

Cold Climate Jacket Project Closure



The Cold Climate Jacket project officially concluded 30 June 2017. The main objective of this VESEP funded project was to supply each volunteer brigade with six unisex cold climate jackets. The jacket is to protect volunteer firefighters from cold and wet climatic conditions where certified firefighting PPC is not a requirement for the activity.



BACKGROUND

During 2015, CFA conducted a trial of cold climate jackets in all Districts. The fabric, design and performance was well received. At the same time CFA was successful in obtaining Stage 1 funding from VESEP for the introduction of approximately 3,300 cold climate jackets. Stage 1 soon merged into a single stage project when VESEP secured additional funding to complete the rollout within the 2016/17 financial year. A subsequent open market tender was undertaken which resulted in a contract for supply.

The project objective was to issue each volunteer brigade six unisex cold climate jackets for use by all volunteer brigade members. For this reason the six jackets covered a range of sizes expected to fit a majority of people with an acceptable level of comfort. Districts were provided opportunity to review the standard size range and either accept as issued, or request a different allocation. Once District sizing requests were collated, an order was placed with the manufacturer for the supply of over 7,000 jackets.

Rollout commenced during February 2017 and focussed on brigades with a 'Bushfire' profile and without access to Structural PPC. By the end of June 2017 the rollout was complete with the project issuing 7,176 jackets across 1,196 volunteer brigades.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional jackets can be purchased through the State Logistics Centre at CFA contract rates. Orders should be placed through your District Headquarters.

The cleaning is to be performed by the Brigade, ensuring the Guide to Care and Maintenance is adhered to at all times. The jacket has a two year warranty that covers poor workmanship or defective materials. Repairs are to be undertaken by the garment manufacturer to maintain warranties and ongoing compliance with applicable Standards. Non-warranty repairs will be initially the financial responsibility of the Victorian Emergency Services Equipment Program.

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