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A new fire station for Lakes Entrance

Protecting the community with a modern, fit-for-purpose emergency precinct that can cater for the needs of a growing local community and visitor population.

Why Lakes Entrance needs a new fire station

Lakes Entrance Fire Brigade operates from a 90-year-old station that is too small to house current appliances and equipment, constraining safe vehicle movements and slowing coordinated response times.

With 120+ callouts each year (almost half rescues) across Gippsland and the Alpine region, and significant seasonal population increases, a modern, fit-for-purpose facility is needed to support day-to-day operations and scale to multi-agency response during major emergencies.

With a permanent population of around 7,000 that can increase significantly during peak tourism periods, the consequences of inadequate fire service are serious.

A new station is a regional CFA priority.

Our community is asking for

The 2026/27 State Budget acknowledges commitment to funding for the CFA including station builds, planning, land acquisition and upgrades, including Lakes Entrance.

- The funding allocation for Lakes Entrance to expedite the planning and land acquisition for a purpose-built Lakes Entrance CFA station that:
 - enables on-site storage and rapid deployment of all vehicles and equipment
 - improves safety and response times
 - provides space for training, community education and volunteer support
- A commitment to fund the build of the new CFA station within the first two years of the next term of Government
- Planning investigates future co-location for the SES and other emergency agencies

Background

The current Bulmer Street station has legacy infrastructure constraints and no longer meets operational requirements:

- Parts of the building require demolition and rebuild to remain functional; planned works include replacement of the rear of the building and construction of a new meeting room.
- The site is overcrowded; the brigade has sought relocation for 20+ years and



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- some appliances are stored off-site, delaying turnout.
- Demand continues to grow (120+ callouts annually) and is intensified by peak tourism periods.
- Emergency services are not co-located (CFA, SES, ambulance and others), limiting coordination during large-scale events.
- A modern precinct would strengthen preparedness and resilience planning, including clearer public information on assembly areas, relief centres and emergency communications.
- Suitable land has been identified, is supported by Council, and endorsed by the community.

More information

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