

Region 13 OH&S Work Group, key points from meeting 23/3/2010. Held at Boronia Fire Station

- Exhaust fan system to receive modifications for auto trip on at Eltham FS when appliances return
- More office space at new offices (Mooroolbark), eliminate crowding at Lilydale. Risk Assessment to be done
- Levels of stress placed on everyone due to Royal Commission & already heavy workload
- Letter of thanks to Graeme Luke for his contributions to the OH&S committee
- Color coding of fuel containers in line with National agreement
- Concerns on time spent in new PPC
- Housing insulation issue, waiting for information from HQ
- Air conditioning in appliances used to cool down firefighters, practice should not continue. Forearm cooling process currently being recommended
- Manual handling issues when distributing water & lifting brochure boxes, options being considered
- New incident reporting & recording data base on trial
- Managing hazards, identification, risk assessments, locations
- No change in OH&S legislation
- OH&S training, facilitators, health watch, guest speaker
- Area OH&S newsletter to be implemented
- Emergency preparedness & response specific to each work place, test run to be done
- State wide generic hazard, incident & injury report (action plan) in train
- Audit process of brigades will begin in next few months