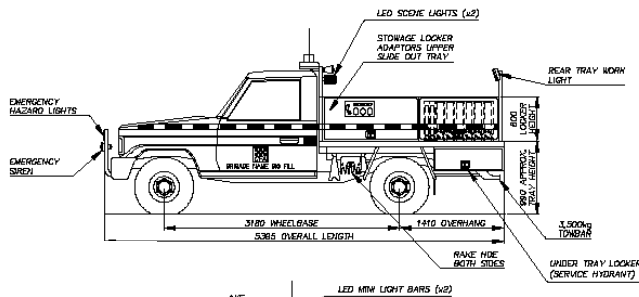


Brigade **Kyabram** District 20



The **Big Fill** is expected at the end of August 2013

Mick Crompton, Capt'n of Kyabram brigade says that VESEP is a fantastic Government initiative to help brigades buy much needed equipment that they may not have been able to fund the purchase outright.

The VESEP grant helped Kyabram brigade to replace our old, out-dated Godiver trailer pump.

The grant meant that we could get a more useful, more user friendly appliance which will help us get into a lot more places in the bushfire areas around us, and in town can used as a back-up appliance to our pumper. So it will have more uses than our trailer pump.

Another advantage Mick described is that anyone in the brigade with a normal driver's licence will be able to take this out if the other tanker or pumper has already gone.

The District saw it as a need not only for Kyabram and neighbouring brigades but for the District itself. In terms of supporting the District the Big-Fill will be able to go with Strike teams. It fills a gap in the District resources.

In short said Mick the VESEP grant program is really, really good!

Asked what they thought made their application successful Mick thought the fact that they started the process 6 months ahead of time was a big factor. In addition they asked for help in how to word the application and they worked on it as a BMT.

MICK'S RECOMMENDED HANDY HINTS:

2012-2013 VESEP round
 Category: **Specialist Appliance**
 Item: **Big Fill-**
Toyota Landcruiser

Anyone applying for it needs to be prepared in advance and do their homework well in advance. Get the info, draft it and get it written up properly.
 Talk to catchment officer first to get the feel if it's what's needed in the District, and then we spoke with Operations Manager.