

Youth Advisory Council

CFS Volunteers Association Report – October 2016 (AGM)

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The CFS Youth Advisory Council (YAC) have successfully held bi-monthly meetings, either face-to-face, or via Skype.

Please see below for various activities etc that the YAC have been involved in, or worked on:

- Encouraging young people within the CFS to become trainers
- Provided a discussion paper to COAC re the current CFS Uniforms. This in turn led to the creation of a Uniform Review Working Group. YAC
- Posters had been posted to all Brigades to try and raise the profile of the YAC.
- Promoted Youth Programs such as RYLA and Youth Parliament.
- A Social Media discussion paper was presented to COAC, with some changes in doctrine required.
- Help Sheets were created for using Office Groups & Skype for Business. These are accessible on the Volunteer Portal.
- Held a weekend (Expedition Compass) at Walker Flat. This weekend was an excellent for team building and future planning. Guest Speakers were Malcolm Jackman (SAFECOM), Adelaide Cooper (SAFECOM) and Sonia St Alban (CFSVA).
- The second Youth Frontline Leadership course was run at Brukunga. Once again, this was extremely successful. We utilised the Friday night to hold a forum, whereby members on the course were able to ask questions to CFS staff and the YAC, and vice versa.
- The YAC participated in the development of the CFS Strategic Plan.
- The YAC participated in the Project Pinery discussions.

Current elected positions:

- Chairperson – Scott Kennedy (R1)
- Deputy Chairperson – Sarah Duff (R5)
- Communications Officer – Matthew Cadd (R2)

Once again, I would like to thank the CFSVA for nominating me as their rep to the CFS Youth Advisory Council.

Regards,

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