



Reunion – Museum Report / News letter October 2015

Good morning all a brief report on the highly successful CFS Reunion held at the weekend Plus an update on recent progress in regard to the development of the SA VFFM

What a really great weekend, starting with a dinner on the Sat night in the Naracoorte Town Hall with guests attended from across the whole State as well as interstate. Included in those attending were former Chief Officers Mr. & Mrs. L Johns Victoria, Mrs Anne McArthur wife of the late Don McArthur from Bairnsdale Victoria, Mr Alan Ferris, Mr Vince Monterola plus the current CO Mr Greg Nettleton between 130 & 140 guest were joined by Mr. Tony Pasin Federal Member for Barker, Dr Dunkin McFetridge Shadow Minister for Emergency Services, Cr Scott McLachlan and his wife, representing the Naracoorte Lucindale Council were joined by the CFS CO, former DCO Andrew & his wife Julie Lawson Assistant CO Mr. Rob Sandford and Mr. Jeff Clark from the CFS VA.

Sunday morning commenced with an egg and bacon breakfast in the Cartwright Pavilion on the Naracoorte show grounds. Following breakfast a large gathering assembled for a very moving Memorial Service honouring those that had lost their lives while fighting fire in Rural SA. The Service was conducted by Mr. Graham Dickson Eucharistic Assistant at Naracoorte Anglican Church Naracoorte. Later on Sunday afternoon the floral arrangement that was laid at the service by Anne Macarthur was presented to the Long ridge Aged Care Centre

Following the Service a Street Parade featuring ---- SA Police, the Naracoorte Pipe band and an array of fire appliance from the latest to those of yester yea took place along Ormerod Street to the Show grounds. Following the parade the public inspected an extensive display of CFS Memorabilia.

Sunday evening began with a BBQ meal followed by entertainment provided by the Shamrock Band from Bordertown. Mr Hall chairman of the organizing committee expressed his appreciation to all of the Museum working party member that had assisted in arranging the Reunion he said he wished to thank all who contributed in any way to what was a brilliant weekend Mr Hall said that he wished to particularly thank the Naracoorte Lucindale Council for there support and financial assistance over the week end.

Following breakfast on Monday morning the clean up began and planning for the next Reunion in 5 years time.

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Major progress has taken place with the Museum a step closer. Dot points listed as follows

- Survey complete ---- Draft plans and drawings complete ----- Memorial plans close to completion
- Lease signed
- Next step application for Development approval
- State wide fund raising under way ----- **we seek you assistance please???**
- Preparing Business plan
- Preparing land scaping and storm water plan
- If development approval is received we aim to have the Memorial open by the 4th May 2016
- Once development approval is received apply for grants as they become available.

Regards, Rex Hall AFSM

Chairman

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