Revenue Management Association
Fire Services Property Levy
19 APRIL 2018
Agenda

• 2017-18 Levy Cycle Update
• 2018-19 Levy Cycle
• FSPL funding
• 2018-19 FSPL Manual
• FSPL Digital Certificates
• FSPL Express Troubleshooting
• Reminders
2017-18 Levy Cycle Update

• Fourth instalment remittance and payment
  – Due 28 June 2018

• June collections

• Annual reconciliation is due by 31 July 2018
  – Submit between 1 June 2018 and 31 July 2018 and
  – Prior to lodging the Annual Return for 2018-19

• Statement of Compliance

• FSPL Budget for 2017-18 - $674 million.
2018-19 Levy Cycle

• Levy rates for the next financial year
  – Published in the Government Gazette by 31 May 2018

• Annual return is due by 15 August 2018
  – Submit between 1 June 2018 to 15 August 2018
2018-19 Levy Cycle

• Payments and Remittances
  – 28 October 2018
  – 28 December 2018
  – 28 March 2019
  – 28 June 2019

• Key reporting dates flyer
  – Will be included in the 2018-19 FSPL Manual
  – We have some copies available today.
**FSPL funding**

- Council funding letters – allocations for 2018-19 and 2019-20

- The requirements for councils to obtain the funding remain the same as previous years
  - Previous year reconciliation
  - Previous year remittances
  - Current year return
  - Statement of compliance

- Prior years funding.
The Manual will be updated for currency in the next couple of months

Key reporting dates flyer

Field descriptions

Have a suggestion for the Manual content? Email your feedback to fireservices@sro.vic.gov.au by 1 May 2018.
FSPL Digital Certificates

- Digital certificates are issued to councils every two years
- The certificates will be re-issued in late April 2019
- Digital certificates maintain councils’ security permissions to lodge reports directly with the SRO
- The issue of the new digital certificate will not alter any information or data currently reported to the SRO nor will it change the way you submit reports to the SRO or view your reports in FSPL Express in the future.
FSPL Express Troubleshooting

• ‘403 Forbidden’ error message is received when
  – Digital certificate is not installed or
  – Digital certificate was removed from the PCs as a result of council’s computers or IT systems being recently updated

  Solution: Re-install the digital certificate as this may restore your access.

• 404 or 500 error message is received when
  – SRO servers are down for maintenance

  Solution: Try accessing the system again after a short wait

  Please contact the FSPL team for assistance if the above attempts don’t restore your access.
Reminders

• Determining leviable and non-leviable properties

• Contiguous land - carparks/storage units

• Which council properties are leviable/non-leviable?

• Consistency between rates and the valuation databases.
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