legislation.
- Workers Compensation Presumptive Legislation - the Government extended liability to a no cap period after a fire fighter leaves their duties. It is retrospective in its application to members who had previously lodged a claim that was rejected on the basis of proving causation between employment and cancer. To qualify had to be an RFS member for 3 years, includes smoke from bush fires as well as firefighting foam or exposure to any other potential hazard.