



**The Country Fire Service
Volunteers Association**
"Representing the interests of CFS Members"

**Working together with
CFS REGIONAL
COMMITTEES**

BULLETIN

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APPOINTMENT OF SAFECOM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Last week Minister Piccolo announced the appointment of Mr Malcolm Jackman as the Chief Executive Officer of SAFECOM. Mr Jackman who is currently with Defence SA.

Mr Jackman has worked both in the private and public sector, and started his career in the Navy before moving into senior roles in the private sector, including being the CEO of Coates Hire and Elders Limited.

Mr Jackman who takes the position on the 6th July 2015 replace Mr David Place who recently resigned from the position.

APPOINTMENT OF CFSVA NOMINEE TO THE SAFECOM BOARD

Recently Mr Roger Flavell was appointed as the CFSVA nominee to the SAFECOM by His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AO, Governor of South Australia.

Roger takes the place of Mr Wayne Thorley who has been the CFSVA nominee to the SAFECOM Board for a number of years. The CFSVA thanks Wayne for the number of years that he served as our representative in this important role.

EMERGENCY SERVICES SECTOR REFORM

The Minister has clearly indicated that sector reform has only been temporarily stopped, as he is keen to find middle ground that will satisfy all parties before further progressing sector reform.

According to the Minister the key stumbling blocks that have been identified during this process has been:

- The Appointment of a Commissioner
- Making structural changes before developing a plan

After meeting with various parties, the Minister has indicated the following:

- That the reform process requires further investigation
- That timeframes for implementation of change will be determined following feedback from the working groups
- The SAFECOM Board will be involved in the management of the reform process.

The Minister recently indicated that sector reform will be set aside for the time being until Mr Jackman assumes the role of CEO of SAFECOM.

The Emergency Services Reform Office (ESRO) still remains in place.

The Reference Group also remain in place. The CFSVA representatives on the Reference Group are Andy Wood and Sonia St Alban. The next meeting of the Reference Group is Monday 29th June 2015.

CFS volunteers need to be aware that the current position does not rule out the appointment of a Commissioner nor structural changes in the future, but hopefully for the present will provide transparency, clear directions and definable outcomes before progressing sector reform.

The CFSVA has been strong in the fact that it supports sector reform but insists that it be conducted in an open and transparent manner and provides clear outcomes for the emergency services sector.

The CFSVA urges volunteers to remain involved with the sector reform process to ensure that you play a part in shaping the future of the emergency services in South Australia, although at this time of the year it is important that CFS volunteers remain focussed on preparing for the next bushfire season, particularly as the Bureau of Meteorology has recently issued an El Niño report.

AUSTRALIAN FIRE SERVICE MEDAL (AFSM) NOMINATIONS

Nominations for award of the AFSM as part of the Australia Day Honours List 2016 are now open.

The CFS Awards Committee has prepared AFSM guideline and nomination templates which are available through the CFSVA or CFS. **Nominations on the template should be forwarded by email to cfsawards@cfs.sa.gov.au or alternatively marked 'Strictly Confidential' and forwarded by post to the CFS Executive Director Frontline Services, Country Fire Service, GPO Box 2468, Adelaide SA 5001.**

Nominations are to be forwarded no later than Friday 10 July 2015.

As detailed in the guideline, the sole criterion for the award of the Australian Fire Service Medal is distinguished service. "Distinguished service" includes service that is above and beyond the normal zealous and faithful discharge of normal or ordinary service, whether short term or prolonged. It could be a special achievement or success in the performance of duty in difficult or unusual circumstances, or sustained high level performance with outcomes and recognisable benefits to CFS, the fire service in general or the community. The service must be exceptional. Long service alone should not be used as a basis for making nominations.

2015 YOUTH VOLUNTEER SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The 2015 Youth Volunteer Scholarship Awards are now open for applications.

The scholarships are awarded in recognition of young volunteers who are currently involved in volunteering, have a history of community participation, and who have demonstrated their personal motivation and interest in volunteering and helping others in the community. Winners of the scholarship awards will receive financial assistance to help them with tuition fees associated with attending their chosen field of study at a university, TAFE SA, or vocational college.

The Youth Volunteer Scholarship Awards provide a great opportunity to reward young people who make a difference in our community.

Guidelines and Nomination forms are available from the Office for Volunteers website at www.ofv.sa.gov.au or by phoning 1300 014 712.

Closing date for nominations is Friday 24 July 2015.

PREMIER'S iAWARD

CFS was recently announced as the recipients of the Premiers iAward for the use of technology in the response to the Sampson Flat bushfire.

This award is recognition for the CFS as a whole, starting with our Volunteers providing information and intelligence from the incident to our Regions who turn this into messages to the community, to the systems developed by our own people internally to allow messages to be constructed and delivered in a timely manner, to our presentation of these messages across a variety of platforms including our website, social media platforms and bushfire hotline and our overall media presence.

The commitment of many within CFS has meant we are leading the way with the delivery of public safety information.

The award will be displayed within reception at CFS HQ.

SAMPSON FLAT BUSHFIRE VOLUNTEER THANK YOU BBQ

The CFSVA has received some strong responses from many volunteers in relation to this event and encourages volunteers with a strong opinion to provide your comments directly to the Premier at email: dpc@sa.gov.au.

The BBQ hosted by the Premier of South Australia, the Hon Jay Weatherill will be held at Federation Park, Albert Street Gumeracha on Sunday 21st June 2015 between 2:00 – 4:00pm.

SA VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS MUSEUM REUNION – OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND



SA VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS MUSEUM Inc

SACFS volunteers are invited to the South Australian Fire Fighters Museum (SAVFFM) Reunion on the October long weekend.

The three day reunion to be held in Naracoorte will commence with a dinner on Saturday the 3rd October, with a parade of fire trucks ranging from horse drawn to newly delivered appliances, as well as trade displays, blessing of the fleet and other entertainment. SAVFFM Chairman Rex Hall ASFM has said that the last reunion held 5 years ago attracted around 300 people who gathered to reminisce and share CFS stories.

This is a good opportunity to see how the CFS has evolved over the years and to catch up with other volunteers. Hope to see you there.

To register your interest for the event please email Rex Hall at gadang@rbm.com.au

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