



VESEP Category:	Firefighting Vehicles	Operational Equipment		Volunteer Amenities	Minor Works
VESEP grant item		Group	Contact's Name	Group Role	
Rehabilitation Trailer & Equipment		Geelong	Keith Ross	Group Manager (<i>not called a GO</i>)	
What is it and how has your <i>Rehab trailer & equipment</i> helped your Group?	We have a 5x7 wing-sided trailer with LED lighting carrying a 6x3 marquee and 4x recovery chairs for our BA wearers. It's set up with hot and cold water; it stores powdered soup for winter call outs and hot boxes which maintain hot food for several hours. The trailer provides shelter, recovery and privacy for our firefighters. It will be used for structure fires, hazardous material incidents, MVAs and protracted incidents.				
What difference has it made to the Group and the community?	The trailer is a District 7 resource. We are currently talking to the members of the Headquarters Brigade regarding them operating the Rehabilitation Trailer on a pager system				
What do you think about VESEP?	VESEP is a great program providing Brigades and Groups the opportunity to reduce their fundraising efforts to just one third of the project amount. This makes it achievable for both the Brigade or Group and the Community.				
Do you have any tips for other Brigades or Groups?	Be realistic about what Brigades/Groups can do. Put up a good case for a worthwhile project that benefits the community. Work with the Operations Manager to ensure that the project fits within the District operational profile and resources needed to meet the operational demands.				
Any other comments you'd like to make about VESEP or the application process?	The application process is reasonably straightforward. We networked with other Brigades who already had a rehabilitation trailer learning from them. This helped us when writing up our application. Talking to CFA's VESEP Coordinator, Di Frost and the VFBV Application Help Pack were both really helpful for anything like this, especially for remote Brigades.		<p><i>Rehab Trailer not yet complete. This is a photo of the recovery chairs used with permission of DQE:</i></p>  <p>http://www.dgeready.com/productdetail.aspx?p=337</p>		
Group story leading to VESEP application.	Geelong Group is a busy Group with 4 Volunteer Stations and 3 Integrated Brigades servicing Corio, Geelong City, Belmont, Lara, Geelong West, Highton and Grovedale.				