

CFSVA Lower North Branch

Report to State CFSVA AGM

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State Constitution

With the first full year of operation of the new State CFSVA constitution, a number of issues have arisen and are covered in a separate discussion paper to the AGM from the LN Branch.

A good aspect of the new constitution is the way the management Committee is structured and has worked, feedback from the LN delegates has been positive from all the meetings held.

The LN Branch has now adopted rules where a Branch Management Committee is in place with all Group Delegates automatically being members and again this has worked well at Branch level in seeking comments from Delegate on topics and discussions apart from full Branch meetings.

Topics

The following topics have been raised at Branch level and are in the process of being addressed;

- Branch Delegate role position descriptions
- Traffic Notice board
- Return to Work medicals
- Assist SAAS
- Branch Subs – non payment
- Fixed alarms - false calls
- CRD and Boundary issues
- Regional Staffing
- FFU's and Harvest Code of Practice
- Cadet Policy
- Discipline procedures
- PPE laundering
- Structural fire training

General

Thanks to the State Executive team for their tireless work in addressing the Cadet Policy, coming on the back of the PPE laundering project and prior to that the AVL rollout, all of which could have been and should have been better managed by the CFS and SAFECOM – hopefully we are better placed now as a result of the work of the Executive Team in consultation efforts – thank you!

Thanks also to the Lower North delegates to the Management Committee in Ray Bryant AFSM, Neville Kies AFSM and Jim Mitchell who ably represented the Lower North Branch as I was not eligible to attend the Management Committee meetings as I am currently a Board Member.

Given the number of topics that the Branch and State Executive Team are faced with to resolve, some of which have been going on for some years, I sincerely hope that funds are found to increase the support staff to the State Executive team in the coming weeks / months to ensure that things can progress accordingly.

Thanks, to Sonia St Alban for personal support to me on a number of issues involving individual members and to Kirsti Oliver for the support in all things administrative.

It continues to astound me that no matter when I ring, I can get support and advice on matters from each of you – Thank you.

This is my report.

Jim Sandford

President

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