



Council of Australian Volunteer Fire Associations Report

CFSVA AGM 2015

CAVFA has built on a successful start with the AGM and General meeting being held in Adelaide in conjunction with the AFAC conference.

A teleconference was held on the 7th October where it was agreed to go ahead with negotiations to print a magazine that will be distributed with some printed copies but distributed mainly by electronic means. We will as an association need to contribute stories that are interesting to other firefighters across Australia. With CAVFA representing approximately 250,000 volunteers across Australia will should get considerable interest from companies wanting to advertise and people wanting to read our publication.

Brian McKinlay, (Previous Chair) and I met with Larry Proud on the 21st of September in Melbourne to discuss getting volunteer onto the Public Safety Training Industry Advisory Group. The Group is part of Government skills Australia and provides guidance for Public Safety Training.

The Public Safety Training Package specifies nationally endorsed units of competency, qualifications frameworks and assessment guidelines required to perform effectively in the workplace for the following sectors:

- Aquatic Search and Rescue
- Australian Police Forces
- Emergency Management
- Fire Services
- State/Territory Emergency Services

While in Melbourne I also met with Stuart Ellis at AFAC and discussed the Certification program, VFBV efficiency survey, National ES memorial and the criteria, National Skills recognition by agencies, NAFC and it's expanded role, First Responder paper, E-Learning for Aiims, The closing of Mt Macedon for training, AFAC to tender for services and the training will be delivered on site

I attended the Rural and land management group meeting and some of the agenda covered Fire weather, Bushfire fuel classification, remotely piloted aircraft, Rural interface guidelines, National burning project plan, fire danger review, smoke, biosecurity, predictive services project, NAFC and FEAT reports, Himawari 8 workshop outcomes, construction in bushfire prone areas, IAWF fire and fuels conference, research program and Utilization projects

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