



Case Study - Motorised Engine Bay Doors



VESEP Category:	Firefighting Vehicles	Operational Equipment	Volunteer Amenities	Minor Works
VESEP grant item:	Brigade		Contact's Name	Brigade Role
Motorised Engine Bay Doors	D8 Mt Martha		Bruce Conboy	Secretary
<i>Background & Hints</i>	<p>Minor Works projects which require planning and building works need a two stage approach as obtaining permits is time consuming and can be a complex task. Year 1 will allow for obtaining the permits, with the works going ahead in year 2.</p> <p>The business rules set by VESEP must be followed. In 2013 some Brigades sought to use the amount to start very big projects, but were unsuccessful because VESEP could not fund projects that exceeded the \$50,000 limit.</p>			
How have your <i>motorised doors</i> helped your Brigade	<p>The station was built in 1988 with glass bifold doors that were operated by hand, which meant they were often left open during turnouts. Having experienced a burglary some years ago and installed a security system at its own cost, the Brigade looked to motorising the doors to ensure security.</p> <p>CFA advised that the bifold doors could not be motorised as there was insufficient room above them. On further investigation, the Brigade found that the doors could be motorised, but at a higher cost which would not attract CFA funding.</p>			
<i>What difference has it made to the Brigade and the community?</i>	<p>The Brigade has a lot of equipment to protect; a pumper, a 3.4C tanker, an FCV and a lighting unit with lights, generators, leads, fan and tools. The motorised doors make the station more secure as a timer will close the engine bay after a short time.</p> <p>The community supports the Brigade strongly and financially so less expense for them in replacements is a bonus.</p>			
<i>What do you think about VESEP?</i>	A great program. About \$60 million provided to Brigades and CFA.			
<i>What do you think made your application successful?</i>	The Brigade addressed all the criteria on the application sheet. It had the support of the Catchment Officer and Group. It did not require planning or building permits.			
<i>Do you have any tips for other Brigades or Groups?</i>	Follow the criteria in the application closely. Get support from your Group and Catchment Officer.			
<i>Brigade history story leading to VESEP application.</i>	The Brigade has received several grants over time. Last year we were successful in replacing our six year old FCV which allowed for a change-over at no cost to the Brigade as the Brigade gets to keep the proceeds of selling the old FCV.			
<i>How did you use the VFBV VESEP material</i>	The current information sheet listing successful items is great. Listing items approved allows Brigades to see what they might consider.			