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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.

The CFSVA AGM will be held on Tuesday 13th October 2015 at the Adelaide Manor – Gepps Cross

CFSVA elections

This year nominations have been called for the positions of Deputy Vice President (2 year appointment) and 3 Executive position (1 year appointment). Nominations closed on the 15th September 2015 and as at that date the CFSVA had received 1 nomination for the position of Deputy Vice President and 3 nominations for the Executive positions. This means that all positions have been filled without the need for voting at the AGM.

Nominations received are as follows:

Deputy Vice President – 1 nomination received

David Lindner – President Riverland Branch (Region 3)

Executive Committee (3 positions) – 3 nominations received

Tim Cooper – President Northern Branch (Region 4)

Brian Kirkland – President South East Branch (Region 5)

Neil Ellis – President Eyre Peninsula Branch (Region 6)

These positions will be ratified at the CFSVA AGM.

This year is a non-voting year for the positions of President and Vice President.

Andy Wood – President and Roger Flavell – Vice President have one year of their current positions remaining.

Branch Presidents who also form part of the CFSVA Management Committee are as follows:

President Lofty Branch (Region 1)

Stack Stevens – President Kangaroo Island (Region 1)

Ray Bryant – President Lower North Branch (Region 2)

Steve Cornwall – President Yorke Peninsula (Region 2)

Thomas Hunter – President Murraylands (Region 3)

Stewart Germaine – Youth Advisory Council Representative



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Five CFS Brigades in the APY Lands

State President of the CFSVA, Andy Wood, took the opportunity to visit CFS Brigades along the Stuart Highway north of Port Augusta, and in the APY lands between 14th and 17th September to see first-hand the challenges faced by brigades in the far-north of the state. All these brigades are in an area once covered by the now defunct Pastoral Branch of the CFSVA.

There are now five Brigades in the APY lands – Pukatja (Ernabella), Mimili, Kaltjiti (Fregon), Amata, and Pip/Kalka (Pip being a shortened form of Pipalyatjara). There has been a huge amount of work done by CFS staff and a number of CFS volunteers setting up and training people for these brigades, with the last four mentioned being the newest brigades in the state.



Andy's visit coincided with a BFF1 Course being conducted at Pipalyatjara, and a visit by the Chief Officer (Greg Nettleton) and Regional Commander, Region 4 (Bluey Devine) with other CFS staff, to present certificates to the brigades and the volunteers at Amata on September 16th. Region 4 covers more than 60% of the state, with the regional office in Port Augusta being 1300km from the furthest brigade at Pip/Kalka. The five APY brigades are spread out over 500km along the granite Musgrave, Mann and Tomkinson Ranges, and only accessible by dirt roads from the Stuart Highway north of Marla. Pipalyatjara is only about 20km from the Northern Territory and Western Australian borders. To attend the presentation at Amata, Pip/Kalka and Mimili each travelled just over 200km each way and Pukatja and Kaltjiti around 130km each way.

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CFS Waikerie Brigade members are competing in the Australasian Firefighting Championships Biannual Championship

<http://www.firefighterchampionships.com/event/echuca-2015-australasian-championships/>

Echuca Australasian Championship 2015

Friday, October 23rd at 8:00 am - Sunday, October 25th at 5:00 pm

**GOOD LUCK
GUYS!**



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Council of Australian Volunteer Fire Associations

CAVFA (Council of Australian of Volunteer Fire Associations)

The full CAVFA Media Release which announces Roger Flavell recent appointed as the Chairman of CAVFA will soon be available on the CFSVA website on the following link.

<http://www.cfsva.org.au/about-us/special-interest/cfs-promotions-unit-2>

We wish Roger and the newly appointed CAVFA Executive team every success.

At the recent CAVFA meeting it was obvious that many of the issues we face in SA are not unique, but shared by many of our interstate counterparts. It was reassuring to realise that the CFSVA is held in high regard by its peers and in some areas has been the trendsetter. Common themes that immersed at the recent meeting include the Presumptive Legislation, Government driven agenda to amalgamate emergency services and the Emergency Services Levy.

Below is an extract from the CAFVA Media Statement

CAVFA EXECUTIVE ELECTED for 2015-2017

The Council of Australian Volunteer Fire Associations (CAVFA) that represents more than 250,000 volunteer fire fighters and operational support volunteers across the nation recently elected and announced its Executive for the 2015-2017 term.

The elections saw the appointment of Roger Flavell from South Australia as Chairperson and Director of the Association, the re-appointment of Hans van Hamond from Victoria as Director and the appointment of Andrew Taylor from Tasmania as a fellow Director.

Additional Executive members appointed are Bruce Corbett from the Tasmanian Retained Volunteer Firefighters Association (TRVFA) as the Association's Secretary and Bernard Cox from the NSW Rural Fire Service Association (RFS) as Treasurer.

CAVFA's Directors and member Associations are focussed on fostering and representing the interests of volunteer fire fighters throughout Australia. With well over 100 years of service amongst the Directors alone, the voice of Australia's volunteer fire fighters is well represented with expertise, experience and dedication.

Roger Flavell - Chairperson and Director

Roger, from the Adelaide Hills region of South Australia has been a volunteer with South Australia's Country Fire Service for more than 35 years and has held the position of Brigade Captain, Lenswood and Forest Range Brigade and was the Deputy Group Officer of the Onkaparinga group for 10 years. Roger was the President of the Mount Lofty Branch of the South Australian Country Fire Service Volunteers Association (CFSVA) before being elected as the State Vice President and subsequently the President of the CFSVA.

In addition to his CAVFA role, Mr Flavell is currently the Vice President of the CFSVA and on the Board of the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission (SAFECOM).

The Council of Australian Volunteer Fire Associations (CAVFA) is an alliance of 11 volunteer fire brigade associations within Australia. The Council was established to give volunteer fire-fighters a united voice in representations with government and key stakeholders.

AFAC (Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council) Conference

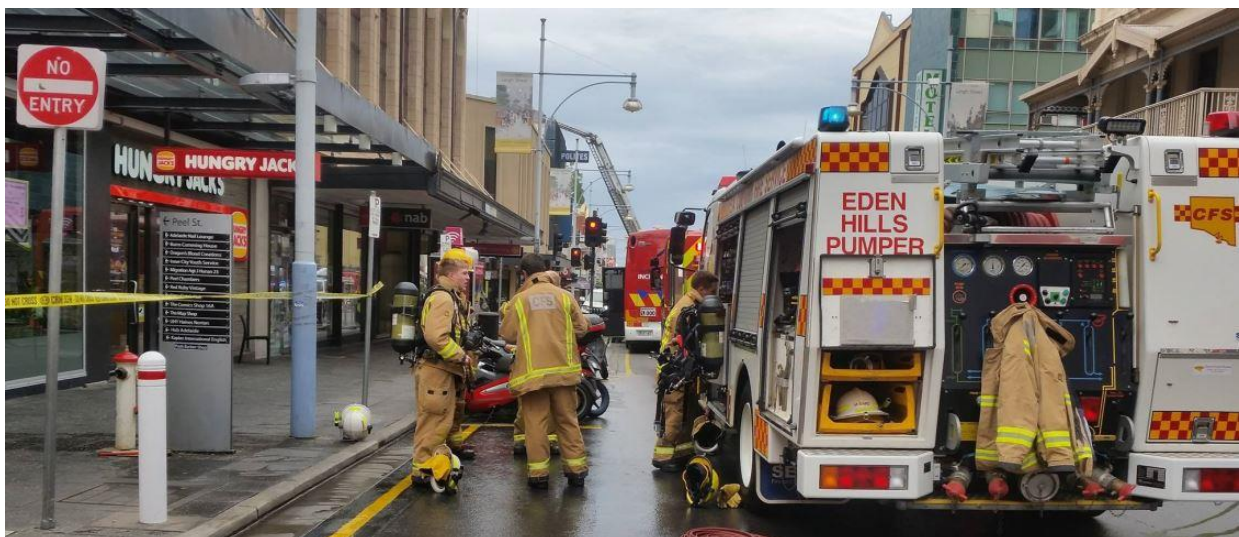
The annual AFAC Conference was recently held at the Adelaide Convention Centre and was a huge success with 1600 delegates attending. Congratulations to all the SACFS presenters who provided some excellent presentations. The event provided great networking opportunities and showcased the South Australia.



Conference presenters:

Stewart Germaine, Kirsty McGarrity and Ruth Tuvo with CFSVA President Andy Wood and Group Officer Andrew Cadd.

There was also a touch of realism to the event when fire broke out in Hindley Street. The emergency response demonstrated to our many interstate visitors how the South Australian emergency services integrate during emergency events.



Well done to the Eden Hills CFS and Burnside CFS Brigades for your role in assisting the MFS at the fire scene and thank you to all other CFS brigades involved in the Change of Quarters. Job well done by both the MFS and CFS personnel.

South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Strategic Plan 2015 – 2025

The working draft of the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Strategic Plan 2015 -2025 was released in August. The document was prepared by the Mr Malcolm Jackman, Chief Executive Officer, SAFECOM, Chief Greg Nettleton, CFS Chief Officer, Mr Greg Crossman, MFS Chief Officer and Mr Chris Beattie, SES Chief Officer.

Chief Nettleton has indicated that the plan would be rolled out over an extended period of time, and is in line with AFAC national standards and best practice.

The strategic plan addresses some issues raised by the CFSVA during the previous sector reform process, including the preparation of a Business Plan with clear direction prior to reform commencing. The plan also considers transparency and accountability an issue that the CFSVA has raised over long period of time.

The CFSVA is monitoring the situation as the strategic plan unfolds and urges CFS volunteers to remain vigilant and involved during this process to ensure that volunteers, who form the majority of the emergency services sector are respected and considered as part of sector modernisation, harmonisation and alignment.

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EasyFuel card holders have the opportunity to easily earn up to 33 cents per litre off (or more) every week on the regular pump price of fuel at either participating fuel stations or on the new EasyFuel phone App.

This system is capped at 50 litres per fill, saving you \$16.50 when you fill up your tank!

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