

Commanders Presidents.

It's now week three into the New Year, and timely for all VMR Groups to have a look at their Capital Grants - Works program for 2012/13.

If your VMR Group intends on applying for a Capital Grant in this next funding round, then it would be timely for you to form a Grants Project sub-committee within the group to undertake a Risk and Needs analysis of your project and how you can bring the expected outcome to fruition.

I must say that this year our budget is very limited this year and each group who applies for a Capital Grant, the Application will be scrutinized against our priorities to ensure appropriate distribution of available funds correctly.

Our budget for next year is:

FESA VMRS - \$640K

Lotterywest - \$400K (to be confirmed)

VMR Capital Grants are calculated on a 75% FESA and 25% VMR Group contribution rational and we encourage all groups to look for alternate grant opportunities through Royalties for Regions, Community Future Funds, Shire Council and Industry to help offset the funds required for the Capital Project. It would also be encouraging that if one VMR Group locates a possible Grant opportunity for all VMR Groups, then can they please advise this office or the VMRWA Secretary to ensure all VMR Groups can get an opportunity to make application and capture any available funds. Lotterywest grants are generally funded at around 50/50.

Groups who wish to purchase a new Hull and have an existing Hull to dispose of, then the equity in this resource would be expected to be applied to the Capital Grant as part of the Groups contribution to the project.

In saying all of the above, I now ask that after due diligence and consultation is applied within your Group regarding Capital Projects and if it is determined that your Group has a worthy project that has a high priority, (given our budget constraints) can you please complete the Capital Grants Form available on the portal and mark it as an **Expressions of Interest** (EOI) and forward same into FESA VMRS as soon as is practicable.

I understand that you would still be undertaking quoting of your projects and may not have this correspondence to attach to your EOI, however at least the EOI will give us an indicative idea of the quantum of Capital Grants projects and an opportunity to see if we have sufficient funds for them all or perhaps need to consult with each applicant VMR Group to review funding acquisition to assist with the success of the project.

Dan Goodlad and Ivan Parker will be available to attend with your Group to undertake a Risk and Needs analysis of your project and assist where necessary with your Capital Grant application. Please feel free to contact them or myself should you wish to discuss your projects.

Hope all is travelling safe with your Groups.

Kindest regards

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