

Fire Equipment Trailer

At a larger or more protracted incident, or at a prescribed burn, there is quite a bit of equipment and supplies that make the job safer or easier, however it is difficult to assemble and often not deployed. Over the years the Bush Fire Service of Denmark have assembled equipment that is stored in multiple locations and require time to load into a suitable vehicle and then be transported to the incident or hazard reduction burn.

If the appropriate equipment was stored in a purpose built and dedicated trailer it would be a much simpler process to connect the trailer to a vehicle and transport it to the location, and much more likely to be used. It would also be a one person operation.

The list of equipment and supplies includes:

- *Collar tank, fitting and hoses*
- *Two pumps to use with the collar tank*
- *Road safety signs*
- *Jerry cans for petrol and diesel*
- *Drinking water*
- *Esky for food and drink*
- *Drums of Class A Foam*

The load is expected to be less than 1,200kg so the trailer would have a GVM of less than 2,000kg and would be fitted with override brakes, so the towing vehicle does not require any special braking equipment. A tandem trailer with a bed 3M by 1.5M (10ft by 5ft) would allow sufficient space to store all items and have a trade body with three doors that would protect and secure items whilst allowing adequate access.

A quote for a suitable trailer plus sign writing would be approximately \$8,000. The cost of annual registration and insurance would be quite low and we can ask the Shire to meet those annual costs and the annual maintenance costs would be negligible.

At the moment, an equipment trailer is not an eligible item for ESL funding and it is unlikely that our relatively small Shire has the financial capacity to fund this item. However, the Denmark Bush Fire Service has been donated \$4,500 after the Castelli fire in November last year and there is also funds from various hazard reduction burns that means collectively the Brigades actually have sufficient funds to be able to purchase this Fire Equipment Trailer now,

Below is a picture of a similar trailer although the proposed trailer is two feet longer.



Attachment 2 – Recommended quotation

GT Fabrication

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Quote

Date 5/02/2018

To. Denmark Bush fire control
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Quote valid for 30 days

Qty	Description	Unit Price	Line Total
1	3 door tradesman trailer - 3000mm long x 1600mm wide x 1200mm high internal 7 leaf tandem rocker suspension on 40mm square axles heavy duty swing up jockey wheel cable disc brakes on front wheels spare wheel mounted externally mesh shelf internally - 300mm from roof, 2400mm long from front and centre mesh wall 2400mm long painted white LED tail lights 7 pin flat connector 2 x Safety chains concessional licensed for 12 months with 2000kg aggregate		\$ 7,400.00
1	toolbox on A frame		\$ 900.00

Sub Total \$ 8,300.00
GST \$ 830.00
Total \$ 9,130.00

Quote prepared by Damien Philp

signed _____

To accept this quotation
sign here and return _____

