



SA VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS MUSEUM Inc

PO Box 1222, Naracoorte SA 5271

December Newsletter

What a challenging time we are experiencing at present. As you would be aware we had planned to hold an AGM for the Museum last Saturday the 28th however due to the ongoing restrictions it was decided to reschedule the AGM after the fire danger season.

Instead of the cancelled AGM, the Museum Board of Governance and Members of the Museum Executive conducted a Teleconference on Saturday afternoon. I will attach a copy of my Chairman's Report and some other outcomes from the Teleconference.

Chairman's Report to the special SAVFFM Teleconference

November 28th, 2020.

Thank you all for taking part in this Teleconference in place of the proposed AGM planned for this afternoon. To say this year has been a challenge would be an understatement.

May I begin by acknowledging with sadness the passing of the Late David Ghezzi who held the position of Vice President of our Museum Committee. David had been a great supporter of the SAVFFM for over 18 years servicing as Treasure for many years and more recently as Vice Chairman. David will be sadly missed not just as a supporter of the Museum but by myself as a great mate. RIP Ghez.

As a result of David's passing and of Graeme McPhee (groundsman) moving out of the district, two positions have become vacant. I will explain at Saturday's meeting however this will require some changes to the committee structure. I have taken the liberty of approaching several members involved and I am confident all vacancies will be filled at Saturday's meeting.

Words can't describe my thanks and gratitude to all who have assisted in any way in making our dream become reality!! As stated at the opening of the Museum earlier in the year thank you to all who have assisted in any way throughout the last 18 years.

It is now time to move forward to stage two of the development!!!!. I will add details from a newsletter that I circulated in November.

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How could anyone have imagined what events were ahead of us all when the Fire Fighter Museum was officially opened on the 16th of February 20. I will endeavor to dot point a few of the significant events that have occurred at the opening and in the last few months.

- Ash Wednesday Memorial Service was conducted before the Museum opening with Brenton Ragless the Guest Speaker.
- Over 200 hundred people attended the Memorial Service and Museum opening on the 16th of February.
- The Museum was officially opened by Mr. Tony Pasin MP Member for Barker
- CFS Chief Officer Mark Jones launched a book written by Rex Hall on the history of CFS Memorial and the Museum at the opening of the Museum.
- It was great to have four past CFS Chief Officers plus the current Chief Officer in attendance at the opening in February.
- Due to the COVID restrictions at the time this year's Memorial Service was cancelled. However, a wreath was laid and the flags were flown at half-mast in respect of those that lost their lives in the line of duty.
- Donations of money and memorabilia have continued since the opening. One donation being a Series 1 Landrover (x Gumeracha Command car) courtesy of the Birdwood Motor Museum.
- A significant donation has been of a Solar system "ENERVEN" valued at approx. \$ 15,000 plus installation at no charge. Thanks to Rob Snowdon for instigating this donation!!!
- Donation from Lucindale CFS Brigade of \$500
- The Museum has continued to open on request only until things go back to some sort of normality.
- The Museum AGM was planned for sometime in November.
- It is hoped to hold a Reunion at the same time as the Memorial Service on (April 10th 2021)
- *Due to recent developments this maybe now in doubt, maybe the AGM??*

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Museum committee structure as a result of Saturday's Teleconference.

Election of office-bearers in the interim until an AGM is conducted:

- ***Chairman: Rex Hall***
- ***Deputy Chairman: Alan Hall***
- ***Secretary/ Administration officer: Victoria Ghezzi.***
- ***Treasurer: Chris Hall***
- ***Board of Governance: R Sandford, S Bourne, and ex-officio, I Benjamin***
- ***Bank Signatories: R Hall, A Hall, V Ghezzi, and C Hall with any two to sign.***
- ***Auditor – Murray Nankivell***
- ***Groundsman: Matt Roberts***
- ***Membership Officer: C Hall***
- ***Advisor: Frank Brennan***

Items of interest as a result of Saturdays Teleconference

- Investigate the feasibility of combining the Memorial Service, AGM, and a Reunion on the 10th April 21
- Extend the showground lease until at least July 21.
- Make application to the Minister of Emergency Services for a renewal of the 3 year grant
- Paint the 40 ft container at the Museum site
- Discuss the future of Pantec prior to the AGM.

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- Invite the Prime Minister to the Memorial Service on the 10th April 21
- Membership to remain at \$15
- Re- locate Pantec

May I thank you all for your continued interest and support over the last two years. We now move forward towards stage two and .the completion of the Museum project.

On behalf of the Museum Board may I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy Near Year.

Regards

Rex Hall AFSM
Chairman



Museum members present on the thankyou day for “ENERVEN SOLAR” and “DONNA ELECTRICAL”
On the 19th October 20.

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