Proposal Change to rank markings for RFS RO1 and RO2 Officers

1 Purpose

To confirm the change in design of the Rural Fire Service (RFS) RO1 and RO2 epaulettes.

2 Summary

RFS staff ranked RO1 and RO2 are currently provided with ink navy epaulettes, with RFS embroidered in white with one or two white bars, dependent on rank.

Approval has been received via the Commissioner, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) for the rank markings on the RO1 and RO2 epaulettes to transition from white bars to impellers (Attachment 2)

2.1 Background

In 2018 an RFS uniform survey was conducted which favoured a change in the design of epaulettes for the paid RFS RO1 and RO2 staff from the existing stripes to impellors. The rationale behind this change was to align RFS staff to volunteers. Epaulettes with yellow impellers are issued to volunteers with the rank of officer or above.

In 2019, the decision was made in the Uniform Branding meeting, to transition RFS RO1 and RO2 staff to impellers, with agreement to consult with the UFUQ regarding rank consistency across all services. Following this meeting a consensus could not be reached with key stakeholders and the decision was made to remain with the status quo.

2.2 Key issue or problem that the submission is addressing

The RFS Together Union Branch requested consideration once again be given to changing the design of the RO1 and RO2 epaulettes from bars to impellers to align staff and volunteer rank markings.

2.3 Options

Approval has been received from the Commissioner, QFES to progress the change from bars to impellers for RO1 and RO2 epaulettes.

2.4 Consultation

Consultation has occurred with:

RFS Together Union Branch

3 Attachments

Attachment 1 - Implementation Plan

Attachment 2 - Commissioner Approval

In preparing this submission I have accurately outlined all necessary details required to consider this proposal.

Submitted by:	Evonne Harding, Executive Manager, Uniforms and Logistics	31/08/2022
Submission noted by:	John Bolger, Assistant Commissioner, Rural Fire Service Contrary to public interest	Click or tap to enter a date.
	Signature:	01.09.2022

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ATTACHMENT 1

1 Implementation Plan

A design and sample of the RO1 and RO2 epaulettes with impellors will be sought from the current supplier.

These samples will be approved by the Assistant Commissioner Rural Fire Service. An order will be placed for an initial run of approximately:

- 225 pairs of RO2 epaulettes
- 125 pairs of RO1 epaulettes.

RFS RO1 and RO2 staff currently receive an allocation of 5 pairs of softboard epaulettes. They do not receive hardboard epaulettes.

The initial run will cover a roll out to all staff who hold these ranks, including an allocation of two pairs of epaulettes for each Rural Fire Support Officer. It will also bring stock levels at the Richlands Warehouse up to recommended stock holdings.

2 Implication and Resources

2.1 Resource Implications

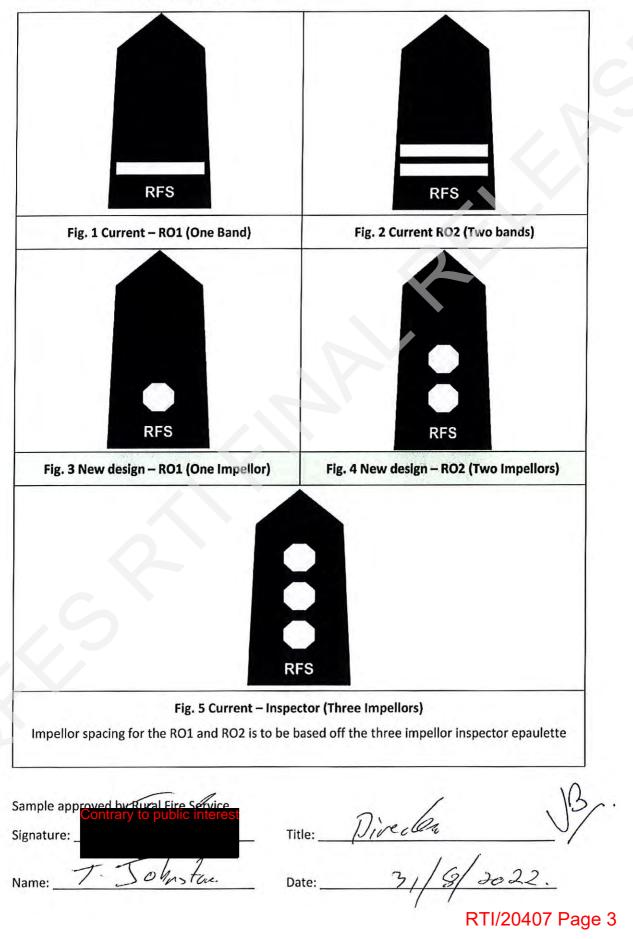
The change in epaulette design will have an impact on the resourcing of the uniforms and PPE team within Uniforms and Logistics, who will work with suppliers to update specifications and receive final samples for approval.

2.2 Financial Implications

The softboard epaulettes cost \$6.90 per pair. The initial roll out to staff and purchase of stock for the warehouse will cost approximately \$3,000 including despatch.

New softboard epaulette design for the Rural Fire Management Officer (RO1 & RO2)

- Figure 1 & 2 are the current softboard RO1 and RO2 epaulettes including bands.
- Figure 3 & 4 are the new design softboard RO1 and RO2 epaulettes including impellors.
- Figure 5 is the current softboard Inspector epaulette to be used for the impellor spacing of the RO1 and RO2 sample epaulettes



From: Lauren Poynting <<u>Lauren.Poynting@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>> Sent: Thursday, 21 July 2022 9:18 AM

To: Alan Gillespie

Cc: Stephen Smith (QFES Assistant Commissioner) <<u>StephenA.Smith@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; RFS Assistant Commissioner <<u>RFS.AC@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; Adam Stevenson <<u>Adam.Stevenson@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; Adam Green <<u>Adam.Green@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; StephenA.Smith@qfes.qld.gov.au>; RFS Assistant Commissioner <<u>RFS.AC@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; Adam Stevenson <<u>Adam.Stevenson@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; Adam Green <<u>Adam.Green@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; StephenA.Smith@qfes.qld.gov.au>; RFS Assistant Commissioner <<u>RFS.AC@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; Adam Stevenson <<u>Adam.Stevenson@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; Adam Green <<u>Adam.Green@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; Adam Green < <u>Adam.Green@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; Adam Stevenson < <u>Adam.Stevenson@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; Adam Green < <u>Adam.Green@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; Adam Green < <u>Adam.Green@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; Adam Stevenson < <u>Adam.Stevenson@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; Adam Green < <u>Adam.Green@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; Adam Green < <u>Adam.Green@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; Adam Stevenson < <u>Adam.Stevenson@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; Adam Green < <u>Adam.Green@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; Adam Green < <u>Adam.Green@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; Adam Stevenson < <u>Adam.Stevenson@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; Adam Green < <u>Adam.Green@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; Adam Green < <u>Adam.Green@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; Adam Stevenson < <u>Adam.Stevenson@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; Adam Green < <u>Adam.Green@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; Adam Green < <u>Adam.Green@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; Adam Stevenson < <u>Adam.Stevenson@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; Adam Green < <u>Adam.Green@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; Adam Green < <u>Adam.Green@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; Adam Stevenson < <u>Adam.Stevenson@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; Adam Green < <u>Adam.Green@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; Adam Green < <u>Adam.Green@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; Adam Green < <u>Adam.Green@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>; Adam Green < <u>Adam.Green@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; Adam Green < <u>Adam.Green@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>; Adam Green < <u>Adam.Green@qfes.qld.gov</u>

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Kind regards,

Lauren Poynting (She / Her) Chief of Staff Office of the Commissioner Queensland Fire and Emergency Services P 07 3635 3912 M Chat with me on Teams!



Evonne Harding

From:	Evonne Harding
Sent:	Thursday, 21 July 2022 9:51 AM
То:	Adam Green; Cameron Cash
Subject:	RE: Change to rank markings for RO1&2
Attachments:	RE: Uniform Branding Minutes ; RE: RFS Rank Markings; Fwd: Signed letter to UFU; DOC130619-13062019095251.pdf; Fwd: Uniform insignia for BTSO and ATSO; FW: Rank Markings for RFS RFMO1 and RFMO2

Good morning Adam

Interesting... this is the first I have heard of this since QFES attempted to change the epaulettes to impellors in 2019 with the decision subsequently being overturned. I have attached correspondence relating to the history of this one which was quite contentious.

Below is an extract from a uniform branding meeting with the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners in March 2019. Post this meeting a consensus could not be reached with UFUQ and the decision was made to remain with the status quo. UFUQ were advised via letter from the Commissioner and RFS staff advised by an email from the Assistant Commissioner, RFS.

We have RFM01 and RFM02 epaulettes currently on order. Based on the advice below I will see if we can stop this order and we will move to sample the new epaulettes, have them approved by the service along with a proposed implementation plan.

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Kind regards

Evonne Harding Executive Manager, Uniforms and Logistics Asset Services Directorate Queensland Fire and Emergency Services





From: Adam Green <Adam.Green@qfes.qld.gov.au> Sent: Thursday, 21 July 2022 9:20 AM **To:** Cameron Cash <Cameron.Cash@qfes.qld.gov.au>; Evonne Harding <Evonne.Harding@qfes.qld.gov.au> **Subject:** FW: Change to rank markings for RO1&2

Good morning

This is the first I know if this.... Evonne are you aware of this proposed change, and what impacts do you see this having?

Thanks Adam

Adam Green gcps A/Executive Director Asset Services Directorate Queensland Fire and Emergency Services M^{Sontrery to public interest}

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From: Alan Gillespie Contrary to public interest Sent: Monday, 18 July 2022 5:49 PM To: Lauren Poynting <<u>Lauren.Poynting@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>> Subject: RE: Change to rank markings for RO1&2

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Thanks Lauren.

From: Lauren Poynting <<u>Lauren Poynting@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>> Sent: Monday, 18 July 2022 4:28 PM To: Alan Gillespie Contral to public interest Cc: Commissioner QFES <<u>Commissioner@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>> Subject: RE: Change to rank markings for RO1&2

Good afternoon Alan

The RO1 / RO2 rank markings will be discussed this week. I will provide a further update once the Commissioner and Deputies have met.

It would be appreciated if you could hold off updating your members until after this meeting.

Kind regards,

Lauren Poynting (She / Her) Chief of Staff Office of the Commissioner

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From: Alan Gillespie Contrary to public interest Sent: Thursday, 14 July 2022 6:29 PM To: Commissioner QFES <<u>Commissioner@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>> Subject: Change to rank markings for RO1&2

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Good afternoon Commissioner,

I have had some inquiries from my members as to how this is progressing. Your last communication indicated the hold up was a supply issue? I have yet to advise my members of your decision that the rank markings for an RO1 will be one impellar and for an RO2, two impellars. Are you happy for me to advise my members of the change?

Kindest regards

Alan Gillespie Branch President RFS Together Union Bransh

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Evonne Harding

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Attachments: Adam Stevenson Tuesday, 26 March 2019 3:39 PM Evonne Harding; Mark Roche (QFES); Michael Wassing; Carolyn Coletti; Anita Anderson RE: Uniform Branding Minutes Uniform Branding Meeting Minutes 20190315.docx



Evonne, I approve.

Deputies, see 2.2.9. It is my strong opinion that a Deputy needs to approach UFUQ to advise of them of the decision for QFES to enable RFS epaulettes to transition to impellors and in the process note that F&R have been given everything they've asked for. I.e. could we get one of you to meet with John to give this message. If we just let it happen and don't advise them upfront, the Commissioner will be blind sided with tweets and the like.

Adam Stevenson Executive Director Executive, Ministerial and Corporate Services PH: (07) 3635 2588 MOBILE: Contrary to public interest

E: adam.stevenson@qfes.qld.gov.au



From: Evonne Harding Sent: Tuesday, 26 March 2019 1:00 PM To: Adam Stevenson <Adam.Stevenson@qfes.qld.gov.au>; Anita Anderson <Anita.Anderson@qfes.qld.gov.au> Cc: Sheridan M Dyne <Sheridan.Dyne@qfes.qld.gov.au> Subject: RE: Uniform Branding Minutes

Hi Adam/Anita

Following on from this morning's meeting please find attached the updated minutes.

As per the below once the minutes have been approved we will start to progress the respective work and develop a tool to report on its progress.

Regards



Evonne Harding

Executive Manager, QFES Uniforms and Logistics Executive, Ministerial and Corporate Services | Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) (07) 3635 3245 | ^{Contrary to public interest}| evonne.harding@qfes.qld.gov.au From: Evonne Harding Sent: Thursday, 21 March 2019 4:39 PM To: Adam Stevenson <<u>Adam.Stevenson@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>>; Anita Anderson <<u>Anita.Anderson@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>> Cc: Sheridan M Dyne <<u>Sheridan.Dyne@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>> Subject: Uniform Branding Minutes

Hi Adam/Anita

Please find attached draft minutes from Friday's Uniform Branding meeting. In particular can you please check the items highlighted in yellow on page 6.

Once the minutes have been approved we will start to progress the respective work and develop a tool to report the progress.

Regards



Evonne Harding

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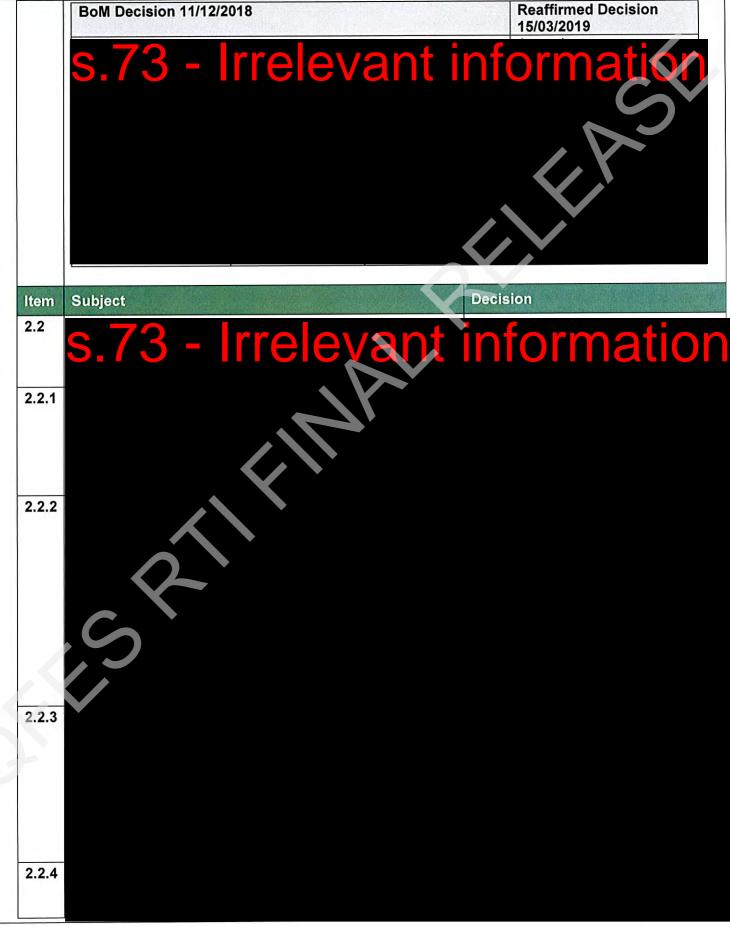
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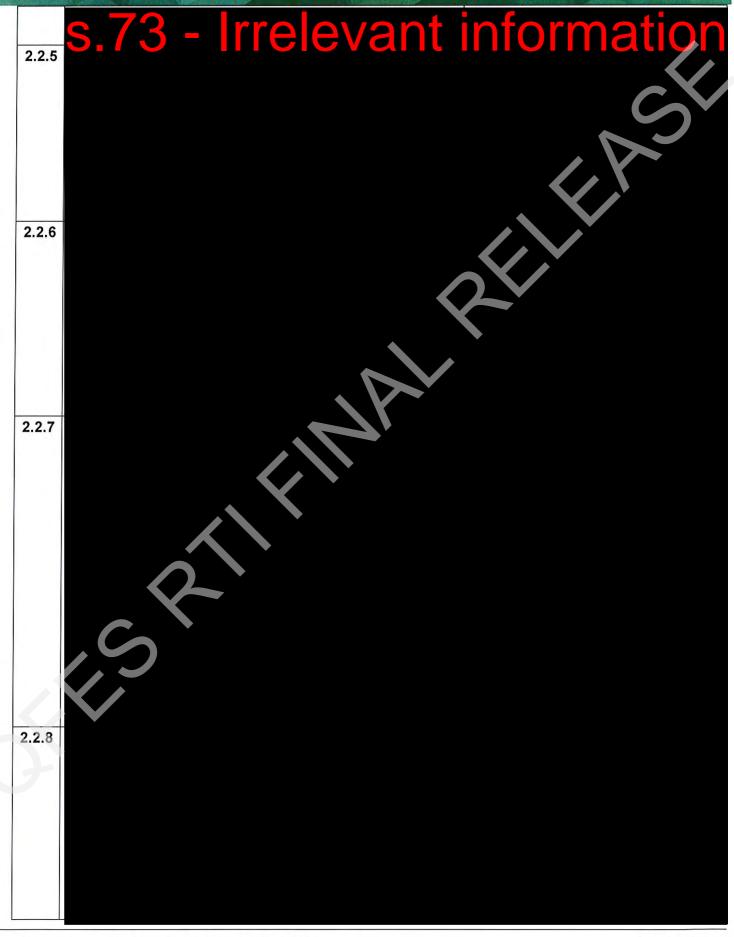


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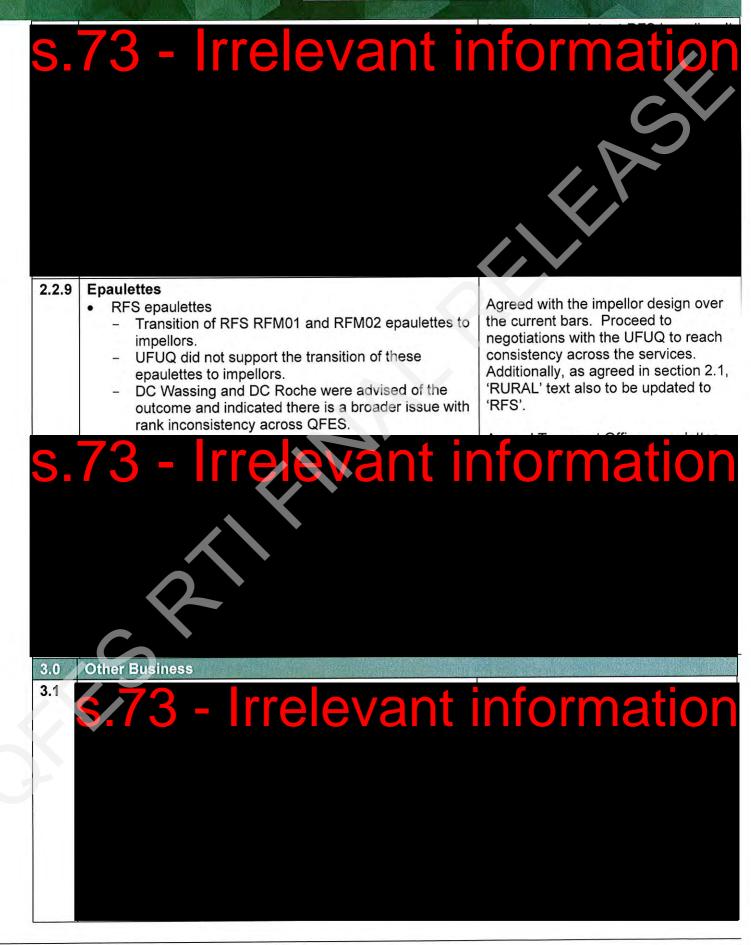
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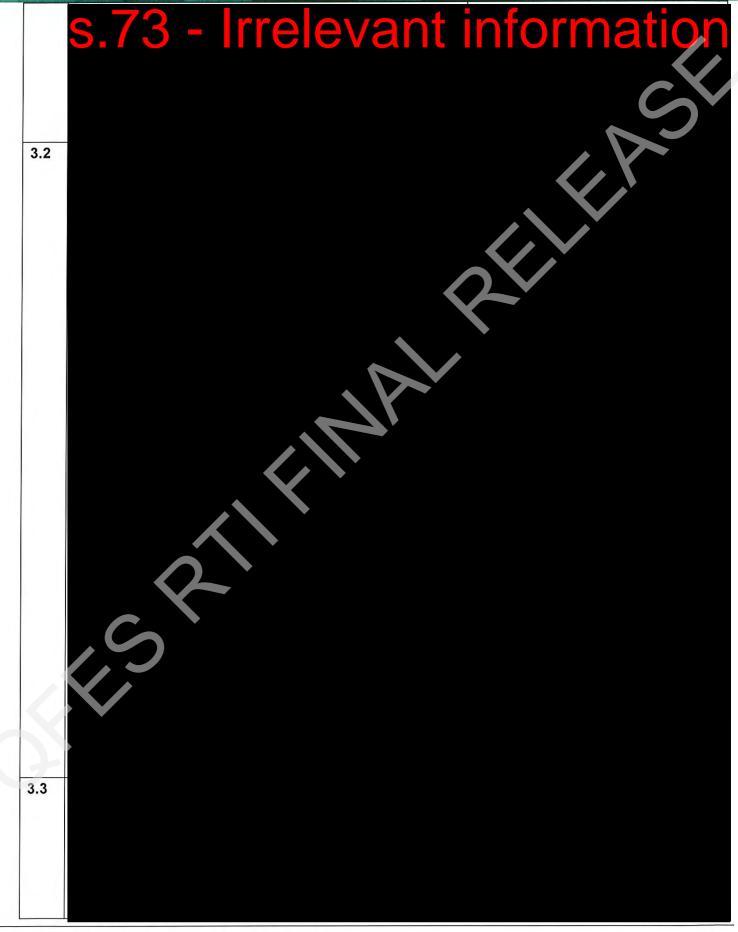
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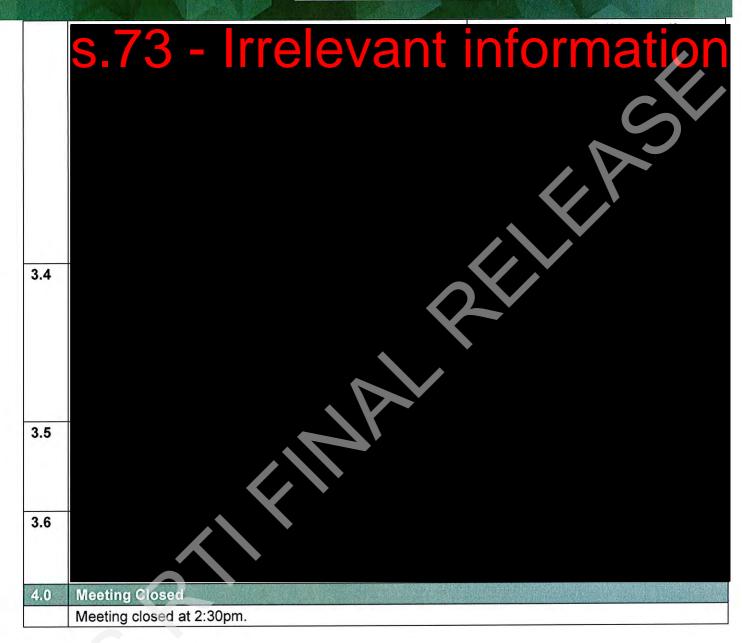
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Evonne Harding

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Adam Stevenson Friday, 31 May 2019 10:56 AM Lance Duncan Evonne Harding; mtayler RE: RFS Rank Markings

OK great. Mike will have to have a proactive message for rural.

Adam Stevenson Executive Director Executive, Ministerial and Corporate Services PH: (07) 3635 2588 MOBILE: Contrary to public interest E: adam.stevenson@qfes.qld.gov.au



From: Lance Duncan Sent: Friday, 31 May 2019 10:54 AM To: Adam Stevenson <Adam.Stevenson@qfes.qld.gov.au> Cc: Evonne Harding <Evonne.Harding@qfes.qld.gov.au> Subject: RE: RFS Rank Markings

Hi Adam, Yes , it is sitting in Mincor.

Regards

Lance Duncan. Chief Superintendent Resolution Engagement Unit

Queensland Fire & Emergency Services



Emergency Services Complex Block H. Cnr Park Road and Kedron Park Road, Kedron. QLD 4031 M From: Adam Stevenson Sent: Friday, 31 May 2019 10:53 AM To: Lance Duncan <<u>Lance.Duncan@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>> Cc: Evonne Harding <<u>Evonne.Harding@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>> Subject: RE: RFS Rank Markings

Thanks - so has the letter been drafted?

Adam Stevenson Executive Director Executive, Ministerial and Corporate Services PH: (07) 3635 2588 MOBILE: Contrary to public interest E: adam.stevenson@qfes.qld.gov.au



From: Lance Duncan Sent: Friday, 31 May 2019 7:37 AM To: Adam Stevenson <<u>Adam.Stevenson@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>> Cc: Evonne Harding <<u>Evonne.Harding@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>> Subject: RFS Rank Markings

Good Morning Adam, Just an update on the RFS Rank Markings.

The Commissioner has requested a letter to be written and sent to the UFUQ that the Rank Markings of the RFS will stay as they are. (they are not to change as per Committee recommendations)

The letter is with QFES Correspondence and currently moving through the Deputies Office and is to be signed by the Commissioner and sent to the UFUQ prior to the Commissioner leaving.

Talk soon.

Regards

Lance Duncan. Chief Superintendent Resolution Engagement Unit

Queensland Fire & Emergency Services



Emergency Services Complex Block H.

Evonne Harding

From: Sent: To: Subject: Attachments: Adam Stevenson Friday, 14 June 2019 9:31 AM Evonne Harding Fwd: Signed letter to UFU DOC130619-13062019095251.pdf

One matter solved. But they still have to tell rfs Get Outlook for iOS

From: Doug Smith Sent: Friday, June 14, 2019 8:19:35 AM To: Adam Stevenson; Michelle Tayler Subject: FW: Signed letter to UFU FYI

From: Michael Wassing
Sent: Friday, 14 June 2019 8:15 AM
To: Mark Roche (QFES) <Mark.Roche@qfes.qld.gov.au>; Doug Smith <Doug.Smith@qfes.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Fwd: Signed letter to UFU

Mike Wassing A/Commissioner Qld Fire & Emergency Services

Sent from my mobile

From: QFES Commissioner Staff Officer Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2019 3:45:53 PM To: Michael Wassing Subject: Signed letter to UFU

Hi Sir, scanned copy as requested.

Kind regards, Ayla



Ayla Curtis

Staff Officer to the Commissioner | Queensland Fire and Emergency Services P: (07) 3635 3453 M: Control to use interest E QFES.CommissionerStaffOfficer@qfes.qld.gov.au Direct Email: Ayla.Curtis@qfes.qld.gov.au Emergency Services Complex | 125 Kedron Park Road, Kedron 4031 Mail Cluster 6.1 | GPO Box 1425, Brisbane 4001

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Mr John Oliver General Secretary United Firefighters Union Queensland Qmail@ufug.com.au

Dear Mr Oliver John

Thank you for raising the issue of rank insignia across QFES with the Resolution Engagement Unit (REU).

I am committed to all services maintaining their own identity across QFES, whilst working together as a department to achieve a shared outcome for the community. Uniforms is an area where each service is passionate about maintaining their own identity and a lot of work has been undertaken in this area over the past four years to achieve this outcome.

It is to my understanding that a survey within the Rural Fire Service (RFS) took place in 2017 which favoured a change in the design of the epaulettes for the paid RFS RFM01 and RFM02 staff from the existing stripes to impellors. I appreciate that the idea behind this was to align RFS staff to the volunteers who currently have impellors as rank insignia in a different colour.

Upon further consultation with my executive leadership team, I have decided that the status quo should remain, leaving the rank insignia on the epaulettes with the current stripes and not changing to impellors.

Thank you for raising this matter with the REU. Should you require any further assistance, please contact Chief Superintendent Lance Duncan on telephone Contervologue or email <u>lance.duncan@qfes.qld.gov.au</u>.

Yours sincerely



Michael Wassing AFSM Acting Commissioner

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Evonne Harding

From: Sent: To: Subject: Adam Stevenson Friday, 14 June 2019 9:33 AM Evonne Harding Fwd: Uniform insignia for BTSO and ATSO

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From: Doug Smith Sent: Friday, June 14, 2019 8:16:54 AM To: Adam Stevenson; Michelle Tayler Cc: Mark Roche (QFES); Michael Wassing Subject: Uniform insignia for BTSO and ATSO Adam

I have confirmed that the uniform insignia for RFS BTSO and ATSO levels will remain unchanged with the bars.

They will not be moving to impellors.

Please instruct your relevant staff accordingly.

Michelle

There is likely to be some blow back on this that will come out in various engagement activities. It is a no change decision however. For your information.

Regards

Doug



Doug Smith APM

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Evonne Harding

From: Sent: To: Subject: Tony Johnstone Monday, 17 June 2019 8:55 AM Evonne Harding FW: Rank Markings for RFS RFMO1 and RFMO2

Evonne,

Below for your information

Regards Tony Johnstone

A/DRO RFS

From: Gary McCormack Sent: Monday, 17 June 2019 8:54 AM To: RFS All Staff <RFSAllStaff@qfes.qld.gov.au> Subject: Rank Markings for RFS RFMO1 and RFMO2

Good morning,

As you would be aware for some time now there have been discussions across Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) regarding rank insignia. This is a complex topic, particularly as the department continues to evolve.

QFES is committed to all services maintaining their own identity, while working together as a department to achieve shared outcomes for the community. Each service is passionate about strong uniform identity, and significant work continues to be done to support this position.

In 2017 a survey of Rural Fire Service personnel favoured a change in epaulette design for RFM01 and RFM02 RFS staff, with participants suggesting the current bars be changed to impellors to more closely align with volunteer epaulettes.

While the views of all parties have been considered extensively, following consultation with the Executive Leadership Team the Commissioner has decided that the rank insignia and epaulettes for RFS staff will remain as they currently are.

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Regards,

Gary McCormack Assistant Commissioner



Rural Fire Service State Queensland Fire and Emergency Services

Phone: 3635 3624 Mobile: Contrary to public Interest Email: gary.mccormack@qfes.qld.gov.au Web: www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au

From:Joanne GreenfieldTo:Matthew Bulow; DC CSSSubject:FW: R01/2 eppaulettesDate:Thursday, 27 October 2022 3:41:01 PMAttachments:image001.png
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Matt

One for you, many thanks Joanne Joanne Greenfield A/Deputy Commissioner Capability and State Services Queensland Fire and Emergency Services P 07 3635 3432 M

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From: Alan Gillespie Contrary to public interest

Sent: Thursday, 27 October 2022 2:41 PM

To: Joanne Greenfield < Joanne.Greenfield@qfes.qld.gov.au>

Subject: RO1/2 epaulettes

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Good afternoon DC,

At the TU meeting with the Commissioner and yourself you were going to chase up where the new rank markings for RO1/2 are at. Can I please have an update for my members?

Yours sincerely,

Alan Gillespie, AFSM, MPA, GradCertMgt, DipFireMgt, JP(Qual)

Rural Fire Service Queensland

Branch President



From:	Matthew Bulow
To:	Alan Gillespie
Cc:	Joanne Greenfield
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Hi Alan

Uniform and Logistics have advised that there is a small amount of stock of the new R01/2 epaulettes in the warehouse but not enough to fill all expected orders. There should be sufficient stock to fill orders by the end of November.

The U&L team has been speaking with RFS State Office about distributing comms in relation to the availability of the epaulettes a week prior to their expected delivery.

Let me know if you have any more queries.

Regards

Matthew Bulow

Acting Assistant Commissioner Rural Fire Service

Queensland Fire and Emergency Services

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Uniform and Logistics are ordering the New epaulettes; we expect to see stock in around 6 to 8 weeks.

The stock will go into the store, and staff will then be able to order the epaulettes.

You will be notified when the new stock is in the store. You will get the current epaulettes if you order any epaulettes for R01 and R02 now.

Any concerns are happy to discuss.

Regards

Tony Johnstone AFSM.

Chief Superintendent

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Hi Jess

Can we add this as an agenda item at the RFS TQ ACC.

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RFS Together Union Meeting <u>MINUTES</u>

Date	18 January 2023
Time	9:30am – 11:30am
Location	Conference Room B2.32 / Teams
Members	A/Assistant Commissioner – Matthew Bulow (QFES) – Chair
	A/Assistant Commissioner – Kevin Reading (QFES)
	Principle Consultant, ER and CMS – Anna Herzog (QFES)
	RFS Together Union Qld – Peter Hollier (RFS Together Union)
	RFS Together Union Qld – Alan Gillespie (RFS Together Union)
Guests	Callum MacSween – Director, HR Services (10:15am – 10:25pm)
Apologies	RFS Together Union Qld – Tony Johnstone (RFS Together Union)
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Secretariat	Jessica Cameron (QFES)

1.0	Preliminary matters
1.1	Welcome and apologies:
11.	Meeting commenced: 9:33am
1.2	Conflicts of interest:
	Nil conflicts of interest identified.
1.3	Minutes from previous meeting:
	Minutes from the previous meeting accepted and marked as final.
1.4	s.73 Prelevant information



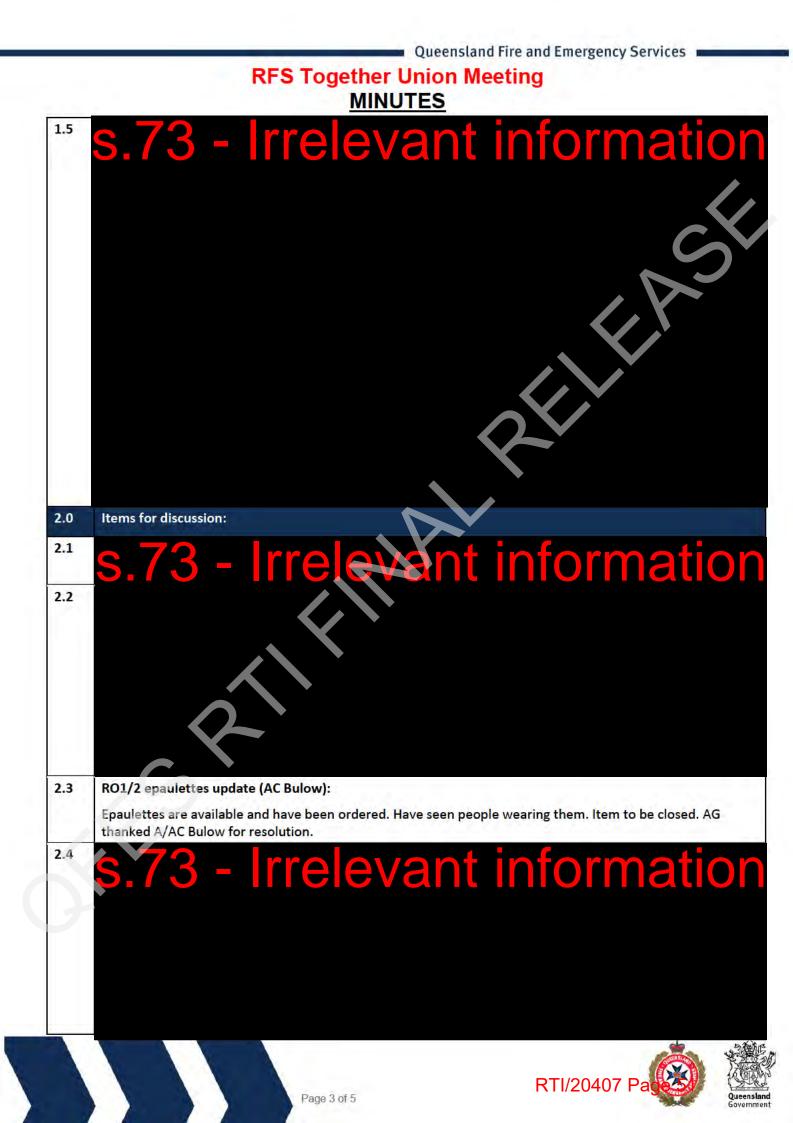


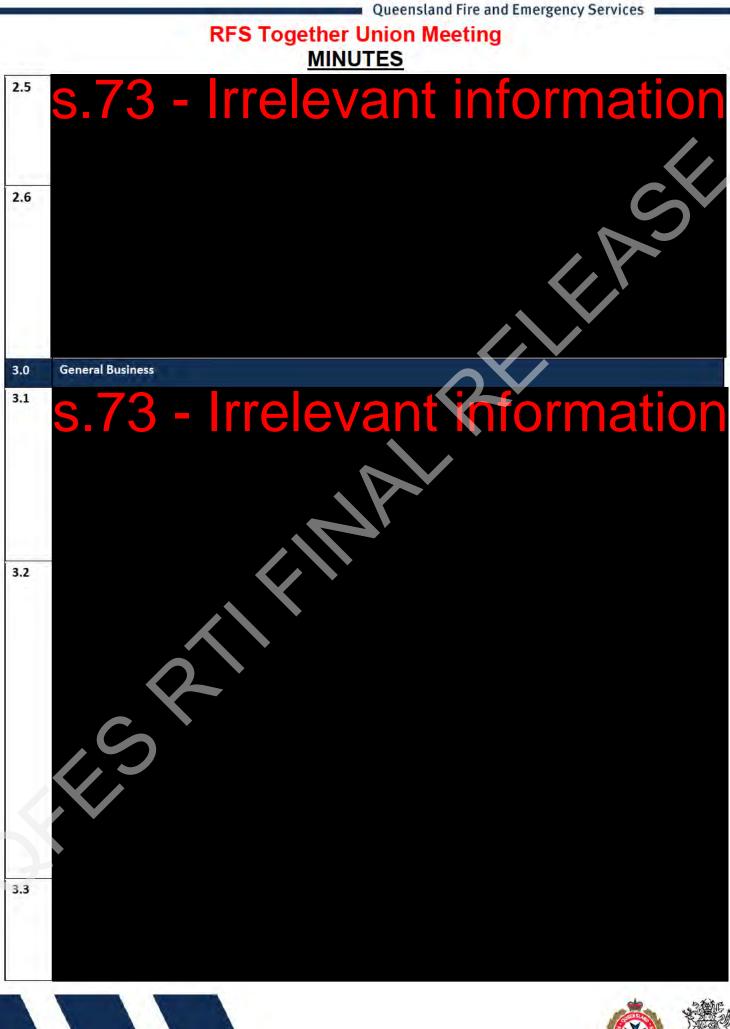


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To:	Matthew Bulow
Subject:	RFS TQ ACC
Date:	Monday, 12 December 2022 3:39:42 PM
Attachments:	RFS Together Agenda 21.12.2022.docx image001.png image002.png

Good afternoon AC Bulow,

I have just sent out the agenda for the RFS TQ ACC next Wednesday. There are a few additional items that have been added following our meeting a few weeks ago including Volunteer Onboarding Improvement Project and Working for Queensland update from Leigh-Anne Sorensen.

Please let me know if you would like Anna and I to pop up ahead of the ACC to brief you on these items and I can arrange this.

Kind regards,

Jessica Cameron

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RFS Together Union Meeting AGENDA

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2.0	Actions arising from previous minutes:
2.1	Please refer to the attached actions table for action items.
3.0	Items for discussion:
3.1	s.73 - Irrelevant information
3.2	
3.3	RO1/2 epaulettes update (AC Bulow)
3.4	3 - Irrelevant information
3.5	
4.0	General Business
4.1	s.73 - Irrelevant information
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5.0	Next Meeting:
	Next meeting: 18.01.2023 10am – 12pm.

