



**Country Fire Service
Volunteers Association**
"Representing the Interests of CFS Members"

STATE PRESIDENT REPORT AGM (2025-2026)

The CFSVA over the last twelve months has seen a dramatic increase in workload, representing on additional committees, working groups and meeting with additional departments within CFS. This involvement is critical, enabling the association to represent the membership across abroad spectrum and be aware of matters that have the potential to impact on volunteers earlier. During the year, your CFSVA team have intersected, challenged, altered or referred policies back for further review prior to endorsement.

The CFSVA Executive are well aware of the significant challenges ahead, both for our volunteers and the CFSVA itself. Workloads are greater, time is difficult to find, and the cost-of-living pressures affect our entire CFS network.

The restructure of the CFSVA is crucial to deliver the best outcomes for volunteers, ensuring engagement and consultation with a larger membership base, whilst conscious of reducing bureaucracy, yet still delivering the desired outcomes. I acknowledge the enormous commitment from our Presidents for their engagement in the restructure consultation process. Change is sometimes difficult, but we all agree, modernisation of the association is required for its continued existence. The independent review validated our approach was necessary and in the next twelve months implementation will commence.

During the year we had the privilege of attending awards and recognition ceremonies, a fantastic opportunity to witness and acknowledge the dedication and commitment of our members.

Once again, the CFSVA sponsored the CFS State Cadet Championships recently held at Port Hughes on the Yorke Peninsula. Approximately 70 Cadets participated during the weekend. This was a great opportunity for our Cadets to make new friends, recognise the importance of teamwork and refine their skills. I would certainly hope this sponsorship can continue moving forward.

At the conclusion of this AGM, David Lindner will be handing over the Vice President's role. David has served the CFSVA exceedingly well, holding positions on the Management Committee, as Vice President and President over the years. It goes without saying that all of these roles require enormous amounts of dedication and commitment.

Over the last year, amongst the small CFSVA Executive team, we have been able to represent or attended over seventy-five meetings or events for the association. These meetings range from, Sector Advisory Committee, CFS Executive meetings, COAC, CFSVA Branch meetings, Awards Ceremonies, AFAC Technical Reference Group and CAVFA, just to name a few. I thank all of the Executive for a sterling performance in representing or attending on behalf of the association.

In addition, I wish to recognise the commitment from other nominees and Presidents that have represented the association on Committees such as, Infrastructure and Logistics, Work Health and Safety, State Awards Committee, CFS State Cadet Championships Committee, State Bushfire Management Committee, State Training Committee and attendance at RVMC's. Without your support the CFSVA would not have been represented at these forums.

When you reflect on the aforementioned, it is evident the CFSVA is proactive and continually committed to being engaged and informed in every aspect of every member's volunteer career. All of this being in addition to the day-to-day operation of the local branch or the state body of the association.

The road ahead will present challenges, staffing levels and funding for supporting volunteers will always remain as the priority and the CFSVA will continue to highlight and pursue these concerns.

I take this opportunity to thank all of the CFSVA team for their support, commitment and dedication.

Yours in service,

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