



## *Summary for the members of the Minutes of Supervisor's Meeting*

*Wed 13 May 2015*

Attendees: Ian Batley, Malcolm Parnell, David Haycraft, Giovanna Lorenzin, Heike Apps, Marcus Blake, Maree Wilson, Marg Coonan-Jones, Steve Forbes, Andrew Baker, Jo ?, Jason McWhirter

Apologies: Frank Blanchfield

Meeting opened 1730

Presentation and discussion on the ESA review by Andrew and Jo from the ESA review team. The report is now with the Commissioner. They are now moving on to a Strategic Reform Agenda (SRA). There will probably be some form of announcement in regards to this in the coming months.

### ***Training***

Next MAPS training is set for Saturday 27 June.

Steve talked about the research by Mark Garvey and the possible training opportunity on 'preparing your GIS and GIS teams for a major disaster'. A budget bid will be placed to try secure this training opportunity towards Q4 2015.

Focus for the training will be around SAR as more is already happening on this front. ESA have been doing SAR work with ACT Policing. MAPS have already been called to assist ESA mapping duty officer for one ACT search (stood down just before departure) and 3 members attended the SAREX in early May. Also Ian is continuing work with the NSW Police.

Broad program topics could include:

How to get data in from the field, SAR symbology, What happens with the map we produce? Generics on GPS devices, tracking devices, apps, etc., Avenza PDF maps, Dropbox, FTP. SAR update from ACT Police staff, Respect and security of the data, SAR Mapping Exercise – 'thank God you are here' to take up bulk of the day.

Other training:

NSW RFS Region South IMX at Queanbeyan 21-23 July

NSW RFS LGZ IMX at Queanbeyan 13 June

We need to put a training calendar on our new web site. It should also include AIIMS, First Aid and other courses that are available to members.

What other types of training do MAPS need? E.g. 4wd, chainsaw. Steve to work with ESA management and MAPS executive on this topic.

### ***10 years of MAPS***

Ian reiterated what he thought should happen and everyone was in general agreement. Ian, Maree, Marcus, Marg Jeff from ESA Media and Steve to form a subcommittee and sort out the details, etc. Who should attend? Where? Most likely in mid Aug or late Sept 2015. Ian to chair this process.

## **MAPS Executive and Membership**

Heike is away from 27 May to 17 Sept, so Maree will stay on until she returns. Marcus has stepped up to join the Exec. So effectively it is Maree and Marcus until 17 Sept and Heike and Marcus until next year.

Maree will continue looking after the membership register and she has been cleaning it up. 59 members although there were 4 non-responses to the last email so they will be dropped which will make 55 members.

Membership is to be opened again. Steve has some applications, this will take place in July.

We need to determine what are our min/max numbers. We need some form of model to do this, perhaps using Yasi, Vic fires & Blue Mtns fires all happening at the same time?

## **Other**

Ian gave a web site <http://www.maps-group.org/> update with emphasis on the login requirements. We also need more photos preferably with a caption.

NAVEX is 17-18 Oct in Lake George Zone. Ian gave an overview of what he would like MAPS to do and there was general agreement. Marcus put his hand up to help organise. Ian to send around email for comment before sending to NAVEX organisers.

Steve and Jason gave an update on what is happening in ESA Ops and Planning rooms in regards to wall displays, touch screens, etc. There is also a spatial update happening with ArcGIS Server and Portal 10.3, FME Server and apps like the SES triage. Steve wants 'champions' and there will be one from each service for the audio visual equipment operations, but he wants more from MAPS as we will probably be the main users and we are geeky. Steve is going to send out an EOI for this.

POLSAR update from Ian. Marcus asked how we are going to resource SAR's if/when we are called? In ACT call will first go to ESA mapping staff yet in NSW much of that detail is to be worked out, training all MAPS members is the first step.

SAREX was held in early May. Heike, Jason and Chris Woodland attended. It was around Mt Clear. The Police were using TracPlus (as is on RFS aircraft) for realtime tracking.

Steve raised the concept of split shifts for SAR. E.g. at the start and in the mornings to get things going, then late in the day to collect GPS data, create new days maps, etc.

The NSW RFS Collector app is now live. Data comes into COP but is also at the RSF rest endpoint

ABS have released web services for mapping and stats. See <http://abs.gov.au/geography> page for details.

Dept of Ag has released land use web services. <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/aclump/land-use>

Meeting closed 2100.

Photos over page of the recent ACT Police SAR exercise in Namadgi National Park attended by MAPS

