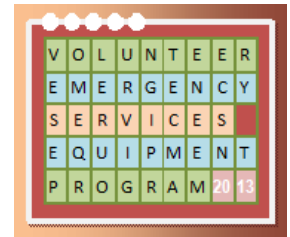




VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADES VICTORIA
*assisting CFA Brigades and Groups
with a timely application for
VESEP funding*

VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES EQUIPMENT PROGRAM



FROM PREVIOUSLY SUCCESSFUL CFA APPLICANTS

Brigade **Mitta Mitta** Mitta Valley FCV shared with Dartmouth and Eskdale Brigades / Mobile Whiteboard & Pressure Cleaner / Chainsaw, Generator, Lights and small Urn



John Cardwell, Captain of Mitta Mitta brigade says that jointly applying with the two neighbouring brigades for the \$2 for every VESEP funding dollar helped them achieve what they set out for in terms of helping their brigade members and their district. The Mitta Valley FCV they share improves the resourcing of the district and led them away from tunnel vision in only thinking of their own brigade's needs.

Asked about the VESEP program John replied that VESEP was the best thing that's come their way. He hopes the Government keeps the grants program going. It boosts the funding that the Brigade raises through their two major raffles. John noted also that as the Brigade puts in one third of the project cost it means there's more pride in the ownership of the item.

John's thoughts on submitting a successful application. Mitta Mitta brigade survey their members regarding what they think the brigade needs and then decide on a project item taking into consideration whether they could afford it even with the 2:1 funding. In terms of the FCV application and working with the other two brigades (Dartmouth & Eskdale) Mitta queried their ability to man it, maintain it and if they could replace it. John also spoke of making sure your submission meets the criteria set by CFA and of having someone proficient in writing up the application as something that really helps.

2012-2013 VESEP round
Category: **Operational Equipment**

Item: *Whiteboard & Pressure Cleaner*

2011-2012 VESEP round
Category: **Operational Equipment**

Item: *Forward Command Vehicle*

2010-2011 VESEP round
Category: **Operational Equipment**

Item: *Chainsaw, Generator, Lights & small Urn*

John's recommended handy hints:

We've applied successfully in many rounds for VESEP funding and can say if you miss out one year don't despair- there are many brigades applying. Try again!

We recommend having the whole process worked out 6 months prior to the grant being announced so that when it's opened we're ready. Speak with the District office to see how the proposed item can help other brigades.