



**The Country Fire Service
Volunteers Association**

"Representing the interests of CFS Members"

2015 AGM PRESIDENTS REPORT

One of our biggest achievements in the last year would be the redirection, in regards to the manner that the Sector Reform was being conducted. Of course the actions that held the attention of the media and the general public was the rally in front of Parliament House with some 400+ volunteers and 50 vehicles. This was achieved by a wide diversity of dedicated volunteers, supporters from other areas of the sector and Politicians from most parties and of course the general public who really stood behind us in our endeavours.

A special thanks must be mentioned to those people who organised the various "*activities*" which were crucial to the campaign.

My belief is that without the effort of all these people, not only would our job be much more difficult, but that the outcome would not have been achievable.

Having said that, I would like to remind all members that although a great success was achieved, we must remain vigilant in the coming months for any proposed changes to the sector which will affect our Volunteers. I would strongly encourage members to participate in any consultative opportunities that arise in relation to the modernisation of the sector.

As an association, we have never been in such a strong political position than we are currently, which is going to be completely necessary to achieve a strong and vibrant Emergency Services sector in our state.

In regard to future directions, one of the main objectives that we as an association we must embrace is that of encouragement and support to our branches, with our aim for a stronger and more representative structure to our association.

Recently it was my great privilege to accompany Chief Officer, Greg Nettleton and Regional Commander, Bluey Divine to Amata for 4 days. We visited nearly all Brigades between Port Augusta and the North West of S.A, including the new APY Lands Brigades. Substantial knowledge was attained both in co-ordination and resourcing requirements in these remote locations.

In closing I would like to thank Sonia St Alban, Kirsti Oliver, Jeff Clark and Roger Flavell for their substantial effort and a job well done over the past few years, and congratulations to Roger on his appointment as CAVFA President.

Andy Wood
President