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CHIEF OFFICER GREG NETTLETON



I am writing this after 15 weeks as your Chief Officer on a cold, cloudy and wet day in Adelaide – a far cry from the warm and dry 28 degrees day forecast for Darwin from where I came. However, irrespective of the climate extremes and location, what I have noticed during this time is the challenges for the CFS are no different to those being experienced by fire services in the Northern Territory and elsewhere in Australia. Across the nation the challenges confronting emergency service agencies – including CFS - just keep on coming.

This year South Australia experienced a relatively quiet fire season compared to previous ones. As a result of early rains the Fire Danger Season was shortened. Instead of fighting fires this summer many of our brigades were assisting their communities in other ways including those affected or threatened by storms or flood waters. Additionally, CFS had staff and volunteers on standby to assist with floods in Queensland and elsewhere

in Australia and a small contingent was on standby to provide assistance to the earthquake response in New Zealand. One CFS officer, Bluey Devine while on secondment to SA SES was deployed with a SES contingent to Tully in Nth Queensland. Clearly the CFS is a multi-skilled organisation and I have been impressed with the commitment and ingenuity of our staff and volunteers to meet these challenges.

With the early end to the fire season I have been a bit surprised that some people think we will “hibernate” until the next fire season. That is far from the true picture. Each day I check our operations log to see what incidents CFS brigades have responded to and the types of calls for assistance are many and varied. We need to ensure CFS and its volunteers are recognised by the general public, the media and politicians as a 24/7/365 fire and rescue service that assists the community in many ways other than just bushfires. It is my intention to promote CFS as both an urban and rural fire service to ensure we receive appropriate recognition and resources for our important and essential community role.

One of the pleasant duties of being the Chief Officer is to see our volunteers recognised for their efforts and valuable contributions. Earlier this month I was fortunate to witness two senior CFS volunteers – Gerry Thomson (Deputy Group Officer Para CFS Group) and Merv Robinson (Hallett CFS Group) - being awarded an Australian Fire Service Medal (AFSM) at Government House, by His Excellency, Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce, Governor of South Australia.

We should also celebrate Tom Walsh, from the One Tree hill Brigade, on being awarded the Australian Institute of Emergency Services (AIES) Young Volunteer Award. Anzac Day this year saw 12 CFS Cadets from the Morgan, Meningie, Swan Reach and Tailem Bend CFS Brigades proudly representing the CFS at the Youth Vigil in Adelaide. Other highlights in the past few months include the return of the media section to CFS from SAFECOM – welcome back – and the completion of new fire stations at Hamley Bridge, Balaklava and Wilmington. Two of our brigades recently celebrated milestones in their respective brigade histories with Eden Hills celebrating their 60th anniversary and Angaston their 70th. Well done in serving and protecting your communities over these many years.

During the past 15 weeks I have been introduced to many people, have attended RVMC meetings in every region and met most Group Officers and the CFS Volunteer Association on several occasions. It is my intention to visit brigades to meet with volunteers and the communities they serve and protect. Over the coming months I look forward to getting out and about and meeting with you and your communities. Unfortunately the sheer size of South Australia and the vast number of brigades means this won't be done in a matter of days and may take some time to get around – so please accept my apologies if I don't get to your brigade this year.

Remember – stay safe and ensure that everyone returns home to their families and loved ones.

SUPPLEMENTING INFORMATION THROUGH A 'QR' CODE



In this edition of Volunteer you will notice this uniquely shaped item in some sections of the magazine.

It's a QR code which stores information similar to a barcode but can only be activated by an optical device, most commonly through an iPhone or Android-type phone, with a QR reader application.

By activating this app, the camera function will automatically open and all you do is simply point it to the QR code for the encoded information to be revealed. This may include a link to a website or other data.

The QR code on this page is linked to information about Prescribed Burning on the CFS website.

We hope you enjoy the added value that this function will bring to Volunteer.

CFSVA PRESIDENT KEN SCHUTZ



Back a couple of months ago I went to Sapper Larcombe's funeral in Kingscote on Kangaroo Island representing the CFSVA together with Wendy Shirley CFSVA ED, Chris Martin R1 Commander and Greg Nettleton CFS CO and to pay our respects to the family. Sapper Larcombe had joined the CFS as a cadet at the age of 12 or 13 yrs old and even though he had now joined the Army, he helped the local brigade whenever he came home and they were called out. Sapper Larcombe was still

only a young man when he was killed in active duty in Afghanistan but had probably lived more of a life time than most.

While at the funeral which was attended by hundreds of locals and many Government and Military officials I got to thinking that we all show our deepest gratitude for the job military personnel do when they lose their life but rarely do we show that same gratitude while they are with us and around us. I'm not sure what others think when they see a soldier walking down the street in uniform, my thoughts are generally along the lines of "That person is in the Army or Navy or Air force" and that's about it, there's no real thought of "I wonder what he/she has done for us?" or "I wonder what he/she has sacrificed for their country?"

It could also be said the same goes for firefighters, sure there is a quick thank you after firefighters put a fire out at someone's home or extricate someone from a vehicle involved in an accident but when there is a bushfire there are also accusations on how the firefighters didn't save this or that property, there are

complaints that the rescue crew didn't get to a vehicle accident quick enough, or firefighters should have controlled that fire.

Firefighters did not start the fire, firefighters did not have the vehicle accident, and firefighters did not blow the tree across the road; just as the soldier did not start the conflict that he now fights. But the soldier and the firefighter; of which Sapper Larcombe was both, continuously put their life at risk for the benefit of others with very little thanks until it is too late.

In the case of Sapper Larcombe, other fallen soldiers and the firefighters that have been killed while on duty, I can now only really say thank you to their families. However we still have time to say "Thank you" to all the Military personnel that are fighting our conflicts and to all the firefighters (volunteer or paid), that respond to a call for help every day, thinking very little about themselves and more about others.

If I had met Sapper Larcombe 12 months ago, I should have said to him "I thank you".

BOARD CHAIRMAN, SAFECOM DAVID PLACE



While thankfully the 2010-11 bushfire season was relatively quiet here in South Australia, there are a number of important initiatives that have been gaining momentum at the national level.

One of these is the National Strategy for Disaster Resilience. This is a strategy that was endorsed by COAG earlier this year and is being driven by the Ministerial Council for Police and Emergency Management (MCPPEM-EM) represented by our Minister for Emergency Services, the Hon Kevin Foley MP, and at officer level through the National Emergency Management Committee (NEMC)

represented by myself and Sandy Pitcher, Deputy Chief Executive, the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

The strategy focuses on the shared responsibility of governments, businesses and communities in preparing for and responding to disasters. It sets out concrete steps that governments at all levels can take to reduce the risks posed by natural disasters and better support communities to recover from them. Other actions will include steps to improve risk-based planning decisions, the take up of insurance and the provision and construction of resilient infrastructure. The strategy recognises that community-facing organisations such as the CFS are at the forefront of strengthening disaster resilience in Australia.

An implementation plan for how this strategy will be rolled out across Australia has now been approved by NEMC and will shortly be put into place.

Here in South Australia, the State Emergency Management Committee will be tasked with developing an implementation plan for the state consistent with the national initiatives.

Given the unprecedented wave of disasters recently faced here in Australia

and by our close neighbours, there is obviously a sense of urgency to deliver the expected outcomes.

What has this got to do with CFS Volunteers? Bushfire remains one of our greatest local, state and national risks and through you, the volunteers, we respond to these threats directly. But there is more; volunteering builds community resilience through this response capacity but also through increasing the local awareness of the threat of bushfire and role modelling good community fire safe behaviour. As we have seen on many occasions recently, strong communities who come together in times of adversity are more resilient communities and recover from traumatic incidents faster.

Volunteers are doing their bit and the strategy aims to ensure that you are supported by all levels of government, the private sector and by individuals.

I look forward to providing you with further information on this initiative in future editions of Volmag.

On behalf of the SAFECOM – and indeed every South Australian – thank you for your continued commitment as CFS volunteers.



TUMBY BAY'S BRUSH WITH FAME



*Tumby Bay Brigade members meet the Birds! From left: Mathew Bawden, Paul Southon, Jackie Southon and Stephen Nankivell.
Photo: Emma Pedler, ABC Online*

In early April, Perth's music sensation and one of Australia's best known bands "Birds of Tokyo" performed in Tumby Bay as part of the ABC's Triple J "One Night Stand" series of concerts for regional Australia.

The band had previously performed in Karratha (WA), Burnie (Tasmania), Humpty Doo (NT) and Gippsland (Victoria).

The concerts were held in remote locations which would normally have limited access to live music.

Tumby Bay fitted the "remote" profile as a coastal town on Eyre Peninsula, 45km north of Port Lincoln and just under 700km from Adelaide by road.

This also presented a unique opportunity for the Tumby Bay CFS Brigade to meet

the members of the Birds of Tokyo while attending the One Night Stand concert to provide emergency stand-by support.

Tumby Bay Brigade Captain Stephen Nankivell said his crew were pleased to briefly meet the members of the band as they mingled with the crowd.

"The Birds of Tokyo were great to see perform live and they were really nice people too," he said.

Other acts included Art vs Science and the Jezabels but the Birds of Tokyo were the clear favourites.

Have you had a brush with fame?

If so, we would love to see your photos and hear about who you met. Email your photo and the details to the CFS Corporate Communications team – corporatecomms@cfs.sa.gov.au

PETER MALPAS CELEBRATES HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

By: Rex Hall

On Sunday 27 March, twins Peter and John Malpas celebrated their 90th birthday at Hillside Lodge, Heathfield.

Ninety five guests enjoyed a great party atmosphere, afternoon tea and refreshments while catching up with friends that they had not seen for ages, some for up to 50 years. Guests at the birthday party included many of Peter's family, members from the Police Historical Society, Emergency Fire Service (EFS) and CFS past staff and long term volunteer friends.

Peter has for many years been a much loved member of the CFS (formerly the EFS). His initial career was in printing, but in 1948 he joined the South Australian Police Force, and upon graduating was posted to the Mounted Division. Peter chose the Mounted Division because of his love of horses. Two of his favourite mounts were "Quintellar" and "Gellibrand" — both very tall horses which, Peter quips, helped him to appear "six feet four tall" when he was in the saddle.

In 1949 he began his association with the EFS when Fred Kerr asked him to assist in organising the first smoke social.

Two years later, at Fred's request, he was seconded from the Force to the EFS — then based "in the old tin shed" at Kintore Avenue.

In 1949 Constable Peter Malpas was co-opted from his usual police work to help Kerr organize the social. This was a fortunate move for the EFS; their working relationship was so good that in 1951 Kerr asked for Malpas to be formally seconded to the EFS organisation where he became Kerr's right-hand man for many years.

Peter was one of a small group of police officers who became the nucleus of the EFS administration team and was promoted to Senior Constable in 1961.

When the CFS was established in 1978, Peter became an Inspector and later Superintendent in charge of Fire Co-ordination and Control and Service Training. In May 1980 he was appointed Deputy Director.

Country Fire Service Deputy Director, Mr. P.A. Malpas, AM, BEM retired on Wednesday 29th June 1983 after 32 years of service with the South Australian volunteer EFS/CFS.

For my wife Dawn and I, Peter's 90th birthday was a truly memorable



*EFS/CFS guests with Peter Malpas Celebrating his 90th Birthday
L-R Brian Menadue, Michael Arnold, Peter Swann, John Fitzgerald, Judith Robbins (nee Messenger) Natt Cook, George Polomka and Rex Hall.*

occasion, as it gave us the opportunity to meet and renew acquaintances with a number of the guests attending that we had not seen for (in some cases) over fifty years. It was a day that we will always cherish and remember.

Thank you Peter for your dedicated service to the EFS/CFS and congratulations on celebrating your 90th birthday!

AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS FOR CFS VOLUNTEERS

This year two CFS Volunteers were listed in the Australian Honours list on Australia Day. Gerald (Gerry) Thomson, Deputy Group Officer Para CFS Group and Mervyn (Merv) Robinson, Hallett CFS Group are both worthy recipients of the Australian Fire Service Medal (AFSM). Congratulations Gerry and Merv for your outstanding commitment to the community of South Australia and indeed Australia. Your tireless work over many years has been duly recognised.

CHIEF OFFICER RAISES FUTURE CHALLENGES WITH AIES

CFS Chief Officer Greg Nettleton was the guest speaker at the AGM of the SA branch of the Australian Institute of Emergency Services (AIES) that took place in March.

Greg spoke of his experience in incident management and the public's increasing demand for advanced warnings of emergency situations including cyclones, floods and bushfires.

"Australia has always had a long battle with nature and therefore the country's experience with fire, flood, cyclones, storms and natural disasters is something that has been here full time," he said.

"Emergency management rests with the states and territories that operate in a fairly complex environment which in the past relied on warning systems such as church bells and town criers, unlike today's more sophisticated warnings systems."

Greg said the tolerance for failure is low and the level of scrutiny for the delivery of preventative measures to mitigate the loss of life and property has become an expectation especially for fire services.

"The fire industry has probably been the most investigated sector of all, particularly in the last 15 years with all sorts of inquiries including Canberra, Victoria, Sydney and Wangary," Greg said.

"Wherever there's a fire there's usually a big inquiry afterwards."

Greg said future challenges will include balancing operational needs through its responses to emergency incidents with an increasing public expectation for more effective incident warnings.

"We're now in a new paradigm particularly for incident controllers, whether it's for a fire, cyclone or flood, when to issue the first warning," Greg said.

"Do we actually warn the community before we roll out the truck or do we wait until we get there but then it might be too late?"

The AIES is an organisation that is dedicated to the progression and recognition of emergency services functions in the community. It promotes and encourages professional standards in



AIES SA Branch President Barry Presgrave (left) with CFS Chief Officer Greg Nettleton at the AIES AGM.

the emergency services sector and is also a member of the Australian Emergency Volunteer Forum. More information about the AIES is available through its website at www.aies.net.au

COMMON INCIDENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

The emergency services and police agencies have developed their own robust incident system and arrangement to improve the management of emergency incidents.

The need for an effective and efficient system recognises that many emergencies require a response from more than one agency therefore necessitating them to work together to deal with the incident.

In the spirit of the valuable contributions between CFS, SES, MFS and SAPOL by working together for public safety, these agencies have endorsed the development of a common incident management system by agreeing to adopt a new framework.

This framework will enhance the existing Australasian Interagency Incident Management System (AIIMS) which is used extensively by the CFS and support SAPOL Incident Command and Control System (ICCS) which is based on a national counter terrorism model.

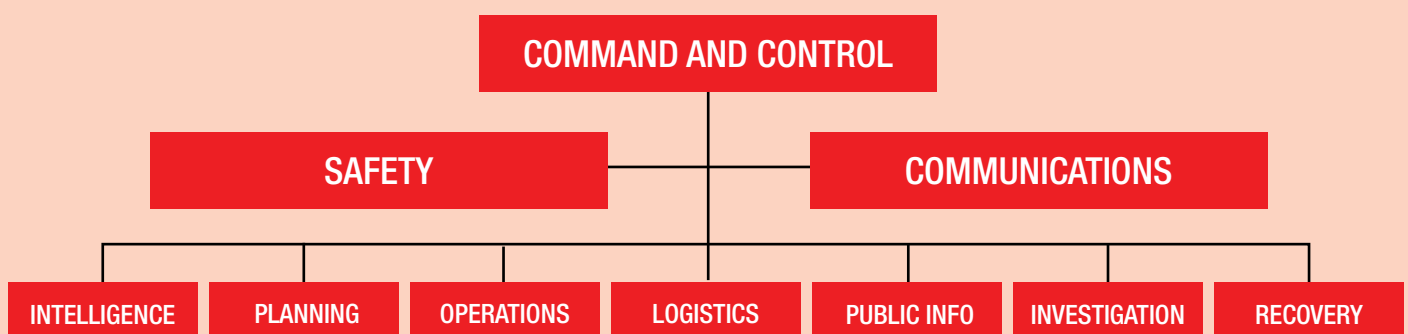
The agreed common incident management framework will feature some of the following principles:

- Functional management to be applied to incident management at all management levels – State and Regional – and in the field at operational and tactical levels.
- Functional management to align with the 10 responsibilities of a

control agency outlined in the State Emergency Management Plan.

- While the resolution of an emergency may require all responsibilities to be addressed by the control agency, the management structure built to resolve the incident will only require staff for function areas considered necessary.
- Some terminology may differ but the person leading the control agency in the field will be known as the Incident Controller.
- The control agency will create and staff a public information function if during an emergency a public information release is required.

TEN FUNCTIONS MODEL



230 YEARS OF CFS SERVICE

By: Bill Corcoran

230 years of service to the CFS and the people of South Australia was handed out to members of the Hynam CFS Brigade on Friday 13 May in Naracoorte. Brigade Captain, Nick Hillier, welcomed members and their partners along with invited guests. CFS Commander Phil McDonough handed out service medals and life memberships to Apsley CFA Group Officer Gary Smith and his wife Sue and also the Group officers from the Naracoorte group. Nick thanked all members for their support and ongoing service to the brigade and the community over the past years. He also acknowledged those members who at long last will get recognised for their long service.

MC for the night was myself Bill Corcoran, Hynam brigade member and Naracoorte Deputy Group Officer. My job was to keep the night flowing and make sure things were in order. Group Officer and Hynam brigade member Joe Hole was called to hand out 10 year service medals to the following members: Lacky McLean, Malcolm McLean, Rick McKenny, Shaun Watson, Helen Wray and Steve Biggins. Naracoorte Deputy Group Officer Shane Francis was called

to hand out 20 year service medals to Gary Burgess, Joe Hole, Trevor Wray, Marilyn Watson and Tracey Burgess.

I called Mrs Kaye Hole to help present a small gift to the partners of members and to thank them for their ongoing support and in many cases looking after the family and farm while their husbands were away at call outs. Myself and Mandy Corcoran got the idea after hearing about it from friends who are with Aldinga Beach Brigade and felt it was a great way to say a big thank you.

I called Commander McDonough to present a 30 year service medal to Marilyn Watson and a 40 year service medal to Frank Watson. Then it was down to the big one! Life membership was given to four long serving members all of whom are still very active in the brigade or at group level. Commander McDonough presented life membership to a somewhat shocked Marilyn Watson who almost fell off her seat when her name was called out, Frank Watson who has been a brigade member since he was 15, Gary Burgess who is a ex Brigade Captain and a most active member of the brigade and last of all Joe Hole who has been a member of the brigade for 23 years and before this, was a member of the EFS at Roseworthy.

Phil spoke about the life members and what they had done for the CFS over their time of service. Phil also passed on apologies from Andrew Lawson and Rob Sandford who were both unable to attend



L-R Commander Phil McDonough presenting Marilyn Watson with her 30 year service award.



L-R Gary Burgess, Hyman Captain Nick Hillier, Marilyn Watson, Frank Watson and Group officer Joe Hole.

but both sent along their best wishes for all. The night ended with a 10 minute DVD that Mandy and myself had made filled with photos of the brigade and some of the call outs that they attended over the past ten years. Special mention was given to those members who had attended the 2009 Black Saturday fires in Victoria, and also to fires closer to home and the great working relationship the brigade has with their CFA neighbours.

ROGER APPROACHES HIS SAILING AMBITIONS

In July this year, Project Officer for CFS Infrastructure and Logistics Roger Weal will retire from the workforce after 11 years with the CFS.

Roger's manager Arthur Tindall says that Roger's departure from the CFS will be a huge loss to the organisation as he is held in high regard by his peers for the hard work and dedication he has shown over the years.

"Roger has a great eye for detail and has an exceptional ability to work through issues thoroughly and efficiently," Arthur said.

"Roger's departure from the CFS will be a significant loss as Roger has built up so much knowledge of the organisation and the issues it has faced in the past.

"In his time with the CFS, Roger has seen many changes in the way that buildings are delivered and has always remained focussed on ensuring the best outcome for our CFS volunteers."

Roger says that he has enjoyed working for the CFS and loves seeing projects move from a concept on paper to a completed building.

"I would like to thank all those whose paths have crossed with mine and a friendly team at HQ who have always been helpful and have made a great work place atmosphere.

"I would also like to express my appreciation to the Captains and Group Officers that I have worked with over the 11 years. I have always appreciated the time they make available and their dedication to their roles. They, and all the other volunteers, are an amazing group of people who deserve enormous recognition for their ethos of serving the communities they live in."

Roger says that he has a few plans for his retirement future, but will largely take it as it comes.

"My immediate plans are to buy the sail



Roger Weal.

boat my wife and I would like to own, and cruise the local gulfs at our leisure on good weather days," he said.

"Of course, there will also be more babysitting duties with the grandchildren too."

We wish Roger the best of luck in his future endeavours.

SACAD UPDATE

By: Gary Bau

SACAD Overview

The South Australian Computer Aided Dispatch (SACAD) project is replacing the existing CAD systems in each of the SA Emergency Services Organisations e.g. SAFECOM (CFS, MFS and SES) SAPOL and SAAS. Whilst the same system will be implemented in each of the agencies it is being configured to better meet the needs of each individual agency as part of the project.

SACAD Testing

The System Integration Testing (SIT) of SACAD has commenced. This phase of the testing ensures that the new SACAD system can interact with the existing SAFECOM systems such as Fire Alarms, CRIIMSON and others. This testing is progressing with the major areas of current focus being the MFS MCTs and the CFS AIRS/CRIIMSON interfaces. These two areas are proving to be the most challenging to complete.

At the completion of SIT the final phase of testing will be User Acceptance Testing (UAT). This means all agencies (including CFS) load data into the test SACAD and test the new CAD against a number of operational scenarios. As this testing is done discussions will take place with the contractor (Intergraph) as to what works well and what needs changing. Major errors will be recorded and prioritised so that the system is working acceptably prior to the commencement of operator training.

SACAD Data Load Process

CFS brigade response areas have been completed and loaded into the SACAD mapping and we are sending these maps to CFS Groups for their records.

CFS fire stations and their locations (lats. & longs) have been loaded into the test SACAD including all appliances. The SACAD project team is now working on version 17 of the test SACAD and this simply means that as systems are refined and improved a new version of the software is developed.

Attorney Generals' Department (AGD) has a SACAD mapping team and they are continually producing new versions of the base mapping to be used by all Emergency Service Organisations (ESOs).

The Attorney General's Department (AGD) is also assisting the SAFECOM agencies with developing mapping files of brigade and station response areas, a new agreed MFS / CFS boundary for the metropolitan interface area and these files are then provided to the CFS for the drawing of their particular maps. Base CFS response plans are also being loaded in the test SACAD and these will be validated against each brigade response schedule as per the Group Operations Management Plans (GOMPS).

SACAD Training

SACAD training will commence when testing is satisfactorily completed. The training will include the Adelaide Fire Comcen Staff as well as Regional CFS groups who will be trained on the I/Net Viewer version of SACAD. This internet based version of the SACAD system will be used by CFS regional personnel.

CFS SACAD Team

The CFS SACAD management team includes the CFS Chief Officer (Greg Nettleton), CFS Deputy Chief Officer (Andrew Lawson), CFS Manager - Operations Planning (Malim Watts) and finally CFS State Operations Planning Officer – CRD (Gary Bau). These Executives and Managers are involved in various management boards and committees to oversee the project and ensure that SACAD is progressing acceptably and that the final result will meet CFS's operational needs.

In addition the project has established a SACAD Business Reference Group chaired by the CFS Deputy Chief Officer Andrew Lawson which has one representative from each Region.

R1 Terry May, R2 Jim Mitchell, R3 Terry Smith, R4 Tim Cooper, R5 Robert Davis, R6 Barry Hetherington and the CFSVA rep Jim Sandford. Each Regional Operations Planning Officer (ROPO)

also attends meetings together with CFS HQ staff including CFS Manager - Operations Planning, Malim Watts, and Gary Bau State Operations Planning Officer – CRD. Finally Andrew Hoyle, SAFECOM SACAD Project Manager and Bo Gacic, SAFECOM SACAD Business Analyst.

Should CFS members want any information regarding SACAD your volunteer reps are there to assist.

SACAD Implementation Timing

The implementation date has moved to late October 2011 and with the complexity of the SACAD project this is entirely understandable. Recent slippage has been caused by two main factors:

- The delivery of the completed SACAD system from Intergraph was later than planned.
- The testing of the system is taking longer than planned due to the issues encountered during the testing work. This is a positive aspect in fact as it shows that the system is being thoroughly put through its paces before it is implemented into Adelaide Fire. Testing is being done on all aspects of the system including hardware and software and all the system interfaces with SACAD including the Fire Alarms, MCT's, SAGRN paging and CRIIMSON/AIRS.

As the testing uncovers issues or problems (found both with the Intergraph software and also with agencies equipment and interface systems) this means sometimes refining solutions, additional computer programming work and then more testing. This means time delays. As testing is continuing there is always a risk of further delays if new problems are found however every effort is being made to minimise any delays encountered.

However despite all of the above the team really likes what they have seen of the SACAD system so far and are confident that the final result will be a much more sophisticated and robust CAD system.



Malim Watts, Manager Operations Planning.

BRAVERY AWARD FOR MALIM WATTS

In April His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce, AC, CSC, RANR, Governor of South Australia, presented CFS Manager Operations Planning, Malim Watts with a Certificate of Merit awarded by the Royal Humane Society of Australasia.

On 8 February 2009 at 6am, whilst preparing for a pre-planned live television interview, Malim dove to the rescue of a man who was drowning in the River Torrens. For several minutes he repeatedly duck-dived into the dirty, opaque green water despite a pitch

black sky and almost zero visibility and eventually was able to carry the man's body from the bottom of the river to the surface and assisted SA Ambulance Service Paramedics in lifting the man's body from the water.

Unfortunately the rescued man had been under the water for too long and could not be revived however this does not diminish this meritorious act. The CFS extends its congratulations to Malim upon receiving acknowledgement for what could only be described as a brave and selfless act.

THE CFS CONGRATULATES TOM WALSH

The CFS would like to congratulate One Tree Hill Brigade member Tom Walsh who on Monday 18 April 2011 was awarded the 2010/11 Australian National Institute of Emergency Services (AIES) Young Volunteer Award.

Despite holding a full time job, Tom has always maintained one of the highest attendance records to incident callouts from his Brigade. With his trade as an electrician Tom spends countless hours rewiring truck lighting systems and trailers and adding lights and power points within the station, and is always willing to get out his toolbox for whatever requires work.

Tom's maturity in his volunteering and decision making has also allowed him to take on a leadership role, being voted to Brigade Lieutenant in 2009 – a role that has almost exclusively been taken by members with a significantly higher number of years in both firefighting experience and age.

Such extraordinary dedication to the CFS prompted Brigade Captain Dave Cockburn to nominate him for the Award.

"Thomas is an extremely valuable member who contributes to all areas of Brigade life. He is a credit to himself and his family with the manner in which he conducts his volunteer work," Dave said.

Tom's love for firefighting began at a young age when he saw his first fire truck. From that moment on he was hooked and throughout his childhood Tom lived and breathed the thought of firefighting – never failing to tune in to Fireman Sam on television!

Three weeks before his 17th birthday Tom

joined the One Tree Hill CFS Brigade. Tom was an enthusiastic member of the Brigade and was excited when receiving his first call out to an incident, getting dressed into his boots in his lounge room before setting off for his first CFS adventure. Unfortunately Tom's enthusiasm was curbed slightly when he turned up to the station to find that all the trucks had left – from that point on Tom realised that he wasn't the only enthusiastic brigade member and that if he wasn't fast he would miss out!

Since joining the CFS, Tom has been involved in many life changing experiences including a deployment to Victoria where he helped provide emotional support to the victims of the devastating Black Saturday bushfires.

He was also involved in a Kangaroo Island deployment where he was caught in a burn-over. Tom says that this moment changed his life forever as he then fully realised the seriousness of being a CFS volunteer.

Tom hopes to teach up and coming volunteers not only about the many benefits of volunteering, but about the risks involved too.

Tom thanked the AIES for their generous award saying "I am extremely grateful for this award and I hope that the institute can continue it as it gives young people something to strive for."

"I would also like to thank my family for putting up with all the late night callouts and all my mates at the One Tree Hill brigade - they are my best mates. Thank you also to Dave for nominating me for this award as it means so much," he said.



Tom proudly displaying the AIES Young Volunteer Award.



Tom (centre) with CFS Deputy Chief Officer Andrew Lawson (left) and One Tree Hill Brigade Captain David Cockburn (right).

As part of the Award prize, Tom will embark on a journey of the high seas on the sail training ship Young Endeavour where he will further develop skills in teamwork, leadership and communication.

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GET READY FOR ROYAL ADELAIDE SHOW

It's that time of year again and planning for the Royal Adelaide Show is well under way.

This year the show will be running from Friday 2 to Saturday 10 September and the CFS will be joining other emergency services at the show to demonstrate what the CFS does. If you are available on these dates and would like to

represent the CFS at the show then you may be eligible to help at the stand. More information about how to apply and the requirements will be made available soon. If you would like to know when information is available or when the applications are open email corporatecomms@cfs.sa.gov.au

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For the last 15 years Willy has been self employed working from a small workshop tucked into the old town of Clarendon in the Adelaide Hills.

Willy has a long and active history with the CFS, starting his volunteer career

with Clarendon in 1983 and rising through the ranks to become Senior Firefighter, Brigade Lieutenant, Brigade Captain and now currently Deputy Group Officer 2 for the Mawson Group.

Willy originally designed and produced various bags, pouches and sundry items for the Clarendon Brigade. Soon however, interest from other Brigades led to Willy concentrating on the design and production of such items as crew bags, stowage bags and pouches, dropdown curtains, CBAB drag mats and anything related to stowage.

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CFS BIDS FAREWELL TO JEFF AYRES

After eight years of devoted service to the CFS, Community Education Officer Jeff Ayres passed on the Community Education baton for Region 2 on Friday 29 April to begin his retirement.

Starting out in October 2003 from humble beginnings facilitating CFS Community Education meetings with a whiteboard, some butchers paper, a set of pens and a clear message, Jeff helped to shape the Community Education Unit to what it is today. Now, meetings are facilitated with computers, projectors, a variety of publications and a website full of information but the message is still the same – Prepare. Act. Survive. It is essentially this message that Jeff has been so passionately delivering for the past eight years, empowering the community to be prepared for the event of bushfire.

Jeff says that he has enjoyed his time working for the CFS as well as the challenges that he has faced along the way.

"I enjoyed every meeting with the community as there were always new people there with different issues significant to them. The continual challenge to achieve meaningful and lasting engagement with those people and the uncertainty of how the meeting will go kept me on my toes and made it all worthwhile," he said.

During his time with the CFS Jeff met a lot of people, both staff and volunteers, who he says assisted him and helped to make his role so satisfying.

"I want to thank them all but will resist the temptation to name names because the list would be too long and I might miss someone. However I would include all my colleagues in Community Education and Prevention Services in Region 2, the Fire Prevention Officers in the various councils I have worked in and all the Brigades and Group Officers I have engaged with (the list is quite long now)," he said.



Jeff Ayres at the 2009 Paskeville Field Day.

Jeff has an exciting year ahead and already has many plans in place to get his retirement off to a flying start. His immediate plans include a seven week trip to Europe cruising around the Baltic Sea ports, spending a week (or more) in the Scottish Highlands and visiting an old camping mate in Orkney. During the trip he will also catch up for a reunion with old college mates and spend a fair bit of time with his brother and family in the UK.

Then, in about October Jeff's daughter in Melbourne expects to add twins to her family which will definitely involve some assistance and attention from the grandies! If adding twins to the family and a European getaway aren't enough to keep him busy, Jeff also has several home projects on the go including continual bushfire preparation and a renewed interest

in wood carving and whittling - currently making his granddaughter a rocking horse. One thing is for sure – Jeff's life will never be dull!

CFS Regional Prevention Officer Sonia Post says that Jeff's work over the past eight years has been invaluable and that he will be sorely missed by all CFS staff and volunteers – especially in Region 2.

"Jeff has been instrumental in raising community awareness of bushfire and the need to prepare both mentally and physically for the possibility of disaster," she said.

"The CFS is so thankful for all of Jeff's hard work and dedication to the cause - and to top it off, he is a damn nice guy!"

On behalf of the CFS we thank Jeff for all his efforts and wish him the best for the future.



GHOSTBUSTERS STYLE POWER PACK THE FUTURE OF FIRE FIGHTING?

A new body of research carried out in America has been looking into the use of electricity instead of water, foam or powder to extinguish structure fires. While some of the online forums are comparing the kit to that used in the Ghostbusters movies, is this really the way forward for the future of fighting structure fire?

Harvard University recently presented the research at a meeting of the American Chemical society. They investigated the

fact that electricity can affect the shape of flames making them twist, turn, flicker and even snuff them out. During the research the team found that applying large electric fields allowed them to suppress the flames rapidly. The wand like probe used by the team shot beams of electricity into an open flame, and in the testing flames were almost instantly snuffed out. The technology could also be adapted to put out fires remotely and could potentially save water supplies.

The research is obviously in the very early stages but if it did get off the ground there is no doubt it would be a significant change to the way firefighters operate. *If you discover anything new and interesting in the fire fighting world either in your brigade, across the state, nationally or internationally then contact the Corporate Communications Team and we can help you share your find through Volunteer Magazine!*

SMOKEY AND TED TO THE RESCUE



The gorgeous teddies for sale!

The CFSVA now has two cuddly friends for sale to members. In addition to our Trauma Teddies, we now have Smokey Koalas for sale at \$20 each. And as a winter special we will also sell the teddies at the reduced price of \$20 until the end of September. Both prices are inclusive of GST.

Smokey is of course the CFS Community Education mascot, and we will send out a brochure from the CFS Community Education department with each one. So now is the time for brigades to stock up on these cute little bears. To order contact our State Office on 8244 6500 or email admin@cfsva.org.au

FREE ENTRY TO NATIONAL PARKS

The Association, in conjunction with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), is once again offering free entry to most SA National Parks, through the CFS Volunteer National Parks Pass.

You can apply for the pass by logging on to the CFSVA website. On the front page on the right hand side you will see a blue heading "CFS Volunteer National Parks Pass. Simply double click on the heading, and you will go to the information page about the Pass. At the top of that page is a link to the application form. Fill it in online, or print off and fax or post to the contact details provided. Alternatively contact the state office and we will send you a form.

We have plenty of passes left, so get your application in. We have received very positive feedback from those members that are using their passes.



The CFS Volunteer National Parks Pass.

CFS VOLUNTEER FORUM HELD IN SOUTH EAST

A successful Volunteer Forum was held at the Mundulla Sporting Club on Tuesday 5 April. This was an opportunity for CFS Volunteers to raise issues and ask questions directly to a panel which included our new Chief Officer, Mr Greg Nettleton and Mr Ken Schutz, President of the CFSVA.

About 30 members from Tatiara and surrounding Groups attended the Forum. Attendees enjoyed a barbeque tea put on by the Mundulla Brigade at the very picturesque Mundulla Sporting and Recreation Club.

The Mundulla Forum was the first

such event that Greg Nettleton had attended, having only been with the CFS for a little over two months at the time.

"It was a great opportunity for me to meet with the grassroots membership and to hear first hand the issues of concern including training and recruitment," said Mr Nettleton.

Issues raised included:

- the difficulties in attracting new volunteers in rural areas;
- excessive training obligations;
- brigade meeting quorums;
- new AIRS report forms too difficult;

DRIVER FATIGUE LEGISLATION

The Association is pleased to announce that CFS Volunteers now have a complete exemption from the administrative arrangements for monitoring driver fatigue. This means that volunteers will not have to purchase, carry or fill in a personal work diary for any aspect of their CFS driving, including incidents, training, vehicle maintenance and CFS events.

We thank Minister Conlon for this common sense decision for the exemption from this legislation that was aimed at the long distance trucking industry, but dragged us in as we occasionally drive appliances of greater than 12 tonne GVM at distances more than 100kms. Thank you too to the CFS for their support on this issue.

Please note – this does not allow us to drive whilst fatigued, either for CFS or for work purposes the next day. Please refer to the CFS Driver Fatigue Policy.

As of 1 January 2013, the Federal Government will take responsibility of transport legislation including licenses. We now have to lobby at that level to continue the exemption.

- Body Mass Index (BMIs) affecting BA wearer numbers;
- too much time spent blacking out – we should be handing over to the property owner sooner; and
- the positive issue of the new BA reaccredits process.

The CFSVA would like to thank Tatiara Group Officer Brian Wiese and the members of Mundulla brigade for their assistance in organising the evening.

The Association hopes to hold two similar Volunteer Forums in the coming financial year – one in the Adelaide Hills area and another on Kangaroo Island.

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CFS FOUNDATION: OFFICIAL LAUNCH

The CFS Foundation launched an advertising and public awareness campaign in March to boost its profile to develop a closer relationship with the broader community.

The Premier Mike Rann officially launched the campaign at the Bridgewater Brigade and praised the efforts of the organisation's Board for their commitment to support volunteer fire fighters and their families. "It's a cause that recognises and honours the priceless and selfless contribution made by our state's more than 15,000 CFS volunteers," Mr Rann said.

As part of its campaign the CFS Foundation aims to enhance CFS volunteers' fire fighting capacity and expertise through fellowships, education initiatives and training programs. Through its fundraising efforts the CFS Foundation will also offer financial assistance to CFS volunteer firefighters and their families who have suffered through death, injury, loss or damage to their property or business while in the line of service through the

development of the CFS Volunteer Fund.

Mr. Vince Monterola AM, the Chairman of the Foundation was delighted to be able to thank and recognise the generous support of ElectraNet and also Solar Depot. The launch gave the Premier the opportunity to make a presentation to both organisations with a commemorative helmet.

Senior ElectraNet and Solar Depot representatives, including the CEO of ElectraNet Mr. Ian Stirling, and founder of Solar Depot, Mr. Troy Ryan attended the official launch of the CFS Foundation.

In Mr. Stirling's, speech, he stated, "We trust that ElectraNet's commitment of support to the Foundation and its volunteers will assist in some way to improve the safety of our state's highly-valued and brave, volunteer fire-fighters. And, through this support, also help in a small way to protect South Australia's widespread regional communities and our native vegetation, against the ravages of devastating bushfire."



Premier Presentation to Stirling and Ryan, Retrofit.

ElectraNet's support will fund the retrofit of CFS fire-fighting trucks at locations throughout South Australia. The specific retrofit may vary but generally include a heat reflecting blind, cabin spray system, in-cab breathing system, and/or remote pump control. The Retrofit on the CFS Nairne truck was unveiled at the launch.

CFS FOUNDATION ELECTRANET FELLOWSHIPS - OPEN

ElectraNet's financial commitment will support the CFS Foundation's upcoming Fellowship Grants, which will provide leadership and training for CFS volunteer fire-fighters. ElectraNet Fellowships will be provided in accordance of the merit/content of the proposed project or trial program. Fellowships will be provided to CFS Volunteers for projects to a maximum of \$10,000. To be eligible for an ElectraNet Fellowship, applicants must be serving volunteer members of the CFS with more than 10 years of exemplary service.

The purpose of the ElectraNet Fellowship is to assist CFS volunteers to undertake studies in Australia and/or overseas, a formal course of education or training or through programs with other agencies to advance education and/or professional standards as a CFS volunteer

fire fighter. Some examples include:

Formal course of education, training or being attached to a study group with other agencies to advance skills, knowledge or leadership ability within the emergency services sector will be considered.

Development of individual vocational skills, knowledge and understanding in order to improve the range, quality and efficiency of the emergency services undertaken by the CFS for the benefit of the community.

All applications will need to be endorsed by the applicant's Brigade Captain and Regional Commander prior to submission identifying how the community and the CFS will benefit from the proposed study program.

Guidelines and application forms will be available from 1 July 2011,

accessible via www.cfsfoundation.org.au. Applications must be received by 31 July 2011. Recipients of a fellowship will be announced in October for the period January – December 2012.



Electranet Executives.



Rog Snowdon with Helicopter.

BOARD INDUCTION PROGRAM

For members of the CFS Foundation Board to gain a broader understanding of the work being undertaken by the CFS, members recently spent a day visiting the Emergency Operation area of head office, the Aldgate and Oakbank fire stations viewing the roadside emergency

and HAZMAT equipment, Region 1 office and the Brukunga Training Centre. In addition Board members were briefed by the Deputy Chief Officer, Managers of Operation Services, Infrastructure and Logistics, Aviation Services, Training and Community Education and Public Warnings.

MEDIA CAMPAIGN THANK YOU

In developing the media campaigns, it was important that the work of CFS Volunteers is a strong feature. The Foundation sent out a call for help from CFS volunteers and their families throughout SA and we were overwhelmed by the response we received. We provided our campaign developers Clemenger BBDO with all these contacts who undertook a rigorous process to ensure the best result.

The commitment of families time and effort to work with the entire crew from Clemenger BBDO was very significant. We were very fortunate to have the support of the Vickery and Ewin families from the Stirling and Aldinga Beach Brigades respectively for the development

of the TV and print media campaigns. Initially, the television radio and print media campaigns have been rolled out via Channel 7, Radio 5AA, Coast FM, and Barossa FM.



Ewins Family with Vince.

On behalf of all the team at the CFS Foundation we would like to extend our thanks to you all for your help to encourage support for the work of the CFS Foundation.



The Vickery Family.



Bryce Coombe.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

Recently, Clemenger BBDO developed the fundraising awareness media campaign which is currently running. At the conclusion of this work, Mr. Bryce Coombe, Head of Accounts Management was invited to join the CFS Foundation Board. The appointment of Mr. Coombe further broadens the depth of knowledge and reach of the Foundation into the broader community.

Following his graduation with a Bachelor of Visual Communication (Graphic Design) from UniSA, Bryce began his career working in the marketing departments for local and national retail businesses. During this

time he moved from Graphic Design into management roles. Bryce joined Clemenger BBDO Adelaide in early 2007 and is now the Head of Account Management. He has worked on some of South Australia's biggest brands and campaigns including SA Lotteries, Motor Accident Commission, SA Water, Hills, Elders, WorkCover and AdelaideNow. Bryce is an active member of the Advertising community in South Australia, and has previously sat on the Adelaide Advertising and Design Club Executive Committee, chaired the AADC Education Committee, chaired the Communications Council Youngbloods Committee.

DO YOU HAVE THE WILL TO GIVE?

A bequest can make a significant difference to the lives of CFS volunteers who have been injured in the line of service or to those families who lost a CFS volunteer through their service. Leaving a bequest to the CFS Foundation means that you have the use of your funds or property during your lifetime with the opportunity of leaving part of all of your money or property to the CFS Foundation on your passing.

Speak with your legal advisor for advice or call the Executive Officer, Elizabeth Davis for further information.

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MULTI-AGENCY ROAD CRASH RESCUE ASSESSMENTS

By: Corey Frazer, CFS State Training Officer

In late March, Road Crash Rescue (RCR) Trainer Assessor's from the SA SES, CFS and MFS came together during a weekend at the State Training Centre to take part in a professional development workshop.

This course was associated with the draft release of the Multi-Agency 'Undertake Road Crash Rescue' training resource material.

Participants shared their experiences as trainer assessors and RCR practitioners, with the aim of sharing their knowledge and experience over the weekend.

The forum was introduced to components of the newly developed Multi-Agency Undertake Road Crash Rescue, Training Resource Kit (TRK). Representatives of the Technical Advisory Group and the Assessment Development Group presented overviews of the Leaner Guide, the Assessment Tool Kit and the associated mapping document. Discussions progressed through reviewing the newly developed Safe Work Practices, previously known in CFS as Fireground Practices.

This forum was challenging and exciting with all three rescue agencies working towards refining the standards by which

they will conduct their road crash rescue training. The remainder of day saw the SES and CFS display their training resources and concluded with all three agencies participating in a short session demonstrating several unique extrication techniques.

On the final day, the SES and CFS demonstrated the benefits of combining their resources during a number of practical training scenarios. This included two rescue teams undertaking a complex rescue scenario involving six casualties between three vehicle wrecks which demonstrated the highest level of skilled rescuers in SA.

Every participant thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of each scenario where combined experience, knowledge and an ability to utilise each other's resources was put to the test with successful outcomes.

The weekend was a significant success in enhancing the skills of trainer assessors from all three agencies in their methodologies, principles and practices. The next stage will see them return in the very near future to validate each Trainer Assessor in the new Multi-Agency Undertake Road Crash Rescue, Training Resource Kit.



SES Volunteer RCR Trainer Stuart Lambert, with forum participants and the SES State Training Vehicle.



MFS Coordinator of Quality Learning Systems, Cassandra Curtis talking to the forum about the assessment tool kit.

BRIGADE TRAINING ACTIVITIES – SKILLS MAINTENANCE DRILL SHEETS

By: Greg Stone, A/State Training Officer - Rural

Brigade Training Coordinators will often arrange for practical activities to be undertaken on the Brigade's usual training night. This can present issues for the Brigade in ensuring that the required trained personnel are present at these sessions, there is sufficient time available and that the sessions are varied to include a wide range of safe work practices. Too often it can be the same people doing the same thing week after week and Brigade Training Coordinators start to run out of ideas.

Skills Maintenance Drill sheets have been developed to assist Brigade Training Coordinators to provide practical training sessions with defined outcomes including basic skills and safe work practices that are used when responding to common types of incidents.

These can be downloaded from the CFS website by logging into the 'Members' area and going to the 'Training Section'. Under the 'Skills Maintenance Drills' tab you can find the Skills Maintenance Drills, a document that explains how to use them and a feedback form.

The Skills Maintenance Drills include rural drills and some basic incident drills that can be achieved by members who have completed Basic Firefighting 1. As drills for urban and specialist skills (CABA, Hazmat and Road Crash) are developed, they will be placed on the CFS website.

Brigade Training Coordinators may choose to develop their own brigade training activities based around specific risks within their area of response. When developing these activities,

Brigade Training Coordinators need to be clear and specific about what skills and safe work practices they want to include, and the type of activity that is used. There is often confusion between what a 'drill' is and what an 'exercise' is. The document '*Notes on Drills & Exercises*' can be downloaded to provide guidance on developing these tools. The Skills Maintenance Drill sheets are examples of what is known as a Combination Drill.

If Brigades download and use these drills to complement their existing training plans, please also download and complete one of the evaluation forms and send it via fax (08 8388 6997) or email (cfstraining@cfs.sa.gov.au) to the CFS State Training Centre.

TRAINING DEPARTMENT HOSTS THE DEEP EXPLORATION TECHNOLOGIES COOPERATIVE RESEARCH CENTRE (DETCRC)

Members attending the State Training Centre over the next eight years will become used to seeing staff and trainees involved in the Deep Exploration Technologies Cooperative Research Centre (DETCRC). The DETCRC was established to address the most significant challenge to the future of the minerals industry, i.e. the reduction in the mineral resources inventory due to high production rates and low mineral exploration success.

DETCRC is currently working to establish a drilling research and training facility in a mine at the rear of the State Training Centre at Brukunga. The Brukunga mine site is located 4km north of Nairne and 40km east of Adelaide in the Mt Lofty Ranges. No mining has occurred at the site since the mine closed in 1972.

While access to the mine site in Brukunga is being granted the drilling rig which will be eventually used on the site is being stored at the Training Centre and is an ideal location for training to take place.

The State Training Centre will supply the DETCRC with their training, catering and accommodation needs over the coming years as the project continues to grow and develop.

The DETCRC will deliver research programs in more successful, cheaper and safer ways to drill, analyse and target deep mineral deposits. With \$AUS112m of cash and in-kind funding from the Commonwealth Government of Australia and its Participants, the DETCRC is the world's best-supported independent research initiative in mineral exploration.

The DETCRC will manage an eight

year program funded by \$28m cash from the Commonwealth Government, \$21m cash (and \$12m in-kind) from Industry Participants, and \$50m in-kind from its research providers. The inaugural participants in DETCRC are:

- Barrick
- BHP Billiton
- Boart Longyear
- Gold Fields
- Newcrest
- South Australian Government (PIRSA)
- Vale

And also the research providers:

- CSIRO
- Curtin University
- Geoscience Australia
- University of Adelaide, and
- University of Western Australia



Rig arriving at Brukunga.



Oil Rig training at the State Training Centre.

BLACKWOOD BRIGADE - SHORT HISTORY

1954 November- Blackwood Volunteer Fire Brigade and Fire Control Committee was formed.

1950 February- A Beresford-Stork trailer pump was presented to volunteers by the Director of the Emergency Fire Service, Mr Fred Kerr. Work had begun on the first appliance, a second hand Ford chassis with a Masonite body. The appliance saw nine years of service including the 1955 Black Sunday fires.

1960 May- An International AA130 replaced the Ford appliance and saw 12 years of service including the two Blackwood High School Fires.

1972 December- A replacement four wheel drive International D1610 was received and fought both of the Ash Wednesday bushfires.

1982 December- Blackwood Fire station was extended and refitted

in readiness for new larger size fire appliance.

1983 A replacement Mercedes Benz 911B four wheel drive appliance was received and fitted with heavy hydraulic Rescue Equipment.

1992 An Isuzu Dual-cab Rescue Appliance was received and fitted to perform both normal firefighting duties and Hydraulic Heavy Rescue Equipment for extrication at motor vehicle accidents.

2007 New specialist 24CAFS appliance delivered to brigade to replace the Mercedes 911B

2011 The Blackwood Fire Station has been renovated to accommodate modern larger appliances. The brigade currently has 35 firefighters and averages 270 incidents a year and provides immediate support to other brigades in the Sturt group and surrounding areas.

CFS VOLUNTEER PROFILE - JAMIE EMSWILER

Real name + nickname:

Jamie Emswiler (Jimmy)

What brigade do you belong to?

Blackwood

How long have you been a CFS volunteer?

6 years.

Why did you join the CFS?

To give something back to my local community.

What's your favourite memory with the CFS?

Any Annual General Meeting.

What do you do when not firefighting with the CFS?

I'm a teacher.

After a long stint of firefighting, what food and beverages do you crave?

Pizza and a beer.

What do like to listen to on the drive home from a job?

The sound of my crew bragging about the big one I missed last week!



What would be your ideal holiday destination? (Not during fire season of course!)

Fishing for Black Marlin off the coast of Darwin.

WHO'S WHO IN



Name:

Xenia Ottens

Title:

Regional Administrative Officer

Role in the CFS:

Currently Acting Business Service Officer.

Location:

Region 6 – Port Lincoln Emergency Services Centre 32 Matthew Place Port Lincoln and the rest of Eyre Peninsula to the WA border.

A typical working day involves:

Basware mediator, fire appliance trapeze artist, vermin exterminator, chauffeur for Regional Commander, freight controller and distributor, IT trouble shooter, PPC inside leg measurer, mouse dirt eliminator, highway bitumen and white line inspector and kangaroo dodger.



Name:

Joel Schirmer

Title:

Business Manager (SAFECOM position embedded within CFS)

Role in the CFS: Provision of financial management advice to CFS. This includes coordinating the allocation of the budget, monitoring financial performance, maintaining compliance with financial policies and supporting the development of business cases and new funding proposals.

Location: CFS Headquarters, Level 7.

A typical working day involves:

While my working day often includes spreadsheets and lots of numbers, there is actually a fair bit of variety from day to day. My working day could include analysing the CFS budget position, providing financial advice to other managers on spending proposals, briefing the CFS Executive or preparing briefings for the Minister for Emergency Services on financial matters and particularly during the Fire Danger Season, monitoring the cost impact of major incidents.

Name:
Chrisanthi Genoff

Title:
Executive Assistant
to Chief Officer

Location: Head
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60 Wymouth St.

**A typical working
day involves:**

Organising the Chief Officer's diary including all meeting requests and other meetings that the Chief is required to attend. Organising the Chief Officer and Executive staff with travel and accommodation. Answering all incoming calls to the Chief Officer and assisting with any enquiries pertaining to the CFS. Answering regional staff enquiries. Liaising with the Ministers' Office regarding Briefings.



Name:
Jen Marsh

Title:
Regional
Prevention Officer

Role in the CFS:

Provide advice regarding permits, general fire prevention and executive support to the Limestone Coast Bushfire Management Committee (LCBMC). Deal with plans, policies and guidelines relating to bushfire management, applications for veg removal to reduce fire risk and fire prevention etc. Also an operational staff member and support the Building Fire Safety Unit (BFSU).

Location: Region 5, Naracoorte.

A typical working day involves: During the fire danger season regularly give out advice regarding permits and what fires can and cannot be lit without a permit. Liaise with local council's, Fire Prevention Officers and the public regarding permits, native veg applications, general fire prevention etc. Liaise with the BFSU regarding general enquiries and act as an Executive Officer to the LCBMC. Attend and pass on information regarding fire prevention and bushfire management to the R5 Regional Volunteer Management Committee, Group Meetings and I am regularly on-call as a regional duty officer. Attend incidents and provide advice to Groups where required.



SPOTLIGHT ON... SONIA POST, REGION 2

Real name + nickname: Real Name

– Sonia Post, **Nicknames** – Postie, Aunty Son Son, Potsy, and many others depending on who is around.

What is your role in the CFS?

My current role is the Regional Prevention Officer in Region Two.

How long have you been with the CFS?

I have been a volunteer for over 18 years and a staff member for just over 10 years.

What's your favourite memory with the CFS?

All the funny times that make great stories that can be shared and remembered. Had some great times in the CFS with some great people. I have also met and worked with some wonderful people from all over the State because of CFS.

What are your favourite and least favourite aspects of your job?

My favourite part is the people I work with (staff and volunteers). I don't really have a least favourite part of the job, but at times I do get tired and then a bit grumpy, I don't like being grumpy.

After a long stint of on call duties, what food and beverages do you crave?

Nothing much except a good night's sleep and a home cooked meal.

What do like to listen to on the drive home from the office?

Generally in the mornings I tune into 102 FM because I am a massive Jason "Snowy" Carter fan, he always finds the funny side of everything and the stories he tells about his family crack me up. I would love to get his autograph one day.

Apart from the Bushfire Ready DVD what movies/television keeps you entertained?

Anything that has pictures and sound. When I get the chance I like to watch Neighbours and Home and Away – my grandfather loved these programs and for many years we used to sit together each night with a cup of tea and watch them, I can't break the habit.



Sonia as a cartoon!

Besides working for the CFS, what interests you?

My family is very important and I spend a lot of time with them, especially my nephews and nieces, we have a lot of fun together and enjoy each others company. When I have time, I do bits and pieces here and there for friends and family and every now and then a bit of community work in Two Wells.

What would be your ideal holiday destination? (Not during fire season of course!)

I usually spend my holidays on "projects", last holidays I painted the exterior of my Mums house and helped friends with planting trees on their farm. I haven't planned the next lot of holidays but I think one of my sisters has some odd jobs that need doing.

Where will you be found when you're not working or volunteering for the CFS?

I think I will always be involved one way or another with CFS it has been a very big part of my life. If I wasn't involved with the CFS I would have to find something else that is as worthwhile doing as CFS, paid or unpaid.



By: Natasha Huber

ANGASTON SCHOOL VISIT

The CFS Community Education Unit and the local Angaston CFS Brigade were recently invited to the Good Shepherd School in Angaston. We took this opportunity to show the children the difference between the CFS and MFS. The children were lucky enough to have a brigade and truck from each agency and were absolutely delighted to see two big trucks in attendance at their school.

"Dragon", our fire-breathing dragon and "Cuffs" our collie puppy paid a visit to the children. Dragon and Cuffs are puppets that are used to connect with young children while entertaining. Using puppets helps to teach children how to stay safe from fires by drawing their attention to the subject.

The R-3 children learnt about fire safety and created a log book about what they need to know and do when it comes to

fire safety. To get the children involved we played lots of games to learn about fire safety like "stop, cover, drop & roll, get, down, low, and go, go, go". We also talked about where we live and what number to call in an emergency. The children also learnt about the importance of knowing where your meeting point is if you need to wait for the emergency services.

"Going into local schools is a great way to engage with the local community and let them know what the CFS does and also get across some important safety messages" Natasha Huber, Coordinator Community Programs said. "I would like to say a big thank you to the Angaston Brigade and the MFS crew for helping us. The children had a great time and really appreciated us taking the time to come and visit them." If you are interested in visiting a local school

in your area, please contact the Community Education Officer in your region.

Below is some of the feedback we received from the school children:

"Thank you; it was a really cool lesson. My favourite part was going in the fire trucks," Lauraa Davis.

"I didn't know about the MFS," Jack Arnold.

"It was a really cool lesson because we learnt how to use a fire hose," Alistair Linke.

"I learnt that the CFS had six seats inside the fire truck" Ryan Noack

"It was a great lesson. I learnt that Angaston 34 on the CFS truck meant that it can hold 3000 litres of water and the four means 4-wheel-drive," Cassie Fechner.

CELEBRATING HARMONY

This year was the first time the CFS took part in Harmony Day celebrations and it proved a hit with the local community. As part of the international celebrations the CFS and Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) hosted BBQ's in Mount Gambier and Renmark. This allowed the community to learn about the service it provides and was a good opportunity to promote fire safety messages. Harmony Day is traditionally held in March to coincide with the United Nations Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination but cultural diversity celebrations are held all week long. The event in Mount Gambier involved a sausage sizzle lunch and an English language class provided by the Migrant Resource Centre. Over 20 people attended and CFS Compton Brigade and Community Education Officer Vikki Hann were on hand to talk to members of the public. In the Riverland, 27 families from the local Afghan community were invited to attend an open night at the Renmark MFS station. The MFS crew from Renmark, volunteers from Paringa Brigade, Chaffey Group Officer, Rob Ziersch and of course Smokey were in attendance.

A total of 70 people attended the event and a local Afghan secondary student acted as a translator during a short talk about the role of the MFS and CFS. People were then given the chance to explore the station and even operate some of the appliances. The BBQ was manned by the MFS team at Renmark and CFS volunteers. It was specifically catered for through a Halal butcher serving typical Afghan bread and sweets.

Region 3 Community Education Officer, David Rowe, said that the aim of the evening was to involve and welcome an important part of the community that might not normally feel comfortable or welcome in a uniformed community service organisation. "The evening proved to be a worthwhile experience for both the Afghan community, the MFS and CFS. As a result of the relationship and trust built through this initiative, it paves the way for more similar activities to occur and for greater cooperation between both fire services to work together and promote fire safety and community spirit" Mr Rowe said. To find out more about Harmony Day visit www.harmony.gov.au



Left to Right, K Haebich, S Wait, N Huber, G Jungfer & T Holmes with the students.



Organisers of the Mount Gambier Harmony Day event, George Rodis, SE Regional Manager, MFS, Heather from the Migrant Resource Centre and Vikki Hann, CFS Community Education.



A Harmony Day participant tries out a firefighting outfit.



A Compton CFS fire truck draws attention on Harmony Day in Mount Gambier.

CFS AT THE CARAVAN AND CAMPING SHOW

Members of the CFS Community Education Unit will be at the upcoming Caravan and Camping Show to be held at Wayville Showgrounds 28-31 July. Every year, thousands of families and grey nomads journey across the state travelling through and staying in bushfire risk areas. Tourists and travellers can be particularly vulnerable to bushfire because they don't know the local conditions and roads and they may not have thought about the need to be aware and prepared.

The CFS Community Education Team will have a stand at the Show to speak to the thousands of outdoor living enthusiasts expected to attend. We'll be highlighting the importance of having a Bushfire Safety and Survival Plan while on holidays, as well as at home.

The Show is run by the Caravan and Camping Industries Association of South Australia (CCIASA), who represent South Australian traders in the outdoor leisure industry. CCIASA promotes the broad industry within the state and also works to improve the welfare and business success of its



An image of what travellers may be faced with on a day of high fire danger.

members. The CFS will be working with the CCIASA to assist its members and partners to develop bushfire plans for their businesses by offering Bushfire Preparedness Business Workshops. The

CFS Community Education team look forward to working with the association and its members to ensure both traders and their customers are Bushfire Ready.



Thursday 28 to Sunday 31 July 10am-5pm Daily
Adelaide Showground www.SACaravanAndCampingShow.com.au



AVIATION ROUND UP

By: Matt Davis - Operations Services
Support Officer Aviation / Hazmat

Although the 2010/11 Fire Danger Season was quieter than previous years, Aviation Services were still kept busy ensuring the many strategic airbases and our ground crews across the state were adequately resourced and trained. More than 350 volunteers and staff undertook training in one of our two training courses, **Working with Fire Bombing Aircraft or Work Safety Around Aircraft**.

Working with Fire Bombing Aircraft is a course offered to all volunteers and gives a good knowledge of how to safely and effectively work with and manage the aircraft at a fire. This course alone saw around 200 volunteers being trained and Aviation Services is delighted by the interest and involvement of CFS volunteers in these training sessions.

Training is also offered to our crews that operate our airbases across the state and this is by way of a specialist course, "Work Safely Around Aircraft". This course can only be conducted when we have aircraft available so is generally run during the fire danger season. During the course ground crew practice aircraft familiarisation, safety, consistency of firefighting medium (such as foam and retardant), gain a better understanding of drop patterns, working with pilots and filling aircraft.

We are very thankful to all who assist with this course as it can mean relocating aircraft, working in hot, dirty and dusty conditions, changing rosters with aircrew and asking whole air support brigades to attend training during what would normally be a busy time of year.

Not only have we been busy with training, we have also been working on establishing a number of static water supplies at airfields

across the state. To date we have installed tanks in the following locations;

Aldinga Airfield – 45,000ltrs
Robe Airfield – 45,000ltrs
Yorketown Airfield – 45,000ltrs
Stirling North Airfield – 45,000ltrs
Kirra Station next to Ngarkat
Conservation Park in the Mallee – 110,000ltrs

To ensure this ran smoothly work had to be done with local landowners, Regions, Local Government, Department for Environment and Natural Resources, aircraft contractors, product supply companies, local air support brigades and other local volunteers. Without their assistance and support these projects would not have been complete.

Region 2 have also put in a lot of work with their newly formed Air Support

Brigade and have supplied an additional vehicle for air support duties. This vehicle is being housed on Yorke Peninsula. The vehicle will tow a trailer that carries standard air operations stowage equipment that supports fixed bomber response. Having this capability within the region will enable a quicker response for air support during bushfires.

Seaford CFS will now support CFS air operations and have a dedicated air support vehicle. Seaford CFS will assist with the response to Aldinga Air Field where Aviation Services has identified this airfield as strategically important for bomber response in the southern Mount Lofty Ranges.

Aviation Services would like to thank everyone for their support during the fire season.



Crews undertaking a briefing before practical training starts.

MULTI ENGINE AIR TANKER TRIAL IN VICTORIA



Conair at Avalon Airport.



Retardant coated fuel that stopped fire progress.



Forest fuels adjacent to Conair drop East Gippsland.

The State Aircraft Unit (SAU) which coordinates and manages aircraft operations for the State of Victoria for the CFA and the Department of Sustainability and Environment, conducted a trial this year of Multi Engine Air Tankers (MEATS) over the last fire danger season. The National Aerial Firefighting Centre (NAFC) invited David Cant, CFS Manager Aviation Services to participate as the NAFC representative on the Evaluation Reference Group overseeing the trial. The Bushfire Cooperative Research Centre was collating the scientific data collected during the SAU trial.

The aircraft on trial were turbo prop Conair aircraft operated by the Canadian company Conair. These aircraft were commuter aircraft developed in the 1950s and have been totally rebuilt by Conair. The internals of the aircraft have been gutted and an external tank of almost 8000 litre capacity fitted. These aircraft have been contracted to the Canadian Province British Columbia for a number of years predominantly using liquid concentrate retardant as the fire fighting media in their mountainous and rugged terrain.

Contracted through NAFC with some support from NAFC for costs, the trial was to test the suitability of this class of aircraft for Australian conditions. Although limited to asphalt or concrete runways of at least 1900 metres length, the aircraft can be quickly loaded and transit to fires at speeds much higher than conventional fire

bombing aircraft. For the trial the aircraft were based at Avalon Airport near Geelong.

The trial tested the effectiveness of the aircraft in dropping retardant in forest areas, suitability for use in rural/urban interface areas, as well as open grassland situations using foam and water enhancers such as gels. Tests to measure coverage levels of the bomber were conducted near Ballarat.

Whilst David Cant was in Victoria for part of the trial, the aircraft were responded to two fires in the Gippsland area, one in grassland and another east of Lakes Entrance in eucalypt forest. In both instances the aircraft were found to be easily integrated with other aircraft and drop patterns were effective for the fuel types. The drops in the eucalypt forest impeded the progress of the fire in high hazard middle fuel layers in the forest understorey.

The outcomes of the trial will point to whether this class of aircraft will be suitable for use in Australia and if further contracts will be awarded. Through NAFC Resource Management Agreement for the sharing of aircraft nationally, South Australia may have potential access to these aircraft if Victoria were able to release the aircraft for our use if we were under heightened fire threat. This will mean CFS has to undertake contingency planning for the logistical support of these aircraft and identify which airports these aircraft could operate from.

ALL SPRUCED UP AND READY TO GO

By: Janet Inman

The aircraft had arrived, pilots and CFS crews were trained and eager, and improvements to infrastructure were in place. CFS Air Operations were prepared for whatever the 2010/11 fire season might bring. Thankfully for the community and environment this past season didn't bring a lot of bushfire activity.

During this past season, the CFS's fleet of 14 aircraft flew a combined total of 254 hours. This compared with 734 hours in the previous 2009/10 fire season. The number of drops performed by aircraft further highlighted the quiet season with 197 drops carried out compared to 951 in the previous year.

Incidents that necessitated major aerial firefighting involvement included bushfires at Nairne, Cootra, Willunga, Gosse, Caltowie and Wisanger. In addition, aerial firefighting helicopters were called in to assist with a major structure fire at Wingfield.

Despite the lack of activity, aerial firefighting pilots and crews must be applauded for their continued enthusiasm and positive approach despite hours of

sitting at airbases just waiting. Whatever the fire season this next summer brings, CFS Air Ops will again be well prepared and ready for action.



During the fire danger season aerial firefighting aircraft can be dispatched within minutes of a fire. Pictured here, from the left, are Birdog 501 and Helitaks 534 and 535 (Photo courtesy of N Daw of 5DME).

VERSP WELL RECEIVED IN TTG

The first Volunteer and Employer Recognition and Support Program (VERSP) event for 2011 was held in March at Tea Tree Gully SES. The VERSP events provide an opportunity to recognise the role of emergency service volunteers, their families and employers. They also give SAFECOM Board members and staff from SAFECOM, the CFS, the SES and the MFS an opportunity to meet volunteers and employers in a relaxed atmosphere.

140 people attended the VERSP event and were treated to a fantastic barbecue dinner courtesy of the Rotary Club of Tea Tree Gully, followed by a certificate

presentation and demonstration by the Tea Tree Gully CFS.

During the presentation, SAFECOM Chief Executive, David Place outlined the structure of the Emergency Services Sector as well as the local achievements of the emergency services agencies in the north eastern suburbs. This was followed by CFS Deputy Group Officer, Mr Gerry Thompson who spoke of how he combines volunteering with managing a business and how he supports his employees who volunteer with the emergency services. Our final guest speaker of the evening was Mayor Miriam Smith of the City of Tea

Tree Gully. Mayor Smith spoke of her experiences as a mother of an emergency services volunteer (waking up to pager messages at 4am) and also the City of Tea Tree Gully's support of the emergency services.

A special thanks must go to the Tea Tree Gully SES (particularly Andrew Woolman and Craig Brassington) for the use of their Unit, to the SES Dog Unit for bringing their dogs along to meet volunteers and employers and the Tea Tree Gully CFS for providing the Compressed Air Foam demonstration at the conclusion of the evening.



All award winners.



Austral Tree Services (employers Craig and Deb Hosking, volunteer Brad Cook - Hermitage Brigade).



VEHTEC Pty Ltd (employers Darren Harris and Lisa Brinkley, volunteer Brian Lewis - Paracombe Brigade).



VOLUNTEERING - A TIME TO REFLECT

As part of this year's National Volunteer Week held in May, Chief Executive of the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission (SAFECOM) David Place called on all South Australians to pause and reflect on the important roles played by volunteers in the local community.

Mr Place said volunteers contributed many billions of dollars to local communities by their selfless efforts.

"In the emergency services sector, the 17,000 or so Country Fire Service (CFS) and State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers are a unique band of community-minded people who put the safety and interests of other people first, very often in conditions that are difficult and extremely dangerous," Mr Place said.

CFS Chief Officer Greg Nettleton said volunteers were important role models for others, particularly younger members

of the community. "Our volunteers epitomise what being a socially responsible citizen is all about – helping others in their time of greatest need," Mr Nettleton said. "Can I wholeheartedly say to all volunteers that what you do matters and it makes a difference. I commend you on your quick response, the dedication, the professionalism and empathy you display in some challenging situations on a daily basis."

CHILD PROTECTION

The Volunteer Strategy and Support (VSS) Branch has been working on a number of initiatives regarding Child Protection. One of these initiatives is the implementation of the Information Sharing Guidelines (ISG). The ISG is part of the South Australian Government's 'Keeping Them Safe' program and is an early intervention strategy to protect children. The purpose of the ISG is to provide clear methods for Government and non-government organisations to share information when they believe a young person is 'at risk'.

The 'Keeping young people safe in the emergency services' brochure had been updated. This brochure provides information and guidance about child protection as well as where you can find further information.

It is important to take this opportunity to remind people that child protection is not just an issue that cadet leaders need to worry about. CFS staff and volunteers have a moral obligation to report suspicions of child abuse.

To ensure people are aware of their

obligations in relation to working with young people, VSS has a training package available in Child Safe Environments (previously known as Mandatory Reporting Training). If you would like to have Child Safe Environments training delivered at your Unit, please contact your local VSO or VSS headquarters on 8463 4102. Keep a look out for combined training opportunities (Child Safe Environments and Workplace Dignity) happening in your regions this year.

CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM RETURN TO CFS

Some significant changes have recently occurred to the Public Affairs arrangements for the sector. Previously, each Emergency Service Organisation (ESO) had a dedicated Senior Public Affairs Officer that sat under the SAFECOM Public Affairs Unit, along with three media liaison officers who were a shared resource between the three ESOs (CFS, MFS and SES) and SAFECOM.

From 3 February 2011, with the support and approval of all three Chief Officers and SAFECOM's Chief Executive David Place, the "Public Affairs" function was divided and transferred back to each of the ESOs.

What this new arrangement means for the CFS is that it now has its own dedicated staff with an improved emphasis and focus on CFS specific corporate and public affairs needs. The team now operates under the new banner of the "Corporate Communications Unit".

Chris Metevelis heads up the *Corporate Communications Unit* as its Senior Corporate Affairs Manager with **Melissa Veal** and **Mandy Hay** as its Media and Communications Officers. CFS Principal Communications Officer **Neil Charter** is also part of the team, working mainly on the Prepare.Act.Survive. campaign which has a strong cross over with the Community Education Unit.

The Corporate Communications Unit will continue to maintain the services previously provided by SAFECOM including a 7-day a week provision of on-call media liaison for CFS related incidents between 6am – 9pm and producing the Volunteer Magazine (VolMag) on behalf of the CFSVA.

The CFS media line telephone number **8212 9849** will remain unchanged and is answered by the on call officer between 6am and 9pm. Between the hours of 9pm and 6am this phone number is diverted back to Adelaide Fire. This is the number that the media is encouraged to call if they would like information regarding CFS incidents. It is also a good way for you as volunteers to get in contact with the Corporate Communications Unit if you



Corporate Communications team. From left: Neil Charter, Mandy Hay, Chris Metevelis and Melissa Veal.

have a VolMag story to share, information regarding an incident or any feedback that you would like to give the team.

A new **CFS incident notification telephone line** has also been established for CFS volunteers and staff members to record information relating to incidents. This will assist the CFS Media Liaison Officer to generate interest in CFS operational activities through the mainstream media. **The new incident information line number is (08) 8523 6030.** This phone number can be used by CFS crew members or staff anytime to notify the CFS Media Liaison Officer of an incident by leaving details on a recorded line. Providing the Corporate Communications Unit with information about operational incidents will help us promote the fantastic work that volunteers do through the media and wider community. In the meantime we encourage our VolMag readers to continue

their contributions of incident, training and light-hearted news and events, to be shared by all volunteers and readers who look forward to each edition of this magazine. Without your contributions we could not create a magazine, so keep sending them through to help shape the magazine that YOU want to read.

Contributions to VolMag can be made by email to: corporatecomms@cfs.sa.gov.au or by mail to CFS Corporate Communications L7 60 Waymouth Street, Adelaide, SA, 5000. Stories can also be submitted verbally through the CFS Media Line on 8212 2849.

Remember – you don't have to write the whole story yourself - we are also happy with ideas, dot points and a contact person– and don't forget the photos. VolMag relies on high quality images to form the magazine – a general rule of thumb is 1MB or greater.

VOLUNTEER MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION

Do you know someone who would like to receive Volunteer Magazine but doesn't?

The Volunteer Magazine is a free publication that is available to all volunteers upon request. Additions to the subscription mailing list can be emailed to: corporatecomms@cfs.sa.gov.au or by calling 8212 9849.

Please provide your full name, mailing address and brigade name. If you would like to unsubscribe from the list please follow the same procedure.

Front (L-R) - Sarah Jackson-McAlinden,
Ashleigh Johnston, Haylee Campbell
Back (L-R) - Brandon Joseph, Zak
Matthews, Braden Selby, Nicholas Seton.

ANZAC YOUTH VIGIL

On Sunday 24 April the youngest members of the Country Fire Service (CFS) took part in the 12th ANZAC Eve Youth Vigil held at the South Australian State War Memorial on North Terrace.

Twelve young people from the Morgan, Meningie, Swan Reach and Tailem Bend CFS brigades joined members of various other youth volunteer organisations to recognise the legacy of ANZAC.

The ANZAC Eve Youth Vigil stems from the military tradition of 'Holding Ground' whereby a reconnaissance patrol would find and hold strategic position in preparation for the arrival of their army. This would often involve an all-night vigil, keeping awake on watch, alert that the area of battle is secured against threat.

This year young people from 13 different youth groups including CFS cadets took part in performing various duties in the ceremony and throughout the night for the 12 hours leading up to

the Dawn Service. They then handed over to the Defence Force Catafalque Party at 6am on Sunday morning who in turn 'held ground' during the Dawn Service and the ANZAC Day March.

This event encourages CFS cadets and other young people to keep the ANZAC Day spirit alive. The young people were exceptional representatives for the formal ANZAC Eve ceremonies including laying tributes to the fallen, meeting His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce, Governor of South Australia, educating touring dignitaries on the symbolism of the monuments, standing guard, and delivering eloquent speeches to the assembled guests.

CFS cadets were also involved in vigils held across the state in Onkaparinga, Morphett Vale, Blackwood and Norton Summit. Congratulations to all the cadets who represented the CFS at the ANZAC Eve Youth Vigil and thank you to the cadet leaders for their support and

enthusiasm, and for making it possible for the cadets to be involved in this important event.

If you know someone who would like to become a CFS cadet then contact the Volunteer Recruitment Hotline on 1300 364 587.



CFS Cadets Nicholas Seaton and Ashleigh Johnston who took part in the Anzac Day Vigil.



Photo taken courtesy of Graeme McVitty
From back left: Paddy Platypus (aka Peter Mundy), Lyn Little, Andrea Haig, Brenton Scott, Greg Pfeiffer, Lorraine McVitty & Smokey Bear (aka Daniel Wasyluk). In front row: Judy & Colin Schriever.

MOUNT BARKER YOUTH EXPO 2011

In March a Youth Expo was held at the Adelaide Hills Recreation Centre in Mount Barker for young people to attend and see what services are available within their community.

Over 640 students attended from Mount Barker High School, Murraylands Christian College, Oakbank Area School, Birdwood High School, St Francis de Sale College, Heathfield High School and Eastern Fleurieu High. The students were prepared to answer 1 of 5 questions asked by each organisation present to earn a stamp and enter a competition.

We were very fortunate to have a large enough area to put our CFS/SES collaborative display together and volunteers from both agencies worked extremely well together and a fun-filled day was had by all! A delightful lunch was provided by students from the Piltarilla Kitchen at Heathfield High and students were assessed for their efforts. Special thanks go to the Strathalbyn CFS Brigade and SES Unit for their support and attendance on the day.

EDEN HILLS CFS CELEBRATES 60 YEARS

The Eden Hills Brigade of the SA Country Fire Service (CFS) celebrated 60 years service to Mitcham Hills and the wider South Australian community with a reunion of past and present members. The Eden Hills Unit was formed on 11 May 1951 to defend the growing suburb against the threat of fire in what was then mostly bushland.

Today, Eden Hills is a modern fire and rescue brigade that has progressed well beyond the boundaries of bushfire control to become a highly sophisticated, multi-emergency response unit. Over the last 60 years, almost 300 members have attended well over 6,000 incidents and amassed more than 25,000 operational hours of community service.

A member for 33 years and current Brigade Captain, Neil Gloyn, said that the milestone represented a defining era of emergency response to the community.

"While the threat of natural disasters such as bushfires, floods and storm related incidents continues to grow, urban development, busier road traffic and the use of hazardous materials has



Group shot of Anniversary attendees. Photo: CFS Promotions Unit.

brought about an increase in the threat of man-made emergencies.

"We still have members that have seen every decade of that change which represents an incredible and invaluable amount of local knowledge and experience."

The Brigade also marked the occasion with the commissioning of their new '14' Fire Appliance – a lighter unit than their two existing trucks designed for rapid response and easier manoeuvrability in off-road firefighting.



Eden Hills Brigade Captain Neil Gloyn receiving the keys to the new '14' fire appliance from Chief Officer Greg Nettleton. Photo: CFS Promotions Unit.

WOODSIDE CFS CELEBRATE 70 YEARS

Woodside CFS recently celebrated 70 years of providing firefighting support to the local community. This milestone was marked with the presentation of a commemorative plaque.

At the unveiling of the plaque Woodside CFS president Milton Prosser acknowledged those who had served with the brigade over the years. "To all past and current members of the Woodside Brigade both living and deceased this district owes you immense appreciation for the last 70 years of dedication, bravery and volunteer service and insight for establishment and maintenance of the Woodside Country Fire Service, formally known as Woodside Fire Fighting Committee, then Onkaparinga Fire Service and also Woodside Emergency Fire Service," Mr. Posser said.

According to scant records, organised fire fighting started in the area around 1933 and has gone from strength to strength. Before the Woodside Brigade was formally initiated in 1940 the Onkaparinga District Council appointed 30 Fire Control Officers to coordinate firefighting in the district.

Fires were fought by every available man equipped with wet bags, tree boughs, shovels and hand tools. The first equipment used by the Woodside Brigade was a Beresford trailer pump pulled by a tractor. Other local trucks with milk cans and

water tanks supplied water for the fire fighting activities. Brigade members also had leather beaters to beat out the flames. The local Farmers Union milk truck was also made available for fires, after the milk rounds were finished for the day. Council and farmers trucks had water tanks to carry water for fires and milk cans filled with water were kept in readiness. This is a stark contrast to the ISUZU 24P and 34 appliances used by the brigade today.

In 1944 the Farmers Union factory at Woodside caught fire and the alarm was infamously raised by the factory manager's dog Zac. The Local Fire Controller from Lobethal brought his own truck to the job with someone in the front ringing a bell to warn the residents of the fire and to wake them to come and help. The dog was later awarded an R.S.P.C.A. medal for raising the alarm.

In the same year local authorities had to guarantee to recruit sufficient volunteers for training who would be sworn in as members of the Civil Defence Emergency Fire Service (EFS). The EFS grew from 87 brigades and 600 volunteers in 1949 to a force of 460 brigades and 11,000 members over the next 30 years. Woodside was also a strong competitor in fire fighting competition fire drills, one man hose and portable pumps and alarm race events up

until 1981. In fact Woodside still holds records from competitions at the Royal Adelaide Show. However, perhaps one of the brigade's greatest accolades was in 1970 when Lou Beckwith was presented with Life Membership of EFS. At the time only 10 Life Memberships had been presented to EFS members' statewide, which made the brigade extremely proud.

Congratulations Woodside on achieving so much in those 70 years and here's to the many safe and successful years to come!



70th Anniversary Commemorative Plaque Presentation by Region One Commander Chris Martin that took place at the event - Firefighter Madaline McPeake took the photo of long-term members Jim Drummond (L) and Kevin Van Heythuysen (R, with plaque) receiving the plaque from Chris Martin (Centre).



Servers over past 40 years.



Tarlee CFS current members @ 40 year celebration.

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS AT TARLEE CFS

By: John Taylor, Courtesy of the Northern Argus

The 40th Anniversary of the formation of the Tarlee Country Fire Service was celebrated with a barbecue at the Tarlee Hall.

Present and former members and their families joined to celebrate the occasion at which service medals and awards were presented.

Captain Andy Peters asked Group Leader, Tom Horgan and present members to present the awards to the recipients.

Former members recalled how fires were fought in the times before the CFS, with wet wheat bags, and then with 44 gallon drums of water loaded onto the nearest available tray top truck.

The water was pumped by a portable pump unit which operated with a petrol motor!

Although many fires were brought under control by these primitive methods, these early firefighters are envious of the modern equipment now available and in use.

Locals present said that they appreciated the value of the CFS members, not only in times of fire but also in situations of flood and accidents in the area.

Volunteers have had plenty of opportunities this season with floods as well as fires and accidents at which members of the public needed assistance.

ANGASTON CELEBRATES A MILESTONE

The Angaston Brigade celebrated 70 years of service on Sunday, 22 May with a display of vintage items and a sit down roast lunch for past and present Brigade members.

Angaston CFS began from humble beginnings in 1941 as a typical rural fire brigade, working to protect the local community from the risk of bushfire. Over the years the Brigade has grown to cope with the demand due to the spread of the Barossa region and the introduction of significant industry throughout the area, dealing with a wide range of incidents including bushfire, structure fire, road crash rescue and HAZMAT.

Today the Angaston Brigade is heavily involved with high level Incident

Management and nationally accredited training. Many Brigade members have also been involved in large deployment incident management teams, at incidents such as the Kangaroo Island bushfires of 2007.

CFS Region Two Commander John Hutchins says that Angaston is an excellent Brigade that often goes above and beyond the call of duty.

"The Angaston Brigade provides a fantastic support network to a lot of smaller Brigades in their area.

"The Brigade is also very progressive and the Group have done a lot of work off their own back to specialise in managing incidents at a high level," Mr Hutchins said.

Angaston Brigade member for 34 years and Master Cooper Andrew Young says that the Brigade had a few special surprises for guests at the anniversary lunch to mark the milestone.

"Keeping in line with the 70 year theme we gave away a 20 litre port barrel hand carved out of 70 year old seasoned



Angaston Captain Travis Zeanert and Chief Officer Greg Nettelton cutting the CFS cake.

American oak and filled with 70 year old Seppeltsfield port generously donated by the Seppeltsfield winery. Ex Angaston Brigade member Glyn Milton won the barrel and was over the moon.

"We also unveiled an honour board made from an almost 70 year old wine vat.

"Overall the event could not have gone better. It was a huge success and we are already planning the 80th anniversary!

The CFS congratulates Angaston Brigade on this significant milestone.

CADELL CFS RESCUES BORDER COLLIE FROM WATER TANK

On Sunday 23 January Maggie - a gorgeous 10 year old Border Collie dog - went missing from her Cadell home.

Her owner, Julie spent hours putting posters up around the town and surrounding areas and contacting the newspapers and radio – and even putting news of Maggie’s disappearance on Facebook in an attempt to get her beloved dog back home safe and sound.

After 12 days Julie had still not given up hope of finding her dear Maggie, driving 30kms to Waikerie to put up more posters in case someone had seen Maggie on their travels.

On Thursday 3 February Cadell CFS were responded to an incident of a “dog down a hole”. Upon arrival to the callout, the Brigade found Maggie trapped inside a water tank. The dog was distressed, treading water and had cut her paws trying to scratch at the side of the tank to get out.

CFS member Tom bravely went into the tank to rescue Maggie, wading through green slimy water to reach her. Maggie reached her paws around Tom’s neck, clinging on to her saviour, so glad to be free at last.

The Cadell crew wrapped Maggie in a thermal blanket and took her back to the station where they fed her clean water and biscuits. Natarsha Wilksch of Cadell CFS called Julie to let her know that Maggie was safe with the Cadell boys to which Julie broke down in tears, so happy that Maggie was alive and well.

This was perhaps one of the most rewarding jobs for Cadell and although Maggie had some cuts to her paws and worn away nails from scratching, she was in good health and happy to be reunited with Julie.

A couple of weeks later, Julie brought Maggie back to the Brigade training night



Maggie relaxes at home after being lost for 12 days.

for a visit and Natarsha said that she looked like a different dog.

“It was so good to see Maggie and Julie again. Maggie looked so different as she was in good spirits and seemed to have recovered from her stressful ordeal. I was so glad that Cadell Brigade could help Julie find Maggie.”

CFS VOLUNTEER NAMED RIVERLAND AND MALLEE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Former Blanchetown CFS Captain Anthony Noll recently accepted the Riverland and Mallee citizen of the year award. Anthony was nominated for the award by Blanchetown residents Dorothy Zadow and Sheri Schubert. The award ceremony was held at the Berri Resort Hotel with over 150 people attending. When speaking about receiving the award Anthony said “It has been an enjoyable journey allowing me the privilege of working with many wonderful people and I intend to continue.”

Anthony has been involved in his local community since 1968 and has been a member of the CFS since 1969 joining at the tender age of 19. He was the Blanchetown CFS Captain between 1990 and 2000 and was then in the position of Deputy Group officer for the Mid Murray Group between 2000 and 2010. In 1999 Anthony was awarded the national medal for his contribution to the community and he was also awarded the CFS 40 year’s service medal in 2009 for his dedication and commitment to the CFS. Congratulations Anthony!



Anthony receives his award. Photo kindly supplied by the Riverland Weekly.

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STIRLING NORTH CADETS - EMERGENCY SERVICES FUN DAY

On Sunday 10 April an Emergency Services Fun Day was hosted by the Stirling North cadets with all of the emergency services in and around Port Augusta invited to show off their equipment and provide a fun interaction with the public. The CFS, SES, SAAS, SAPOL, Coast Guard, St John and 4Life - all attended and provided activities aimed at the younger age group but there was also lots to do for the whole family including parents. The Stirling North CFS Cadets obtained a grant that enabled a free BBQ to be provided on the day (run by the senior brigade members) and coordination of the event was provided by Nicoli Ackland. The cadets were fantastic ambassadors for the CFS and helped in a range of activities throughout the day which was a great success. Some of the



Anna Rogers with another potential recruit ... well into the future.

cadets are pictured here in their new wet weather jackets which were also provided through the grant.

TEROWIE CADET BECOMES BRIGADE MEMBER

By: Jan Haustorfer

The Terowie CFS Brigade recently welcomed its most recent addition to the fire fighting crew with Susie Adams stepping up to the role.

Susie first joined the Brigade 4 years ago as a cadet when she was 13 years.

Having recently turned 17 years old, she reached the age of qualifying to take on other duties in an operational role including fire fighting tasks.

CFS Cadet Coordinator Jan Haustorfer said she was pleased to see Susie move through to the next level.



From left, Jan Haustorfer, Pauline Huddleston, Leanne Adams and Susie Adams.

"Susie has been in the Terowie Brigade for a number of years and a cadet since she was 13," Jan said.

"She is working well and fitting into the team which includes three other female members including her sister Leanne and proud mum Vicki who is the Brigade's Communication and Cadet Coordinator."

GEOFF SMITH RETIRES



Geoff Smith.

On 16 July, Region 4 Business Services Officer Geoff Smith will retire from his paid role at the CFS. Geoff started as a CFS staff member in February 2004, but his ties go way back with the organisation, beginning as an EFS volunteer in February 1964.

Geoff's EFS/CFS CV is impressive having being the only person to date to work as a Business Services Officer and a Regional Officer. He was also Captain of the Crystal Brook Brigade for 18 years – starting as a 'Brigade Station Officer' in 1968 at the age of 21. He was also a Group Officer for the Spencer Group for 10 years, is the current Chairman of the Crystal Brook Management Committee (and has been for 24 years) and is a life member of the Crystal Brook Brigade. To top it all off Geoff is also the recipient of an Australian Fire Services Medal (AFSM) for recognition of his distinguished service to the organisation.

Geoff admits that it will be a bit of culture change to not wake up and do the 1 hour and 1 minute drive to work every morning.

"I will not know what to do with myself at first - I am really going to miss working for the CFS and the day-to-day challenges that it brings.

"Of course I will not be retiring from the CFS completely – I will still be continuing my role as a volunteer," he said.

Apart from continuing as a CFS volunteer, Geoff's immediate plans for the retirement future include caravanning around Australia with his wife Chris whenever they feel like picking up and going somewhere!

Thank you Geoff – you will be missed at Region 4 HQ.



RUNNING GRASS FIRE SIMULATOR

Over the years a number of methods have been used to practice fighting running grass fires, some safer than others, and some it might be best not to mention ever existed to OH&S! Recognising the need for a safer and more dynamic option to give volunteers the chance to have a more realistic experience of how to control a running grass fire, Region 5 have come up with a prototype which could be the answer.

This is the second version of the prototype which has been almost 20 years in the making and is thought to be the only one of its kind across the state. It was recently put through its paces at the State Training Centre up at Brukunga where the Rural Training Team are looking at developing a drills and operations manual and how it could potentially fit in with future training programs.

OH&S have been part of the build and the final risk assessment was carried out last year. The first field trial took place last November at the Wattle Range Group field day and got a very positive response. The device is hydraulically loaded and unloaded making storage easy as it all fits on one trailer. The system uses a mix of LPG and fire lighter fuel to create the burn, with an operator sitting on the trailer to control the fuel amount and steer the trailer and burn unit. The device is manoeuvrable and pulled by a vehicle, allowing an appliance to follow and attempt to extinguish the fire on the move.

A mixture of CFS volunteers and contractors worked on the prototype,



Running Grass Fire Simulator in Action up at Brukunga.

with Brian Wiese's AFSM (Tatiara Group Officer) original concept, Ian Teakle (Wattle Range Deputy Group Officer and Region 5 Rep on SAC - Training) and Grant Fensom (Edan Engineering and Port MacDonnell Capt), worked on the prototype.

Scott Murray Regional Training Officer, Region 5 said that without the time and efforts of these three individuals, we would not have the finished product we have today. "These guys recognised that there was a need in the region for some way of providing training which is as realistic as possible, but which can also be in a controlled environment. Balls and cones are all very well for some training needs, but they are not very realistic and can be difficult to control. The way that you approach a standing fire and a moving fire involve very different skills

for both the hose operator and the driver of the appliance."

"It has been a long time in the making, and a whole team of people have been working on this project, but for our region it has been worth the time and effort. Hopefully some of the other regions may also find benefits in using this training tool, and our hope is that in the future it may even be used as part of the Suppress Wildfire training but at this stage it makes a great training tool for both group and regional field days and we are very happy with the progress we have made" added Scott.

It is hoped that the prototype will be fully ready to use at the Region 3 field day in August later this year. If you would like more information about the Running Grass Fire Simulator then please contact your Regional Training Officer.

REGION 6 OUT AND ABOUT IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

This Fire Danger Season Region 6 dealt with almost 300 call outs, but they were also working hard behind the scenes with the local community before the season began. Some of the highlights include the first outing of the new Smokey, the first Community Fire Safe Program and working with the West Coast Home Care staff.

Region 6's new Smokey made his very first appearance to the very excited children from the Poonindie Early Learning Centre. Smokey was lucky to have his very good friends from the North Shields Brigade help him. Not only did these marvellous volunteers help Smokey with his "disguise" but they also entertained the children and more importantly they educated their parents and care givers about the importance of being "Bushfire Ready".

Over in Coffin Bay Bushfire Action Week provided the perfect opportunity for residents to access any information they needed to become Bushfire Ready and to see "first hand" the great partnership between the CFS, DENR and the District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula. Look out for this year's Bushfire Action Week in October and don't forget to let the Corporate Communications team know if you have any events during the week that you would like to promote. A pre fire danger season meeting was held at the Coffin Bay Yacht Club, giving residents another opportunity to become Bushfire Ready. Community Education Officer Therese Pedler answered resident's questions, along with members of other agencies including DENR, SAAS and SAPOL.

In another partnership event Bramfield residents met for the first time with Community Education Officer Therese Pedler in late October to talk about CFS response to bushfire. The meeting was heavily supported by many of the local brigades and volunteers and other agencies including the District Council of Elliston and SAAS were also available to provide information from their perspective.

The first Community Fire Safe Program was held Tumby Bay and surrounding districts which many residents attended at the local Skills Centre with the support of the Tumby Bay Area School. Local SAPOL staff Todd Reed also attended the session. Todd explained his role in a bushfire, congratulated the attendees for taking this very important step to becoming "Bushfire Aware" and encouraged them to "spread the word" to other Tumby Bay residents.

In another first, West Coast Home Care staff who work in and around Tumby Bay were given the opportunity to attend a training session provided by the Region 6 Community Education Officer Therese Pedler. The training entitled "Assisting your Clients to be Bushfire Ready" was initially requested by the Department of Families and Communities and compiled by Peta O'Donohue prior to the 2010/11 Fire Danger Season. The training session was a success and something which we hope to continue and improve upon ahead of the next season. Look out for what's to come ahead of the next fire danger season across the region.



First Community Safe Fire Program held in Tumby Bay.



Bramfield residents learn about CFS responses to bushfires.



West Coast Home Care staff take part in a fire safety training session.



PHOTOS OF THE MONTH



These photos were shot by Happy Valley CFS Brigade member Mike Patterson during a Flammable Gas training session with his firefighting colleagues at Happy Valley CFS station.

FAREWELL TO HEROIC SAPPER AND CHERISHED MATE

Australian combat engineer, Sapper Jamie Larcombe was killed in action on Saturday 19 February 2011 when his patrol was attacked by a group of insurgents in the Mirabad Valley region of Uruzgan province. As well as being a dedicated soldier Jamie was also a CFS volunteer for Parndana Brigade on Kangaroo Island.

During a moving memorial service at Multi-National Base Tarin Kot mentoring Task Force – Two Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Darren Huxley, said Sapper Larcombe was a young soldier who epitomised the core values of an Australian soldier. “Mateship is what defines the best in an Aussie Digger and Jamie was amongst our best,” Lieutenant Colonel Huxley said.

“Jamie was a volunteer for his country, as we all here are. He knew the risks of his chosen profession and he accepted

them. He shared the danger and austerity, but mostly, I am sure, he was driven by his desire to protect and support his mates.

Fellow combat engineer and mate, Sapper Trent Wicker, said ‘Larko’ was a genuine mate who held his family and friends close. “He was the kind of guy who was always keen to go down to the pub, have a beer with his mates, pick you up when you were feeling down,” Sapper Wicker said. “He loved Kangaroo Island and would always talk about the places he would go with his family and friends.”

At the conclusion of the memorial service more than 2,000 soldiers from a coalition of six nations stood side-by-side to pay their final respects to Sapper Larcombe. His casket was loaded on a Royal Australian Air Force C-130 Hercules for the first part of his final journey home.



Sapper Jamie Larcombe

CHARLES WASHINGTON ROSEWARNE (AM)

23.6.1918 – 31.3.2011 By: Eddie Mclean, Bridgewater CFS



The Bridgewater Country Fire Service mourns the passing of one of our founding members, Charles Washington Rosewarne.

The Bridgewater Brigade was formed as part of the Emergency Fire Services after a series of fires in the district prompted residents to be concerned. A meeting was held and the grounds for establishing the basis of an emergency service in the town were started. Charlie Rosewarne was elected as the first Captain of the Brigade in 1951.

Charlie's initial stint as Captain was between 1951 and 1956 and then he again took on the role between 1957 and 1963. He also took on the role of Brigade President between 1953 and 1954. These

were his official management roles, but we know that he had a love of training and training others and so began the evolution in Emergency Fire Service and then Country Fire Service training.

Charlie went on to establish and run the Mt Lofty CFS Training Centre initially on land which is now beneath the South Eastern Freeway and then in the old Stirling East Primary School. As Captain of the Training Centre it was Charlie's dream to build on the skills required for not only fighting bushfires, but the many other skills now required for firefighters. Charlie's entrepreneurial skills saw the growth of the Training Centre through donations that in the end were used to purchase the site of the current State Training Centre at Brunkunga. Charlie never said as much, but I think he was very proud that members of Bridgewater continued to play a major role in the training centre. Even when he got too old (his words not mine) to conduct training, he organised a group of blokes to work behind the scenes. This group were naturally dubbed “Charlies Angels” and together with Charlie they ensured that the training centre at Stirling East (old as it was) was always clean and well maintained.

On the 26th January 1978 Charlie was inducted as a ‘Member of the Order of Australia’. The citation read “for community service particularly in the organisation & training of emergency fire services”.

On the 14th June 1978 he was awarded the ‘Nation Medal’ and later a subsequent 3 further clasps to the medal.

In 2001 he received the International Year of Volunteer Medal and in 2010 the Country Fire Service - Service Medal for his 59 years of service to the organisation.

Charlie was the first member to be awarded Life Membership at Bridgewater.

The communities of the Adelaide Hills probably do not realise that Charlie Rosewarne is the man who made their communities as safe as they are today because of his pro-active approach in getting training organised and delivered to many, many firefighters for well over 25 years.

The Bridgewater CFS members proudly remember Charlie and we pass on our condolences to his family. Charlie passed away peacefully on Thursday 31st March 2011, now re-united with his beloved wife, Ruth.

Rest in peace mate!

BRUCE SCHULZ 1946 – 2011 ONE TREE HILL CFS



Bruce passed away following a terminal illness on April 6, 2011 aged 65 years.

Known to all as 'Schulzy', Bruce was a stalwart brigade member for 20 years until he moved out of the district. For a large part of his service Bruce was the brigade 1st Lieutenant, a role that he wholeheartedly embraced. Training was important to Bruce and he was always willing to pass on his experience to brigade members. Bruce was a part owner of a trucking company and consequently vehicle maintenance was a priority for him. Bruce spent many happy hours in the fire station checking and tinkering

with the fire appliances ensuring that they were always ready to roll. As a professional heavy vehicle driver Bruce was keen on improving the off road skills of brigade drivers and on weekends he would put drivers through their paces in the challenging terrain of the Little Para River Dam site. Bruce could be relied upon to attend callouts day and night and he was always willing to put his hand up for strike teams. During the 1994 Sydney bushfires Bruce volunteered to drive an appliance to NSW where he took part in the Blue Mountains fire fighting.

Farewell Schulzy, Rest in Peace.

FREDRIC GEORGE RAINEY, BRADBURY CFS

Fred joined the Longwood, Bradbury, Scott Creek EFS on the 6th November 1974 at 20 years old. He was the third generation of the Rainey family living and working on the family farm at Scott Creek with his sisters Lois and Carole and brother Graham. The farm was a market garden/dairy, and operated until restrictions were placed on dairy along the creek. Fred continued to work the land raising beef and also worked as an agricultural and local council contractor. For the locals, Fred was the go to man for agricultural advice and the stock agent for the local communities' hobby farmers.

He was a man of the land, a farmer, a self taught engineer and most importantly for the hills district a volunteer who devoted every spare minute and a lot of his work time to the CFS.

Fred fought two Ash Wednesdays, he was awarded the National Medal and served for many years as Lieutenant of the Bradbury Brigade. Fred was always in there, whether on the fire ground, extending the station,

refurbishing equipment, or training other members - he never left until the job was finished.

As a fire fighter Fred was always very quick to size up an incident and commit to action which often took the crew and available machinery to the limit.

But always, the crew felt safe in Fred's care and benefited from his hard learnt experience, often achieving results way beyond what many felt possible upon arrival at an incident.

Fred was in many ways one of a kind, a fire fighter, a friend and a colleague who will be greatly missed. He represents the passing of a way of life in our district, that of a man who not only lived and worked on the land but defended that land and its community with great passion and dedication. He was always the man you wanted on your truck.

Fred passed away 2nd August 2010. The service was held at Scott Creek Hall which filled and overflowed with friends and family, come to pay their last respects. A



large contingent of CFS Volunteers from units near and far was testament to Fred's commitment and comradeship over 36 years as a CFS volunteer. Fred is survived by his wife Robyn and family.

Farewell Fred, we are better by far for having you as a part of our brigade and community.

DONALD NORTON



Donald Gordon Norton, a former member of Norton Summit-Ashton CFS for 46 years sadly passed away on Friday 4th March 2011, aged 78 years old.

Don, as he was known to his friends, was a loving husband and devoted father. He was one of the founding crew members when the brigade was formed in 1956, and served as Lieutenant during most of his years at the brigade. He was brigade president for eight years between 1973 and 1983 with two years off.

Don assisted in the construction of the fire appliances when brigades were responsible for building and procuring them. He had a keen interest in motorsports and was invaluable when it

came to mechanical repairs. His passion lay with the appliance and he was always willing to carry out any repairs or work that needed doing.

During his time as a CFS volunteer Don was awarded the National Medal in 1989 and later received his second clasp in 1998. When the brigade ran fundraising cabarets' Don was often the MC and had the audience in stitches. He was also renowned for his quick wit over the brigade radio.

The respect and admiration of his fellow brigade members and CFS colleagues was apparent when eleven of them held a guard of honour at his funeral.

Thank you Donald for your dedication and service, may you rest in peace.

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