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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 wish all CFS Volunteers and their families
Merry Christmas and a Safe & Happy New Year.***

The CFSVA office at
17 WIRRIGA ST REGENCY PARK
Will be closed from the 21st December 2015
And will reopen on the 4TH January 2016

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CFSVA NEWS IN BRIEF

Post-Traumatic Stress

The increasing number of cases of post-traumatic stress amongst CFS volunteers was discussed, with concern expressed that often the signs of PTSD are not easily identified. The CFSVA will form a working group to review the incidence of PTSD amongst volunteers and an awareness campaign developed to assist members to identify the signs of PTSD.

CFSVA Election policy booklet

The CFSVA 2014 Election policy booklet continues to be a reference tool used by all political persuasion, and has proven to be a valuable asset. The CFSVA has recently commenced work on the 2018 Election booklet which will again be distributed to politicians in the lead up to the next State election.

CFSVA Constitution

Review of the CFSVA Constitution will soon be undertaken, with a working group to be established in the near future. As the review progresses the recommendations of the working group will be referred to the management committee and general meeting.

CFSVA Conference / Forum

The CFSVA is planning to host a full day conference at Roseworthy in April / May 2016 for all CFS volunteers. A planning committee will work towards setting a date and organising the event. Branches will be provided with more details as they are confirmed.

CFSVA Easyfuel Membership Card

To receive your CFSVA membership card please click on the link on the CFSVA website. On second page you will be asked if you have a promo code to enter into the box, please use the code CFSVA. When you receive your card in the mail "activate your card" by following the link on the CFSVA website. Contact the CFSVA office on 8244 6500 if you would like to participate in the CFSVA Membership Card scheme.

BankSA Community Partnership Program

The CFSVA is excited to announce a new, innovative fundraising initiative through Bank SA which can provide a direct cash contribution to your local CFS Brigade. The BankSA Community Partnership Program is a simple and effective way to generate additional funds to support your local CFS Brigade to continue to help South Australian communities. As a volunteer or friend of the CFS, you are eligible to participate in the BankSA Community Partnership Program. For every settled home loan that is referred to BankSA from a CFSVA member, supporter, family or friend, BankSA will pay a commission of 0.30% of the loan directly to your local Brigade. That is a \$300 payment for a home loan of \$100,000 direct to your local Brigade. Anyone willing to switch their current home loan to BankSA can participate – i.e. those willing to refinance their existing home loan.

To get started contact Matthew Borg at BankSA on [0466 350 357](tel:0466350357) or email cfs@banksa.com.au; alternatively, if you would like further information please contact Kirsti Oliver at the CFSVA office - kirsti.oliver@cfsva.org.au



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