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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS ASSOCIATION

The Country Fire Service Volunteers Association (CFSVA) is recognised as an association under the SA Fire and Emergency Services act 2005. The association represents SA Country Fire Service (CFS) brigades and is empowered to take such steps as may be reasonably available to it to protect and progress the interests and welfare of CFS volunteers.

This bulletin provides an update on some of the news and current affairs affecting CFS members.

CFSVA NEWS

Roger Flavell was recently appointed the CFSVA nominee to the SAFECOM by His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AO, Governor of South Australia. In accepting the SAFECOM Board position Roger has stepped down as President of the CFSVA and is currently acting Vice President.



Roger Flavell

Andy Wood is currently the CFSVA's acting President until the CFSVA Annual General Meeting in October 2015. The CFSVA thanks both Andy and Roger for taking on these important roles and is confident that CFSVA Executive team of Andy Wood, Roger Flavell, Jeff Clark and Sonia St Alban will continue their team work to ensure that CFS volunteers are well represented.



Andy Wood

EMERGENCY SERVICE LEVY

The CFSVA recently travelled to the Lower Eyre Peninsula to meet with CFS volunteers who have raised concerns in relation to increases to the ESL. Volunteers who attended the meeting discussed in an open and professional manner their concerns; respected individual opinions; and identified how ESL increases may impact on the capacity of brigades into the future.

Volunteers who have concerns with the ESL are able to check the accuracy of their ESL account by going to Revenue SA website and accessing the ESL calculator which will work you through the steps used by Government to assess your ESL. Further volunteers who operate Farming Enterprise or who own contiguous land should also check with Revenue SA to ensure that they are not being inadvertently charged a \$50 administration fee for each property. Once you have worked through the Revenue SA calculations should you find any discrepancies we urge you to make direct contact with Revenue SA.

The **CFSVA Membership & Easyfuel Card** is a dual purchase fuel discount system and also attracts other offers and discounts available to CFS Volunteers for in store purchases, meals, accommodation and more. Listing of business and offers are available on the CFSVA website. Contact the CFSVA Office 08 8244 6500 or admin@cfsva.org.au for more information.



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EMERGENCY SERVICES SECTOR REFORM SAFECOM

Mr Malcolm Jackman has now taken up the appointment of Chief Executive Officer of SAFECOM, and at a recent meeting with the CFSVA confirmed that the sector reform process has temporarily stopped. Mr Jackman with the 3 Chief Officer are working on forming a strategic plan for the emergency services sector. The Ernst and Young Report, Holloway Review and information gained through the recent sector reform process will be considered during the preparation of the strategic plan. The draft Strategic plan will then go to the SAFECOM Board and once approved by the Board will be released for consultation.

The current position also means the Reference Group has been suspended and recently people who expressed interest in the being part of the Working Groups were notified that the groups would not be formed at this time.



SA VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS MUSEUM REUNION – OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND

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

FFU GRANTS

The Regional Capability Community Fund introduced by Minister Piccolo, provides for \$2m over 4 years to help land owners and community groups, in rural areas, to improve their capability to respond to an emergency situation through a grant of up to \$5k for the purchase of equipment.

This year's grants have now closed and successful applicants should be contacted within the next few months.

NATIONAL PARK PASS

DEWNR confirms continuation of Park Pass benefits for CFSVA members in 2015/16.

The Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources has confirmed that in recognition of the work that our volunteers continue to do in protecting the environment, a limited number of Park Pass discounts and benefits will again be available for active members in 2015/16. We again thank the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) for this program. All CFS volunteers who had a pass expiring 30 June 2015 which was sent to their Portal Email address last year were automatically sent a renewal for the 15/16 Multi Park Pass + Camping Pass for the same vehicle registration and this was emailed to their CFS portal email address on the 7th July 2015. **CFSVA and DEWNR regret that National Park Passes can no longer be posted to members or emailed to a personal email address ONLY the CFS member's portal email can be used. If you do not know your CFS Portal email contact SAFECOM ICT Help on 84634125 for assistance.** New applications are to be send via the CFSVA Office by completing the NPP application form and emailed to kirsti.oliver@cfsva.org.au *application forms are available on the CFSVA website www.cfsva.org.au If you have changed or sold your vehicle, please advise DEWNR DIRECTLY to arrange the replacement NPP.* Email: DEWNRVolunteers@sa.gov.au If you have any further queries please contact the CFSVA Office via kirsti.oliver@cfsva.org.au or 8244 6500.



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