

## Adrian Pederick MP

Member for Hammond

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### **\$350,000 for Rockleigh CFS Shed**

Liberal Member for Hammond has welcomed news the Rockleigh CFS brigade will finally receive funding to construct a much needed community fire shed.

The \$350,000 in funds was committed by Minister for Emergency Services, Tony Piccolo during his recent visit to Murray Bridge.

In a meeting arranged by Mr Pederick, Rockleigh CFS Captain Don Moore and CFS volunteers explained the need for improved facilities and better access to water.

The Rockleigh CFS currently operates out of a shearing shed on Mr Moore's private property.

Minister Piccolo confirmed the provisions for a new fire shed at Rockleigh were being included in the CFS budget for 2014/15 and construction is expected to be completed by June 2015.

"This is a terrific result for the Rockleigh CFS volunteers and residents in the area," said Mr Pederick.

"During the last 12 months Rockleigh and Monarto has experienced 5 significant fires with the most recent on 14 January 2014 being the largest, covering almost 5,000 hectares, and affecting many properties.

"Response to this fire was hampered by limited water supply and a lack of community resources highlighting the need for improved infrastructure for the Rockleigh CFS."

In a combined effort between Mid Murray Council and Rural City of Murray Bridge – Rockleigh CFS will have land for the shed and better access to water.

Mid Murray Council will rezone Crown Land for the sheds site and the RCMB has committed to works to make access to the Rockleigh Soak easier.

"The Mid Murray Council and Rural City of Murray Bridge must be congratulated on their involvement and good will," said Mr Pederick.

"Firefighting efforts at Rockleigh will now be much improved.

"Rockleigh CFS Captain Don Moore and the Rockleigh community have worked extremely hard since the CFS brigade was first established 5 years ago and the new shed will be a fantastic addition to the area."