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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS ASSOCIATION

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

This bulletin provides an update on some of the news and current affairs affecting CFS members.

CFSVA Update Pinery Debrief / Steering Committee

A Pinery debrief was recently held at Brunkaga.

The CFSVA was represented by Sonia St Alban, Andy Wood and Roger Flavell who attended along with CFS staff, Group Officers and a number of CFS volunteers involved with the Pinery fire.

There was good discussion throughout the day, with a number of points raised and discussed which will be considered as part of the Noetic report.

At this stage it is anticipated that the Steering Committee which was formed in late December as a specific process to identify, and implement Lessons Learned from the Pinery fire, will complete its work by the end of March ready for presentation to the Chief Officer.

The CFSVA will advise volunteers once the report is complete.

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.

CFS HERITAGE COMMITTEE



CFS Memorial Opening Ceremony FOR CFS

NARACORTE on WEDNESDAY 4TH MAY

Contact REX HALL for more details: gadang@rbm.com.au



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Letter from Hon Peter Malinauskas MLC Minister for Emergency Services to
CFS Volunteers dated 10th March 2016

HON PETER MALINAUSKAS MLC



Government
of South Australia

Dear Members of the South Australian Country Fire Service

As I approach two months since becoming Minister for Emergency Services, I thought it would be a good time to provide members of the South Australian State Emergency Service (SES) and South Australian Country Fire Service (CFS) with some initial reflections on my experience since becoming Minister.

Recently I had the opportunity to attend a CFS Volunteers Association Management Committee meeting in Gepps Cross. This was a great opportunity for me to speak with volunteers about the issues that matter to them and I look forward to getting out and speaking to many more volunteers in the near future.

I have long held the CFS and SES in high esteem. I have the utmost respect and admiration for volunteers who put themselves forward to volunteer in dangerous situations in order to respond to emergencies and protect people and properties. These selfless acts demonstrate an incredible commitment to community service.

The South Australian public is of the view our emergency services sector is performing well. The public have confidence that when there is a fire, the CFS or the Metropolitan Fire Service arrive promptly and put it out. When there is an emergency that needs SES attention, they are there quickly and they attend to the situation. Until I am presented with evidence that suggests that there are significant problems that need fixing, I see no need to make sweeping changes.

This does not mean that we shouldn't be challenging ourselves to achieve continuous improvement. There will be many opportunities, new ideas and new technologies, to help us continue to improve emergency management in South Australia and it is incumbent on us to make the most of these opportunities. As Minister it will be my role to ensure that we keep what is right about the emergency services sector in South Australia while identifying opportunities for the Government to better support and improve the sector.

What I have understood from meeting with a number of the dedicated volunteers that make up both the CFS and SES, is that you are on the front lines and you understand what works when you go about your business. I will continue to listen to you and will be doing all I can to support your service to the state.

As Minister for Emergency Services, one of the greatest pleasures of my role is that it is my duty to thank volunteers for their dedicated service to the state. It is a great honour to be able to write to you through our volunteers association to offer my thanks for your dedicated service.

I look forward to meeting many of you as I visit CFS and SES facilities across the state.

Yours sincerely


Hon Peter Malinauskas MLC
Minister for Emergency Services

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CFSVA NEWS IN BRIEF

Australian Fire Service Medal Awards



CFSVA Easyfuel Membership Card

The CFSVA is revisiting the activation of the CFSVA Easyfuel membership cards. Over the coming months Easyfuel & Mogas will make effort to visit CFS Brigades to issue the dual purpose CFSVA Easyfuel membership cards.

CFS Volunteers can still apply and activate the CFSVA Membership Cards via the website cfsva.org.au During the application process on the second page you will be asked if you have a promo code to enter into the box, please use the code **CFSVA**.

When you receive your card in the mail “activate your card” by following the link on the CFSVA website.

If you know a local business in your community that would like to offer CFS Volunteers discount on product or service please contact the CFSVA office on 0882446500 to discuss.



The CFSVA CFS brigade fundraising Initiative with Bank SA.

The Community Partnership Program is a simple and effective way to generate an additional income stream that will help support your local CFS Brigade continue to help South Australian communities.

For every settled Home Loan that is referred to BankSA from a CFSVA member, supporter, family or friend BankSA will pay a commission of 0.3% of the total of the loan directly to the club. That's \$300 for a local brigade on a home loan of \$100,000.

To get started please contact Matthew Borg, your BankSA & CFS Volunteers Association Partnership contact on 0466 773 317 or contact Kirsti Oliver at the CFSVA office via kirsti.oliver@cfsva.org.au



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