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Tenders for Quarry Road Fire Shed

Tenders are currently open to design and construct a collocated facility to house the Quarry Road Urban Rural Bush Fire Brigade and Esperance Emergency Support Unit (EESU). The project is fully funded through the Emergency Services Levy and will incur no cost to ratepayers.

Funding for a replacement shed was sought after an inspection by a Building Surveyor to build an extension for the EESU found the shed was not built to plan and two Structural Engineers declined to endorse the structural integrity of the shed.

An engineering solution has been put in place to allow limited use of the shed until the new building is complete. The shed is currently being used for storage and alternate arrangements have been made for training and social functions.

Members of the brigade recently endorsed plans for a new shed so tenders were called for detailed design and construction.

CEO Matthew Scott said, "We understand that this situation is not ideal, however this will provide a fully compliant shed for the brigade. Although the current shed is just under ten years old it was going to be expensive to put in place a permanent solution that addresses all the compliance and structural issues that have been identified. We recognise the dedication and hard work the brigade members have given to their brigade and the Quarry Road shed."

Quarry Road Bush Fire Brigade Captain Ron Chambers said, "It is unfortunate the position we find ourselves in with our current shed, however having seen the plans, and to have a new shed fully funded is the best possible outcome at this time and the brigade is excited to move forward, hopefully before the next fire season."

The tenders close 2pm, 18 April. Visit the Shire website for further information.

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