



# CFSVA

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

This bulletin provides an update to CFS members.

## Australia Day Honours' List

### AFSM (Australia Fire and Service Medal)

#### Peter Venning AFSM - Bluey Devine AFSM

Congratulations to Peter Venning (Volunteer / Mawson Group Officer) and Bluey Devine (Regional Commander Region 4) who were awarded AFSMs in the Australia Day Honours' list. Peter has been a CFS volunteer for 43 years and Bluey has been with CFS for 27 years; both are very worthy AFSM recipients. Congratulations also to Adrienne Clarke and Scott Rogers from the MFS who also were awarded AFSMs.

Our thanks to each of you for your many years of dedicated service in protecting and serving South Australian communities.

## New Minister Appointed

Peter Malanauskas has recently been appointed the Minister for Emergency Services following the resignation of Tony Piccolo. Minister Malanauskas made phone contact with the CFSVA shortly after his appointment was announced and we look forward to meeting with him in the near future.

## Pinery Steering Committee

The CFS Pinery Steering Committee was formed in late December as a specific process to identify, and then implement any Lessons Learned from the Pinery fire.

The Noetic Group have been engaged to facilitate the process and in doing so has spoken to a number of CFS volunteers and staff involved with the Pinery fire.

The CFSVA is represented on the steering group by Sonia St Alban who has referred several key Pinery volunteers to the Noetic group thereby ensuring that the process both considers and is inclusive of the volunteer perspective.

### The process has adopted the principles of:

- "No blame"
- Lessons will always be learned from any event
- CFS is committed to continuous improvement
- CFS will consult and engage key people and stakeholders in what we do
- CFS will keep the process simple

### At the end of this process, CFS will have:

- identified opportunities for improvement from the Pinery fire;
- accepted or acknowledged any issues and consulted with those who may be interested in any such issues;
- worked with those who are interested in the solution to any issue to identify what CFS needs to do to address the issue, and;
- either implemented processes to facilitate any opportunity for improvement, or have developed a program (and allocated resources where available) that will result in the issue being addressed.

**It should be noted that the Pinery Steering Committee is a CFS process and should not be confused with the SAPOL investigation and report that is currently being prepared for the Coroner.**



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### **Uniform Review Working Group (URWG)**

The purpose of the Uniform Review Working Group (URWG) is to provide a forum for consultation with volunteers and staff regarding the requirements of the uniform and to develop recommendations to the Strategic Programs Committee.

A number of volunteers and staff have expressed interest in being part of the URWG, and will be soon be notified of the outcome.

### **Tasmanian Deployment**

The CFS Chief Officer has today sent out an email through the Volunteer Portal in relation to SACFS' assistance being provided to Tasmania.

A formal request from the Tasmania Fire Service was received by CFS requesting vehicles (but not crews) to form 2 strike teams (10x 34 appliances and 4 command and support vehicles = 14 in total) to be pre-positioned in Hobart. The Chief Officers and Commissioners appointed Emergency Management Victoria to coordinate all international/interstate assistance to Tasmania.

CFS appliances, support vehicles and their drivers will depart South Australia later today (27<sup>th</sup> Jan). All vehicles will travel to Bordertown and converge before commencing the road journey to Port Melbourne. The SA contingent will overnight in Horsham and arrive at Port Melbourne tomorrow for loading onto the Tasmania ferry. Vehicles are expected to arrive and be secured in Hobart on Friday (29<sup>th</sup> Jan). Drivers will then return to South Australia on Friday evening or Saturday depending on flight availability and bookings.

Regional Officer Ray Jackson (Region 1) has been appointed the CFS contingent leader.

The pre-deployed appliances will remain in Hobart until further notice. If volunteers are required to crew the appliances a formal request to CFS will be made by Tasmania Fire Service. At this stage there has been no request for appliance crews or strike team leaders. If a request is made the deployment will be arranged through the CFS State Coordinator and respective Regional Coordinators.

For Incident Management Team personnel: There has been no request for South Australia to contribute IMT resources. All arrangements for crews will be through your respective Regional Office. There has also not been any request from Tasfire or NAFC for aviation assistance at this time.

**The CFSVA wishes safe travel to all CFS personnel travelling to Tasmania.**

Chief Nettleton's full email is available through the CFS Volunteer Portal.

### **Clipsal 500**

The CFSVA has again this year made a request to the Premier for tickets to the Clipsal 500 event and has received a favourable indication from both the Premier's and Minister's office. At this stage we have no information in relation to ticket allocation, but will provide further details as soon as provided to the CFSVA.

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