



Case Study - Lighting Trailer

VESEP Category:	Firefighting Vehicles	Operational Equipment	Volunteer Amenities	Minor Works
VESEP grant item:		Brigade	Contact's Name	Brigade Role
Lighting Trailer		Casterton UFB	Jim Condon	Captain
What is it and how has your <i>Lighting Trailer</i> helped your Brigade & Group?	Casterton is a Road Rescue brigade. This lighting trailer runs on a 3 cylinder diesel motor operating a generator which enables 4 lights to light up a large area (see photo). It means that once this is set up at an incident we can release the Road Rescue vehicle so that it is available to respond to another call-out.			
What difference has it made to the Brigade/Group and the community?	The trailer effectively doubles the lighting available as previously the only lighting we had was on the Road rescue unit. As it's self-contained the lighting trailer can be used by the Brigade, Group and Community for all different scenarios. It will get maximum use by the Casterton Group and Service Clubs of the town.			
What do you think about VESEP?	The Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP) grant is a great bonus to all volunteer brigades as it gives the brigade an opportunity to buy small and large equipment items that they could not afford outright. On a 2:1 basis it allows Brigades to fund items without asking the local community for more money.			
What do you think made your application successful?	Through our Brigade Meetings we worked out not only what we could use in the brigade but what could benefit the whole town, so we were thinking outside the square, by not solely concentrating on brigade needs. We went through the right channels, and talked about our plan with the BASO, explaining what we wanted and why. We left it to the BASO to use that information to complete the official paperwork. <i>(Many thanks to our BASO!)</i> Then our application was submitted to our District Planning Commission (DPC) for their selection.			
Do you have any tips for other Brigades or Groups?	If you miss out the first time you apply, persevere and re-apply the next round as it changes from year to year.			
Any other comments you'd like to make about VESEP or the application process?	We reckon VESEP grants are a great thing for Volunteer Brigades. It gives them a chance to get modern gear whether that be chainsaws or quick-fills right through to a second tanker.			
Brigade history story leading to VESEP application.	We're an active brigade looking forward to our 125 th anniversary celebrations next year. The trailer certainly will be put to good use during those celebrations!			
How did you use the VFBV VESEP material- please indicate it's assistance to you.	We heard about the support for VESEP from our Brigade member who is an active Delegate to the District 4 Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria (VFBV) Council. "The Fireman" monthly newspaper carried some helpful articles too about VESEP.			