



Report to the SA CFS Volunteers Association AGM – October 2023

The paramount aim of the CFS Foundation is to provide support to CFS volunteers who are impacted in the line of duty, however, through the 2022-2023 financial year, we also achieved the following:-

- The CFS Foundation liaised with the Happy Valley CFS Brigade and Louise Hinck's family to bring together a memorial garden for Louise. The garden was opened in September 2022 by Premier Peter Malinauskas and Louise's daughters.
- Early in 2023 we supported CFS volunteers from the River Murray area who lost their homes during the floods and who incurred losses while fighting fires.
- We also held a social family day event in Waikerie to bring CFS volunteers and their families together to recognise and thank the CFS volunteers from the Riverland for their work during the floods.
- Through our long-term sponsor we provided the first atmospheric monitors to CFS brigades. These monitors are vital in ensuring the air is non-toxic before CFS volunteers enter burning buildings.
- Together with our sponsor Police Credit Union ElectraNet, we have continued to distribute Nespresso Coffee machines to our CFS brigades to improve amenities for volunteers.
- In conjunction with the RAA, we have provided funding for the CFS Community Engagement trailer in Region 1 and are now expanding this to the other regions. Through the RAA we have also provided other support to volunteers such as tickets to major events.
- The Foundation is continuing to fund the CFS Wellbeing Officer Jana Wurriehausen, with the support of SA Power Networks.
- Thanks to our Ambassador Nathan Van Berlo we have been able to give our CFS volunteers the opportunity to attend Crows games. Some even managed to get into the coveted change rooms to meet their idols.
- We have broadened awareness of the Foundation by being involved in major events such as the **AFAC Conference 2022**, the **2023 AFL Emergency Services Round** and the **ARC2023** plus managed dozens of fundraising initiatives.

The CFS Foundation Board bring a broad range of skills to the table, such as:

- Sue Renner who provides legal counsel and adherence with the CFS Foundation constitution.
- Anne Lucas who helps make the messages clear and aligned with our purpose.
- David Stobbe and Rob Nelson who provide expert stewardship of Foundation funds, enabling us to achieve maximum value to assist the volunteers.
- Andrew Lawson and Mark Sutton provide an understanding of the history, culture and mindset of the volunteers through their lived experience and extensive networks.
- Karen Ross who is the experienced voice of reason, articulate and skilled in all matters.
- CFS Chief Officer, Brett Loughlin who takes us inside the CFS, responds to our information needs and provides insights along with potential alerts regarding the wellbeing of volunteers.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions regarding this report.

Kind Regards

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