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APPRECIATION OF CFS SUPPORT DURING THE WINGFIELD PETROCHEMICAL FIRE (13 MARCH 2012)

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To: Chief Officer Greg Nettleton
SA Country Fire Service

Dear Greg

I wish to convey my appreciation for the support provided by the CFS during the recent Wingfield Petrochemical Fire on 13 March 2012.

As you are aware this was a significant and dangerous incident and it was invaluable to have the additional resources of CFS Firefighters and Air Operations at the scene, as well as CFS crews standing by at MFS stations throughout the Adelaide Metropolitan area, in order to provide much needed coverage due to the weight of response required at this incident.

I'm sure it is reassuring for the public (as it is for us) to see the CFS and MFS work together in such a professional, supportive and effective manner.

On behalf of the MFS, please pass on my sincere thanks to all the CFS members involved in this incident.

Chief Fire Officer & CEO Grant Lupton
SA Metropolitan Fire Service



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Oakbank House Fire: Seven Adelaide Hills CFS crews and appliances with other emergency services personnel attended a two story house fire at Oakbank on Wednesday 30th May. The bottom floor of the structure was saved and damage was estimated at \$400,000. The cause was believed to have started in the chimney flue. Picture courtesy of CFS Promotions Unit.



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CHIEF OFFICER GREG NETTLETON

One of the more rewarding aspects of being the Chief Officer is seeing CFS people being recognised for their contributions to the communities they serve. I would like to congratulate Peter Edgcumbe and Owen Glover on being awarded the Australian Fire Service Medal in this year's Queen's Birthday awards. Well done and thoroughly deserved.

State. Both these operations clearly displayed the capacity and capability CFS provides to the State as an economical fire, rescue and emergency service. It also highlights the skills, experience and ingenuity of our volunteers to adapt to a wide and diverse range of incidents.

An assessment of our organisational character (known as "archetyping") was conducted to assist in developing our strategic plan. An article of that assessment and its outcomes appears in this edition of *Volunteer*. You will find that it captures the essence of CFS and the people who make CFS what it is. I encourage you to take time to read it and reflect on how others see us and how you see yourself.

The strategic plan will have a significant focus on front line service delivery and front line service support. Work is continuing to build the foundations that underpin the essential elements of the plan. While not yet completed, the plan calls for a wider and whole of agency approach in delivering professional fire, rescue and emergency services to communities in outer metropolitan, regional and rural South Australia through dedicated staff and volunteers. It will be challenging for some but welcomed by others.

Over the past few weeks Vaughan Elsworth and Sara Pulford have been seconded to the SACAD Implementation Team. Each day they follow up on every incident to determine if the dispatch of brigades was correct. A news sheet is prepared on a weekly basis advising on any issues that have occurred. The news sheet also provides data on the total call receipt and dispatch (CRD) processes. To date the information and statistics show that the CRD is performing well with SACAD being over 90% accurate and improving.

Our Minister recently announced the creation of a new Community Safety Directorate. The Directorate will bring together security and emergency management agencies to coordinate and plan for the future with the aim of increasing community resilience. CFS has seconded Brenton Eden for three months to assist in establishing the Directorate and to represent the CFS. Tony Harrison has been appointed to lead the Directorate. In this role he will also become the Chief Executive of SAFECOM and will preside over the SAFECOM Board. We welcome Tony to his new role and to the emergency services sector.

Wendy Shirley has announced that she will be retiring from the CFS Volunteers Association in October. Wendy has been a strong advocate for volunteers and has represented you well over the years. I wish Wendy all the best as she embarks on a new chapter in her life.

I hope you enjoy this edition of *Volunteer*. Stay safe and ensure everyone gets home to their loved ones.



MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES HON. JENNIFER RANKINE

Since the last issue of *Volunteer* I have done my best to visit as many volunteers, in as many South Australian regions as possible.

I am proud to be part of a Government that is working hard to keep you safe by investing in modern, state-of-the-art equipment.

That is why, in what was considered to be a relatively tight budget, the State Government made sure our emergency services were very well looked after.

The Treasurer and I announced your sector would receive an \$8.3 million boost over four years. This includes \$1.5 million for the CFS to replace 1,200 sets of volunteer breathing apparatus.

The new cylinders will be lighter with a larger capacity to provide air over a longer period.

Frontline volunteers will also receive extra training so you are better placed to respond to emergencies.

Over the next four years, the CFS (and the SES) will receive \$2.6 million for nationally endorsed training. Six frontline training staff will bolster support to volunteers in areas such as road crash and marine search and rescue.

The 2012-13 State Budget also included \$1.7 million over four years for South Australia to

access the upgraded national Emergency Alert Location Based Solution system.

This will mean that during emergencies the new system will send a message to any mobile detected within the affected area – rather than selected phones based on their billing address. Ensuring warnings are given to those who need it will not only make our communities safer, but will hopefully make your jobs that little bit easier too.

The Bushfire Cooperative Research Centre is yet to publish its outlook for Australia's southern fire season but early indications suggest South Australia has the potential for fires in both the northern and southern parts of the State this year. Planning is already underway in Region 4 for another potentially busy season. The longer term weather outlook is trending towards warmer and dryer conditions than average across most of the State.

CFS brigades responded to over 8100 incidents throughout the State during the last reporting year. The greater proportions of these were related to fixed and mobile property and to vehicle accidents. While last bushfire season seemed "quiet" the reality is we were busy as usual and bushfires burnt up to 5.5 million hectares mainly in the State's northern regions. Severe weather events also saw crews out in force attending to local emergencies.

The true depth, breadth and capability of CFS was demonstrated on 13 and 14 March when we assisted the Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) and the State Emergency Service (SES) over an extended period of time. CFS supported MFS during a large industrial fire at Wingfield on 13 March when our crews and appliances were stationed at many MFS stations in Adelaide. Poor water supply hampered the Wingfield operation and CFS tankers and bulk water carriers were used to ferry water to the fire. Two aircraft were also used in a direct firefighting role as air attack supervisors directed the Erickson Airplane water bombing operations. The Erickson Airplane dropped almost 500,000 litres of fire suppressant on the fire. On the following day, CFS crews were out and about assisting the SES responding to numerous calls from the community following severe wind and rain storms across the southern parts of the

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CFSVA PRESIDENT ROGER FLAVELL

I am writing this in Sydney where I am attending the Australian Assembly of Volunteer Fire Brigade Associations (AAVFBA) workshop being held over two days.

The former Commissioner of the NSW Rural Fire Service, Phil Koperberg, who is currently the Executive Director of AAVFBA, together with a working party, will progress the establishment of the new Council and tackle several other issues with the federal government. The new Council will have support from 10 associations from around Australia, giving it a combined membership backing of well over 200,000 volunteer firefighters.

SACAD continues to cause a lot of frustration in many areas and while some issues were resolved by a group of operational delegates from across the state and facilitated by the CFSVA meeting on a monthly basis with CFS staff and the Chief Officer, there is still a long way to go. Over resourcing, responses to controlled burn-offs and responses to safe fires outside the fire danger season are some of the problems we

are all experiencing. In addition we are now being responded to incident types that we never have before and should be either the landowner or another service responsibility. This is another example of volunteers expected to fill out forms for any wrong responses which shouldn't be their responsibility. We have pleaded for extra support from the Minister of Emergency Services to help resolve these issues without success. We appreciate that CFS have been assisting with extra personal within the staff to try and progress the issues - however the concern is that while they are concentrating on SACAD, their normal business is being seriously delayed. There are a number of volunteers working with staff to improve the system and the BRG working party is spending a lot of time to achieve a better outcome for volunteers.

In April we had a well attended forum at Salisbury where various

options for the future of volunteer firefighting organisations were presented and most agreed it was very informative and thought-provoking. We also held a workshop session where we have begun to develop our policies for the next election, again it proved to be an excellent and thought-provoking exercise. Wendy and some of the executive will be attending various meetings across the state later in the year where we intend to present and get feedback on the policies and future direction of the service.

We also welcome Jeff Clarke as the newly elected Deputy Vice President for the Association. Jeff is a member of the Region 2 Operations Brigade and runs his own restaurant in the Barossa Valley. Jeff is very keen to see improved funding for CFS and its volunteer workforce and will attend meetings around the State to meet and hear from members.

AFAC VOLUNTEER LEADERS PROGRAM

In April, Tony Whitehorn (Angaston Deputy Group Officer 2) and Joshua Fanning (Mudla Wirra Lieutenant 3) from Region 2 attended the AFAC Volunteer Leaders Program at the Australian Institute of Police Management, Manly Head, Sydney.



The AFAC volunteer leaders program brought together senior volunteers from fire services within Australia and New Zealand for leadership training and networking.

During the five-day program, various styles of leadership techniques along with skills were discussed in a range of situations.

The course was facilitated by senior police officers from the Australian Federal Police, New South Wales Police and leadership consultants.

The range of leadership styles and techniques discussed will help to increase the effectiveness of leadership for

all those that attended, with a range of topics covered, from crisis leadership, reflection, leader-follower relationships and much more.

I (Josh) personally, found it was not only the course content that facilitated leadership development but the networking with volunteers from Queensland, New South Wales, Tasmania and New Zealand.

The discussion of firefighting and leadership techniques varied between services, which helped me gain a greater knowledge of different styles.

It was also interesting to discover that all fire services can have similar issues at a brigade

level from, member recruitment and retention to training attendance.

It was great to discuss the facilities and appliances of the different organisations and learn about their training programs and organisational structure.

I (Tony) also benefited from the course by developing a greater understanding of my strengths and weaknesses and therefore increasing my understanding of effective leadership and developing strategies for improving leadership skills.

Working in syndicates with firefighters from all over Australia and New Zealand was an invaluable source of

experience and knowledge, and it highlighted the shared challenges of leadership.

We both would like to thank AFAC and the CFS for enabling us to attend this program and especially the staff who facilitated our involvement.

We both thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and learnt a number of skills which we hope to implement into our leadership styles, along with sharing with our peers to assist others.

Above. Participants of the AFAC Volunteer Leaders Program from Australia and New Zealand.

WIRRABARA FOREST FIRE

At around 1630 hours on May 7, the CFS was alerted to a prescribed burn that had jumped a control line in the Southern Flinders area of the Wirrabara Forest about 25km north east of Port Pirie.

For eight days and nights, volunteers and staff from Region 4 with support from both Region 1 and Region 2, worked tirelessly assisting crews from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and ForestrySA to contain a burnoff which had spotted out of control in very steep and inaccessible areas of the Wirrabara forest and surroundings.

Around 51 CFS appliances, 4 aircraft and over 120 CFS, DENR and Forestry SA fire fighters, tackled the fire until Sunday May 13, before handing back control to ForestrySA in the mid afternoon.

During the time of operations, strike teams from Mt Remarkable, Regions 1 and 2, DENR, and Forestry SA along with Incident Management Teams, used methods such as back burning, mineral earth breaking, bombing with aircraft foam and gel retardants. Thermal imaging cameras were also used to detect hot spots overnight and maintained asset protection within the Wirrabara Forest.

Region 4 Commander Bluey Devine said the relentless efforts of CFS volunteers prevented it from spreading further into the forest.

"This fire was in an area of very difficult and inaccessible terrain that relied mostly on the creation of fire breaks at various points to stop its spread," he said.

There were other external agencies that assisted CFS staff and volunteers including South Australian Police (SAPOL), South Australian Ambulance Service (SAAS), St John Ambulance Service, SA Water, Mt Remarkable Council, and the Salvation Army who did a fantastic job to cater for the hungry and thirsty fire crews during the incident.

Forestry SA and DENR crews continued operations until the fire was declared safe on Thursday May 24, with a significant rainfall of 43mm the night before contributing to the long-awaited end of the forest fire.

The fire burnt approximately 750 hectares of forest and approximately 60 hectares of private land. The fuel loads around the areas were extreme and flame heights rose from 10 to 20 metres. Spotting of the fire had jumped numerous tracks and control lines in the vicinity of up to 500 metres at one particular time of the day on Tuesday May 8.

CFS Regional Commander Bluey Devine has praised the efforts of the firefighting crew and the incident management team for what he described as a challenging task.

Fires burnt for eight consecutive days and nights in the Wirrabara Forest. CFS crews worked hard to prevent the spread of the fire by containing it to 750 hectares. Smoke from the fire could be seen across long distances and restricted visibility for drivers in some nearby roads. (Below left and right, photos: David Pearce, CFS Aviation Planning Officer).

“For eight days and nights, volunteers and staff worked tirelessly to contain a burnoff which had spotted out of control.”



CFS BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT PLANNING

BY RICHARD WALD, MANAGER CFS BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT PLANNING

In November 2009, significant amendments were made to the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005 to introduce a new bushfire management planning process following a number of major incidents and reviews of bushfire management in South Australia.

These new arrangements have seen the formation of the State Bushfire Co-ordination Committee (SBCC) which now has the legislative responsibility for establishing bushfire management planning in South Australia.

The SBCC has divided the state into nine Bushfire Management Areas (BMA's) across all local councils and Outback areas and has established a committee for each BMA. Each committee consists of local government and land management agency representatives and will be responsible for the development of a Bushfire Management Area Plan (BMAP) for their respective area.

As CFS is the hazard leader for bushfire within South Australia, it is charged with providing the chair (Regional Commander) and the executive officer (Regional Prevention Officer) for each committee. In support of these committees is the CFS Bushfire Management Planning Support team who will

centrally facilitate the planning process.

The intention of each Bushfire Management Area Plan (BMAP) is that it will provide land management and emergency management agencies with strategies for the prevention or minimisation of the risk of the impact bushfire to assets.

To facilitate the development of these plans, the CFS will be adopting a methodology developed by the New South Wales Rural Fire Service and utilised by the Country Fire Authority in Victoria to assess the risk of bushfire to assets across the landscape.

WHAT IS CURRENTLY HAPPENING?

Recently the CFS Bushfire Management Planning Support team developed interim BMAPs from existing Regional, District and Local Council Bushfire Prevention Plans and fire management plans from DENR, SA Water and Forestry SA.

Much of the information within these interim plans will provide



an overview of existing bushfire mitigation activities across each BMA.

The next step in developing BMAPs is for each BMC to identify assets that are at risk from bushfire.

To assist each BMC, the CFS has commenced engaging with local councils and various

agencies with state wide responsibilities to identify those assets at risk.

The assets identified will then be mapped by CFS and included in the Bushfire Risk Register to assist with the future risk assessment process that each BMC will undertake.

To date, the CFS has provided individual asset identification workshops for all the local councils involved and has now commenced engaging with agencies responsible for infrastructure including roads, railways, water and electricity to help them identify assets at risk from bushfire.

In the near future as each plan is developed, the CFS Groups and Brigades within each Bushfire Management Area will also be consulted for input into the respective plans.

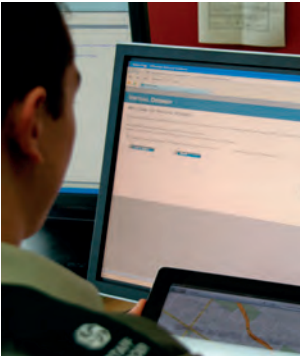


CFS is developing a new bushfire management methodology to assess the risk of bushfires to assets.

CENTRE FOR LESSONS LEARNED

BY MARK THOMASON, CFS MANAGER OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENT

Over the past few months a national working group has been developing a best practice guide on Lessons Management with the primary objective to develop some standards of approach in learning from incidents.



There is a greater need to share observations and lessons nationally and providing guidance for other organisations

wishing to implement a lessons-management-system.

Organisations are keen to observe both operations and exercises and evaluate these against their procedures. This concept is being developed within CFS and will be trialled over the forthcoming year.

To illustrate the benefits from this, the CFS recently conducted an Operational Efficiency Review into a structure fire in a Region. The process examined each of the SOPs and Chief Officer's Standing Orders and determined whether

they supported operations or decision processes.

The outcome of this review led to 22 recommendations to review SOPs and Chief Officer's Standing Orders and issue a number of Operational Bulletins.

The brigades and Group involved in this incident must be congratulated for being open and wishing to share their learnings.

VIRTUAL DEBRIEF

CFS has instigated a Virtual debrief web page within the "Members Only" section of the CFS home web page.

The intent of the virtual debrief site is to capture observations from personnel where debrief or after-action reviews have not taken place. The site is not intended to replace the formal debrief process but supplement

the collection of observations from exercises, training or operations.

The virtual debrief site is being built so we may engage with volunteers to validate an observation or training practices.

Those wishing to submit an observation on the site can remain anonymous or leave their member's number so we may reply or seek additional information.

Once an observation is submitted it is fed directly into the lessons management system. From here it may be coded for further analysis with other observations.

Further information is provided on the Centre of Lessons Learned web site.

For further information contact Mark Thomason on 8398 9987.

CFS supporting global campaign for Muscular Dystrophy research

For more than 50 years our firefighter and emergency services associates in the USA have been loyal supporters of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

This has been most evident in the American *Fill the Boot* campaign to help people with this neuromuscular disease. I am encouraging Country Fire Service staff and volunteers together with all Australian firefighters and emergency services workers from all States and Territories to support Australia's inaugural firefighter *Fill the Boot* relay between October 4-19.

As a supporter of *Fill the Boot* for the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation (MDF), you become part of a noble and important effort – one that depends on you to raise much-



Comedy legend and international patron for MDF Australia, Jerry Lewis, shares a laugh with firefighters who will take part in the "Fill the Boot" relay in October.

needed funds for life-saving research and support.

By participating, you'll be bringing MDF one step closer to its ultimate, goal – to provide vital support services to the 1 in 300 Australians affected by Muscular Dystrophy, as well as ground-breaking research to

find a cure for this debilitating disease. Please note that your fundraising for *Fill the Boot* will not affect any of your other fundraising efforts.

I am counting on you to support this cause. Our goal is for every fire station in Australia to collectively raise as much

money as possible for MDF research.

I will also be proud to see you represent the CFS and your Brigade in the national relay and by celebrating at the finish line in Darling Harbour to coincide with the opening of the World Firefighters' Games on 19 October.

Legendary comedian and humanitarian Jerry Lewis who has been chairman of the US Muscular Dystrophy Association for 60 years and is now the International patron for MDF Australia, has a personal message for you by going to www.filltheboot.com.au where you can also find more information about how your brigade can become involved in the relay.

Greg Nettleton, CFS Chief Officer

QUEENSLAND FLOOD TECHNOLOGY BENEFITS CFS

BY ALICIA STUMM

Cutting-edge, award-winning mapping technology used during the Queensland flood disasters is now being used to help South Australia's 13,500 Country Fire Service (CFS) volunteers.

The CFS has been working with location intelligence specialists Esri Australia to develop a Geographic Information System (GIS) solution that uses multi-layered digital maps to provide front-line crews with detailed information as emergency incidents unfold.

CFS Operations Planning Officer Nick Cundell said GIS Technology can offer valuable environmental and historical data during emergencies. "When encountering an emergency situation it's vital that we know exactly what's occurring at the incident," Mr Cundell said.

GIS technology enables us to access previously collated fire, asset, environmental and other data through an easy-to-understand visual context of maps," he said. "This information can be analysed to derive greater meaning – and our planning team pass on that information to our people on the ground so they can make informed judgments about how to best respond to a situation. "This ultimately results in improving the use of our available resources.

"CFS agency-partner the Department of Environment and Natural Resources uses the same GIS technology, which has proved particularly valuable during several regional fires, including the Woolundunga fire in the Flinders Ranges in January." Esri Australia's GIS technology was also used to develop Brisbane's flood map which provided a real-time picture of water levels, hazards and emergency infrastructure for local authorities and the public.



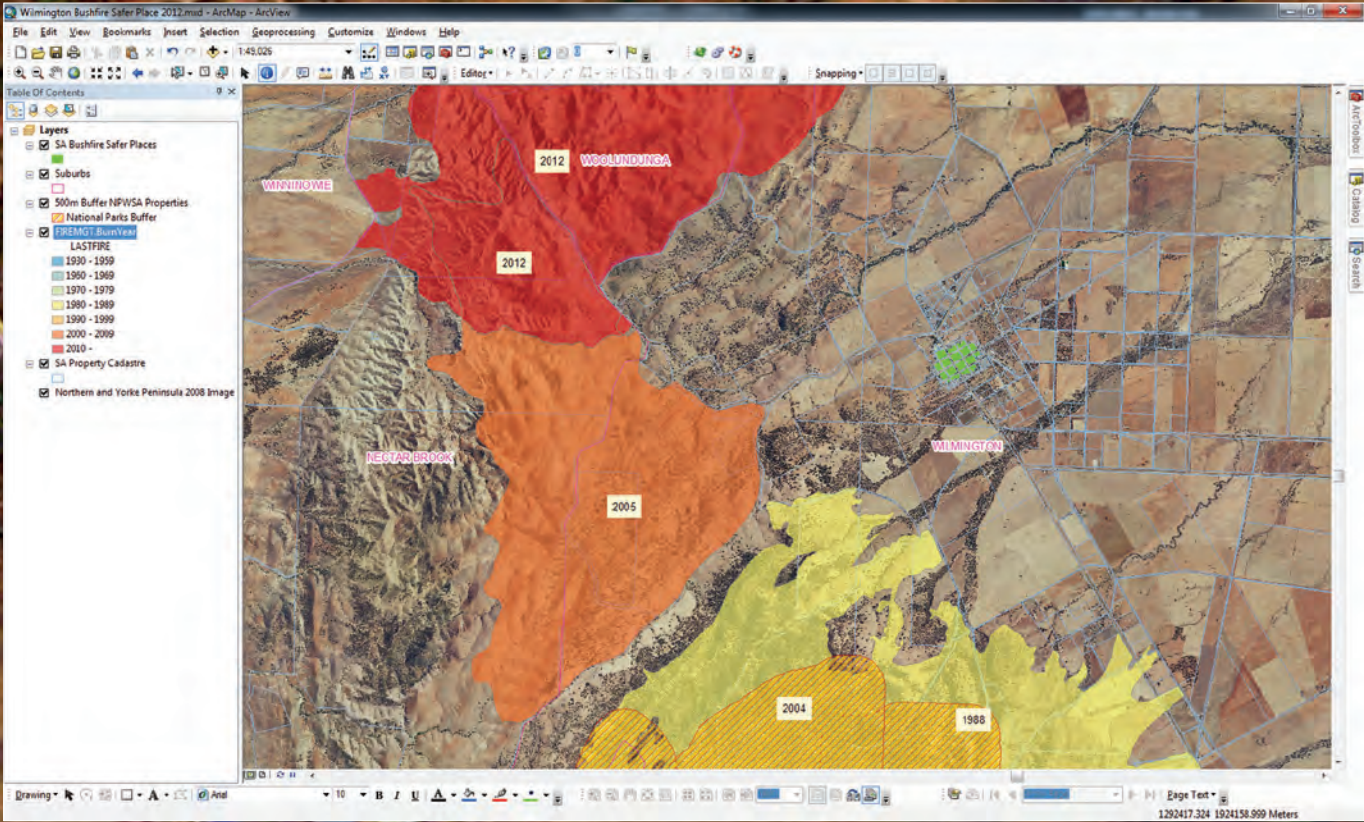
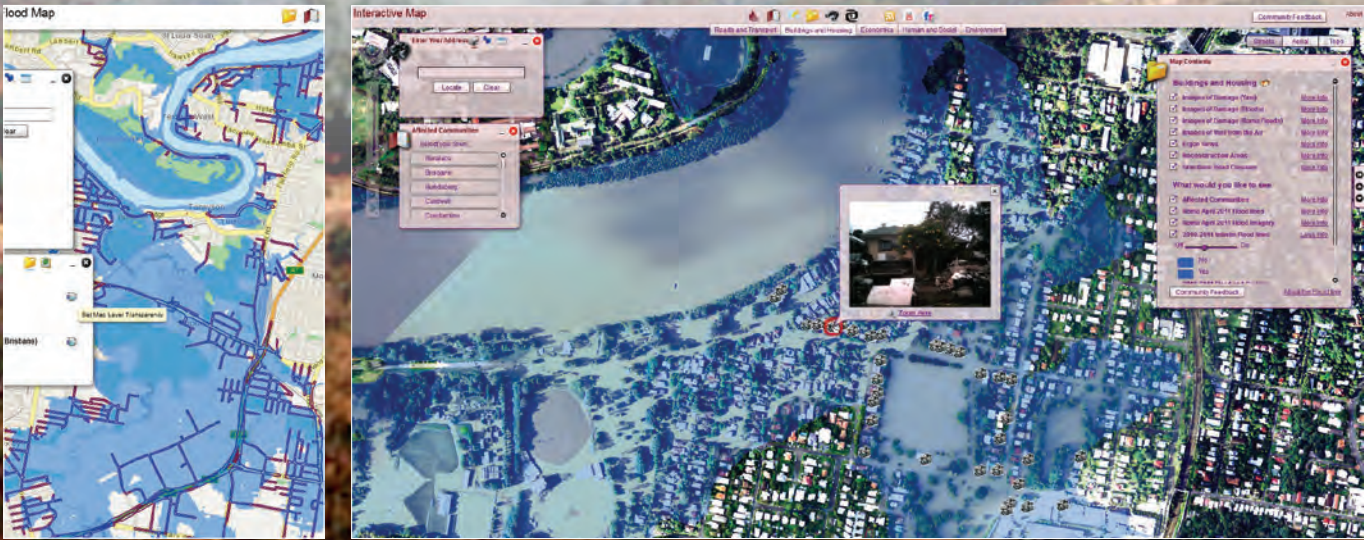
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Below. GIS data from Queensland floods and bottom, CFS mapping data of the Woolundunga fire.

GIS technology is being used to provide valuable data to CFS crews.



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CFS GROUP OFFICER COMPETES IN LONDON OLYMPICS



“It's very much a blessing and a privilege to be there with my daughter because it spurs you on a bit to want to try and to hope to go in better.”

Members of the CFS Blyth/Snowtown Brigade had a special connection with the London Olympic Games over the first three days of this month.

Most of them were tuned-in to their TVs and radios to cheer on their Brigade's Group Officer David Chapman and his 20 year old daughter Hayley, who both competed in pistol shooting events.

Their selection to the Olympic squad also meant it was the first time in Australian

Olympic history that a father and daughter had competed together in the same sport.

The 47 year-old broad-acre crop farmer from Hoyleton in the Clare Valley said that competing in the London Olympics with his daughter was a highlight of his 30-year association with the sport.

“It's very much a blessing and a privilege to be there with my daughter because it spurs you on a bit to want to try and to hope to go in better,” David said. “She was very excited, more so than I was because it was her first Olympics so I feel as though I was there to help support her”.

David competed in the men's 25-metre rapid pistol while Hayley took part in the women's 25-metre pistol.

“Pistol shooting is a sport that if you try too hard you definitely don't go very well at all,” he said.

Although both athletes failed to win a medal, David has previously won silver in the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne in 2006 and four years later competed in the Sydney Olympics.

Above. CFS Blyth/Snowtown Brigade Group Officer David Chapman with daughter Hayley, who both competed in pistol shooting in the London Olympics. Photo courtesy of the Daily Telegraph/News Ltd.

WINTER AND SPRING FIRE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS



The Country Fire Service (CFS) is reminding householders of the potential fire hazards in their homes with the onset of winter.

Last winter, the CFS attended 77 house fires, some of which were caused by heaters, solid fuel fireplaces and candles.

CFS Prevention Services Manager Leigh Miller said the colder weather will generally increase the risk of house fires if precautions are not taken.

“Slow combustion heaters, open fire places, clothes dryers and electric blankets are common causes of house fires during winter,” Mr Miller said.

“Chimneys and flues should also be serviced regularly and old appliances, including electric blankets, checked for frayed cables.”

The following tips can help make your home safer this winter:

- Keep heaters at least two metres away from any flammable items including clothing, bedding furniture and curtains.
- Never leave portable heaters unattended or switched on in bedrooms overnight and only buy those with an automatic safety switch that will turn the heater off if it is accidentally tipped over.
- Children and pets must always be supervised and monitored when heaters are in use.
- Switch electric blankets off before going to bed.
- Use a fire screen in front of open fires and keep wood stove doors closed.
- Flues and chimneys should be cleaned once a year to prevent a build-up of flammable material.
- Clean the lint filter in the clothes dryer every time before you use it.

“Slow combustion heaters, open fire places, clothes dryers and electric blankets are common causes of house fires during winter.”

Mr Miller said smoke alarms must also be checked regularly to make sure they are working.

“A working smoke alarm can save your life and is especially important at night,” he said.

“Many people don't realise that they lose their sense of smell when they're asleep and so without a working smoke alarm for early detection, they would be less likely to wake up in time to escape or alert others in the house.”

Above. Planning ahead to avoid fire hazards may prevent devastating consequences.

DAVID CANT FLIES THE COUP

The CFS Manager of Aviation David Cant was recently farewelled by his friends and colleagues to wish him all the best in his new role as a business development manager.

After a long career with the CFS, David accepted a new role to promote, market and develop business networks for the South Australian-based company Bio-Central Labs which will involve supporting one of its products "Blazetamer" – a polymeric based water enhancer which is used for firefighting.

It was after much consideration that David tendered his resignation from CFS after committing a total of 30 years'

service which included National Parks, ESAU and SAFECOM.

Although David won't be far removed from you all, the work he will be doing will see him working closely with aerial fire fighting operatives and associated industries in Australia and around the world as these markets develop.

During his farewell function, David reflected on his outstanding career with the CFS.

"Most significant to me, has



been the wonderful dedication that CFS staff and volunteers put towards the service, to the community and this is the area I think I will miss the most," he said.

"The time developing national relationships for collaboration and sharing of aircraft, systems and knowledge during the past decade with the National Aerial Firefighting Centre is one of the real achievements that CFS has been a real contributor, and I hope that this will continue into the future.

"Thankyou for all of those people who have helped develop CFS into a leading aerial fire fighting service to which the CFS and the SA community can be rightly proud of."

David will be missed by many, but has left a lasting impression for others in the CFS to follow.

The CFS wishes David and his family all the best.

Above. CFS aircraft play a critical role in the suppression of bushfires every fire season.

“Most significant to me, has been the wonderful dedication that CFS staff and volunteers put towards the service, to the community and this is the area.

CFS VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT UPDATE

ARTHUR TINDALL, MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOGISTICS



VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT, (V&E)

Sandy Paterson, (Manager), Andrew Plush, and Wayne Byrne. Wayne manages Leased vehicles and Command and Logistics vehicles and reports to MIL)

RECENT DELIVERIES

The following new appliances have recently been delivered: - Crystal Brook, Macclesfield and Waitpinga have each received a new 34.

Rhynie has received a new single cab 14.

11-12 NEW APPLIANCE PROGRAM

The 11-12 new appliance program is nearing a completion with the last of the appliances from Fraser Fire having arrived on a ship into Outer Harbour. This last batch to be delivered includes one 34 and five 34P's. These appliances will have the Isuzu Pre-Delivery checks done, radio installations checked, I&L final inspection process conducted, stowed, sign written

and then delivered to their respective Brigades as soon as practical.

As part of the 11-12 build four 14 appliances were constructed by Moore Engineering. These are based on Booleroo 14 which received extremely positive feedback when built in the 2008 - 2009 financial year. The only major criticism levelled at the appliance when it was shown around the State was the height of the headboard and crew protection awning. I&L staff worked with Moore Engineering to address this issue on the new build and this has resulted in the height of the headboard and crew haven being reduced down to the CFS convention of 50mm above cab height.

The new design of crew protection canopy shown deployed. It uses swing arms to support the canopy rather than the 'shop awning' style used on larger appliances.

12-13 NEW APPLIANCE PROGRAM

The 12-13 program is 'cranking up' with Fraser Fire already having commenced the construction of a further twenty three 34's with the first batch of these due in Adelaide around November.

The cab chassis for the new batch of 23 off 34 appliances were shipped direct from Japan into Wellington where CFS took possession of them. The picture above was taken on Wellington wharf where the cab chassis were individually inspected prior to them being released to Fraser Engineering.

A new Operations Support Vehicle (OSV) for Region 2 will also be due around November, in time for the next Fire Danger Season. This year's program also includes:

- One Quick Response Vehicle (QRV)
- Two Bulk Water Carriers (BWC)
- One Hook Lift truck with a Bulk Water Carrier Pod
- One Road Crash Rescue (RCR) Appliance
- One Single Cab 14.

We also intend to build a Rural appliance with as much water as can logically be fitted to it. This project is still in its very early stage.

ISUZU DOOR LOCKS

When fitting some of the new door lock plates to some appliances we noticed they fit very well on the front doors but

the rear door lock assembly is slightly different. Modified plates are being made and will be distributed via Regions when we receive them from Fraser Fire.

V&E STAFF

Andrew Plush recently enjoyed six weeks of driving around the far back blocks of Central and Northern Australia and was out of normal contact. There might be some delays with work in the Unit however any delay will be minimised as much as possible.



Above. The new design protection canopy which features in the new batch of CFS appliances."

“The CFS undertook what proved to be a fascinating session with a cross-section of CFS employees and volunteers.

UNDERSTANDING WHO WE ARE

BY NEIL CHARTER – PRINCIPLE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

THE IMPORTANCE OF BRAND ARCHETYPING

One of the most important communication tasks of any business or organisation whether in retail or service provision is about understanding yourself.

If you were to ask employees or members of any large business to describe the “personality” of their organisation, you would invariably get a mixed view. The exception would be with a successful business where the trend suggests that you would get a very clear and shared view of exactly who the business is and what it represents.



By understanding your business you understand your “brand personality” and have a very powerful communications and marketing tool.

To achieve this there is a very cost effective, extremely strategic

and highly enlightening process called “brand archotyping”.

Archetypes are different types of “personality”.

With each archetype comes a set of characteristics. If compared to an individual the archetype could be anything from a hero to a rebel to a joker. Each has a set of characteristics that we can readily identify with and that relates to the way they behave, react or go about daily life.

The CFS engaged the services of an expert in delivering this process and in March 2012 undertook what proved to be a fascinating session with a cross-section of CFS employees and volunteers. Through a process of elimination from a set of thirty five archetypes the group narrowed the CFS organisation down to two archetypes.

The two archetypes and their formal definitions are:

1. Hero/Guardian - The Hero Guardian has a natural tendency to rescue, to get others out of trouble - empathetic and compassionate while also being predictable, reliable and trustworthy.

The Hero Guardian is a brand that helps somebody who is in trouble that provides



a lifeline that goes into battle to save somebody. They are well organised and predictable in what they do; efficient and reliable.

2. Sage - Wise, insightful, mentoring, wisdom and independence are key qualities of the Sage that offer useful insights, that help the community to become wiser. They can be trusted and make a real impact on the community's life. They are not just promoting themselves but are honestly trying to improve (and protect) the community's life.

These archetypes hold enormous strength in assisting the CFS apply these qualities to their everyday work. They are applicable across every area of the organisation whether

operationally, educationally or administratively. When you read them you cannot help but say yes this is our “personality” as an organisation.

This is not about portraying the CFS service as “Heroes” but rather recognising that this is how the majority of the public perceive our brand and establishing how we can use that perception modestly.

The second archetype of Sage and holder of wisdom represents our knowledge and responsibility to use it for the benefit of others.

The CFS would be one of the world's most experienced organisations when it comes to bushfire fighting, prevention and safety and therein lays enormous opportunity to use that experience and knowledge, whether to help the community, advise others, gain industry respect or guide government decision making.

Sometimes we just need to take a step back and remind ourselves why we operate the way we do.

The archotyping process is an excellent reminder of why and how we go about our business as members of the CFS and it is something everyone can be proud of and promote what they do.

EXTRA CFS FACILITY AT THEBARTON

BY JANINE FLETCHER

CFS has leased new premises at Thebarton.

The building at 50 George Street enhances our capabilities to provide for both the community's needs and our day-to-day business needs.

The facility will enable consolidation of storage at a single location for the Community Education Unit and an area to store telecommunications equipment, whilst also providing much needed space for the State Operations & Support Brigade (SOSB).

The advantage of having a storage location close to town will ensure effective and efficient services.

The substantial warehouse provides easy access for couriers and the handling of goods.

The premises comes with an office area, kitchen, storage

facilities and a boardroom complete with a Smart Board, TV and amenities which is available for all CFS members.

With just two kilometres from the CBD, it enables ease of access and surrounding parking for volunteers, staff and visitors.

The bookings for the Thebarton Office Meeting Room can be organised through CFS HQ administration staff for CFS Business purposes only.

THE CFS STATE OPERATIONS & SUPPORT BRIGADE (SOSB)

Established in 2006 the SOSB has provided services to the CFS headquarters, regions, and the community of SA Australia.

The group has operated from a number of locations but now have a single place to house their vehicles, PPE and equipment along with the Bushfire Education Van, lovingly known as BEV.



New CFS Boardroom for all CFS members

The role of the SOSB has changed over the last two years now providing support for the Bushfire Hotline which is activated during major bushfires or other emergency incidents.

This role provides up-to-date information to the South Australian community at times when life or property may be at risk.

The Brigade also provides active support to the Incident Management Team (IMT) at incidents by managing staging areas, base camps and providing ground support for water bombing aircraft.

A special thank-you goes out to everyone who was involved and helped deliver this project.

The Pager BY ROB TONKIN

The siren is a thing of the past, now we have a pager
This tiny thing it rules our lives, on that I'll place a wager
When the pager goes off, away we go,
Why do we do it, I really don't know.
Our city cousins, they have it made
With professional people, all of them paid
But here in the bush we are a different breed,
We work together for a community need.
When disaster strikes and the crap hits the fan,
We answer the call as fast as we can
There's nothing to think about, we just head for the door,
We don't know what we're in for, but we'll be there for sure.
No time to think about partner, our kids or our wife,
There is a job to be done, maybe save someone's life.
Where are you going? How long will you be?
Make sure that you're careful, and be home for tea.
The tradie downs tools and he's soon on his way,
No time to think about what the boss may say.
I know there's a deadline, and I'm sorry that it's so,
But the pager has beeped, and I really must go.
Now the work place is chaos and it's way out of wack,
Your workmates will cover till you finally get back.
We take it all for granted that we can up and go,
We know that's the way it works, it always has been so.
Let's acknowledge all employers and the sacrifice they make,
When they let us all go missing for our community's sake.



QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS (AFSM) AWARDS

CFS State Training Officer Owen Glover of Nairne and Tantanoola Brigade member Peter Edgcumbe, have been awarded the Australian Fire Service Medal (AFSM) in the Queen's Birthday Honours list for their outstanding and distinguished service to the South Australian Country Fire Service.

Both gentlemen have had an extensive history with the CFS and have received awards in the past including the National Medal and CFS Service Medal acknowledging an ongoing commitment of more than 25 years.

The ASFM citation specifically mentions both men's exceptional contributions to the CFS through their service as volunteer firefighters and as leaders who collectively equate to 40 years of service.

Owen joined the CFS (then known as the Emergency Fire Service) in 1970 as a cadet firefighter and went on to serve as a paid firefighter with the

Aviation Fire Service and also served as a volunteer firefighter for almost 18 years.

In 1986 he later began his career as a staff member at Region 2 and later assumed the position of Acting Officer in Charge of Region 6.

He was transferred to the training department as a Regional Training Officer at the Brookway Park Training Centre and was subsequently appointed as the Regional Commander of Region 4 and then Regional Commander of Region 2.

More recently, he has returned to the Training Department at the State Training Centre at



Brunkunga with the responsibility for the Safe Off Road Driver Development Project for the CFS to meet SafeworkSA requirements.

Owen's wealth of knowledge and operational experience has been an invaluable asset in the mentoring of new staff.

Peter Edgcumbe joined the South Australian Country Fire Service (CFS) in 1980 as a firefighter with the Tantanoola Brigade.

He has held numerous positions within the CFS, being elected as a Deputy Group Officer for the Millicent CFS Group and has maintained that role through the merging of the Millicent and Penola CFS Groups.

He remained the Deputy Group Officer until being forced to reduce his extensive involvement in 2009 after being diagnosed with a serious illness.

Peter was instrumental in establishing the Region 5 OH&S Committee and has spent a great deal of time working on firefighter safety within his

Group, ensuring safer practices were in place.

He held the position of Vice-President of the South East CFS Volunteer Association (formerly VFBA) from 1999, and was the Brigade's delegate on the Association for many years.

Peter has served the CFS and his community with distinction over many years and still volunteers as a member of the Tantanoola Brigade.

His commitment to the volunteers of his Brigade, Group and Region has been shown by his willingness to excel within OH&S and his concern over the safety of his fellow volunteer firefighters over many years.

Congratulations to two very worthy recipients of this year's Australian Fire Service Medal.

Above. Owen Glover who was awarded an AFSM in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours list

Left. Peter Edgcumbe who received an AFSM for outstanding service to the CFS



THE CFS FIRE SERVICE STAR BY NEIL CHARTER – PRINCIPLE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

RECOGNISING THE VIRTUES OF OUR SERVICE

With most long standing community volunteer services you often don't have to look too far to find out what has led to its success.

The principles and virtues of a successful service provider are usually embedded deep in the fabric of the organisation and upheld at every point of their service delivery.

Within the South Australian Country Fire Service those virtues are represented by the CFS Fire Service Star which emblazons everything from fire trucks to PPE to the very awards that celebrate volunteer achievements. It is the official insignia of the South Australian Country Fire Service.

The Fire Service Star should not be confused in purpose to the official yellow and red chequered logo of the CFS. The latter serves a critical role in providing a readily identifiable and simplistic logo that represents the brand of the CFS to the outside world. It does not pretend to offer any other deeper meaning than an



immediate recognition of the CFS as the state's country fire service.

The CFS Fire Service Star is not unique to the CFS as it is recognised by fire services all over the world. It is the Cross of Saint John which originally

emerged from the Maltese Cross, variations of which are used extensively by emergency services both nationally and worldwide. Used by the Knights of Saint John during the crusades in Jerusalem, the points on the Maltese Cross

represented eight virtues of Knighthood which over time firefighters have adopted.

The eight virtues of the CFS volunteer are:

1. Tact - discretion
2. Loyalty - commitment to the organisation through 'thick and thin'
3. Dexterity - mental adroitness and flexibility
4. Observation - attentiveness or perceptiveness
5. Sympathy - compassion or sharing
6. Explicitness - thoroughness
7. Gallantry - boldness
8. Perseverance - determination

For past, current and future CFS members the Fire Service Star has and will continue to provide an all important sense of purpose, pride and guidance in all that they do. The qualities it represents are the essence of how and why the South Australian Country Fire Service has the history and service record that it does.

Sue Mickan AFSM recognition for 30 years of service

More than 30 years of volunteering by Coonalpyn CFS Brigade member Sue Mickan has been recognised after she was named a recipient of the prestigious Australian Fire Service Medal this year.



Sue has dedicated countless hours to the organisation over the past three decades and is the second female CFS volunteer to receive the medal.

The medal is awarded for distinguished service by a member of an Australian Fire Service, and Sue was honored to be a recipient and had received congratulatory letters

from the Premier and Governor of South Australia.

Sue is currently the Deputy Group Officer, Group Equipment and Purchasing Officer with the Coorong CFS Group.

Over the years her roles have included Brigade Communications Officer, Group Communications Officer and also serves on the Chief Officers Advisory Council, Region 3 Regional Volunteer Management Committee and the Group and Regional Finance Committees.

Sue is often available to instruct on Suppress Wildfire and BFF1 courses, where

she loves to welcome new volunteers to the "CFS family".

Over the years she has seen changes within the organisation, including a major change after Ash Wednesday in 1983, where standardised appliances were introduced.

Sue said the change meant that all appliances were brought up to a standard level, which helped some brigades who previously did not have the financial ability to run newer appliances.

Congratulations Sue!

Left. Sue Mickan is congratulated by South Australia's Governor His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce.

BUSHFIRE SAFETY AT THE CARAVAN AND CAMPING SHOW

BY AMY RIEBE



The CFS Community Education Unit have been working with the Caravan and Camping Industry Association of South Australia (CCIASA) to help promote bushfire safety to travellers.

CCIASA have provided valuable space at several of the Caravan, Camping and Outdoor Adventure shows in recent years. This has enabled CFS Community Education Officers access to a group, potentially vulnerable to bushfires - travellers, campers and caravan enthusiasts.

Travellers can often be unfamiliar with their surroundings and removed from communication networks which might otherwise alert them to bushfire danger.

From August 2-5 the CFS Community Education Unit were at the Caravan, Camping & Off-Road Sale held at Wayville where many people were provided with advice on bushfire safety as well as information on campfire safety strategies and home and property preparation, as well as an opportunity to meet Smokey!

We hope that the many people who stopped to talk have taken the advice to heart and are also aware of the many roles that CFS volunteers undertake in their communities.

CFS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

BY FELICITY HOPKINSON

Social media can be a useful tool to assist CFS members engage with each other and the community. However, what is posted or shared on social media sites can reflect on the individual, the CFS or even a personal account.



At the CFS we've developed some tips below to help you establish and use social media in the right way.

- Remember that the CFS Code of Conduct applies to social media as well, this includes your personal

accounts if you identify yourself as a CFS member.

- Think before you post as to how might others respond, do you have the required authorisation to post that comment and what are the possible consequences of your post?

- Be professional, especially if you're making a comment as a CFS member or on a CFS page, eg CFS Facebook.
- Own your own opinions and make sure it's clear when what you're saying is your personal opinion and not a CFS policy or position.
- Know your limits and base your comments and opinions on expertise, experience and knowledge. Don't post material which is not fully researched, is confidential, or is not regarded as a CFS policy or position.
- Be respectful of others and their opinions, don't make it personal and don't take it personally if people don't agree with you. Think about how your comments might reflect on or affect others.
- Respect copyright and acknowledge your sources, 'share' on Facebook, 'retweet' on Twitter so that people know where you

found the image, video, reference, etc.

- Contribute and add value to the discussion by inviting responses, increase knowledge and encourage involvement.
- Be relevant and timely. You are more likely to get a response and engage with other users.
- Monitor and respond to your social media channels and accounts. Have a plan for who will respond and how to respond. If you're using social media as a CFS Brigade, Group or Region, ask Community Education for a copy of the "Monitor and Response Guidelines."
- Be willing to admit mistakes and correct them if you can. Be prepared to edit or remove content, and make it clear that you have done so. Be willing to politely correct other mistakes you identify.

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FLY THE FLAG DURING BUSHFIRE ACTION WEEK

BY FELICITY HOPKINSON

This year Bushfire Action Week will run from Sunday 28 October - Saturday 3 November 2012.

Over half of the number of people living in bushfire risk areas still don't realise it, so the week will offer an opportunity for us to raise awareness and encourage people to make Bushfire Survival Plans.

The Community Education team will be banging the drum across the state but you can help too.

If you've ever thought of having an 'open house' at your brigade, taking part in your local Bunnings' sausage sizzle or any other fun and practical way of flying the flag, this would be a great week to do it!

Let us know your plans and we can promote them along with the rest of the week's exciting activities.

Contact us at: community.ed@cfs.sa.gov.au

Bushfire Action Week 2012

28 October to 3 November



BUSHFIRE SAFETY EXPO



Brenton Ragless with Smokey at the Bushfire Safety Expo.

The Country Fire Service hosted a Bushfire Expo in June to help people in high fire risk areas prepare for the next Fire Danger Season.



Some of the many people who took part in the Bushfire Safety Expo at Bellevue Heights in June.

The event featured information sessions on various topics focussing on bushfire safety and preparation in the Adelaide Hills which included:

- Responding to a bushfire in the Adelaide Hills
- Preparing a home for a bushfire
- Understanding the nature of a bushfire including radiant heat and embers
- Developing a Bushfire Survival Plan

CFS Community Education Officer Tracy Grime said that local businesses showcased bushfire safety products in addition to free CFS booklets and other material that were available on the day to distribute.

“We hoped to make a difference by raising people’s awareness of bushfire by helping them prepare their families, pets and possessions against a potential threat,” she said.

“I think we managed to achieve that on a cold wintery day.”

The Bushfire Safety Expo also included activities run by the Scouts and there was free face painting for children.

“There were also practical demonstrations on the use of fire safety equipment such as pumps, fire extinguishers and hoses,” Ms Grime said.

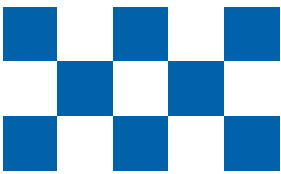
“We encouraged families, friends and neighbours to take part in this event, enjoy the day and learn what it takes to be ‘Bushfire Ready’,” Ms Grime said.

Channel Nine weather presenter and CFS volunteer Brenton Ragless was a major drawcard to the event and delivered a session on bushfire weather and safety planning.

Brenton has been an active and well known local community member who also has been the voice of the Blackwood Pageants in previous years.

The Bushfire Safety Expo was held at the Bellevue Heights Primary School where around 1,000 people attended.

Well done to the Community Education team for organising such a stand out event to raise the community’s awareness of Bushfire safety in the dead of winter!



POLICE CREDIT UNION JOINS FORCES WITH CFS FOUNDATION

Police Credit Union is pleased and proud to announce that it has joined forces with the CFS Volunteer Association which can benefit the work of the CFS Foundation through the Volunteer Support Fund.

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CFSVA EMBARKS ON SEPTEMBER ROAD SHOW

BY WENDY SHIRLEY

The CFS Volunteers Association will hold a series of meetings around the State to discuss with volunteers their views on the future of CFS and matters of importance to its members.

These meetings, commencing in September, will build on the initial work that has been done in developing a number of volunteer “position statements”. Some 40 draft statements have been put together by

senior CFSVA and operational volunteers and are now ready to ensure they properly reflect the views of the majority of our members. These position statements will be used to put our case to

all political parties for increased funding and improved conditions for CFS volunteers before the next state election in March 2014. Therefore it is important to ensure we have the backing of our membership.

The schedule of these meeting dates is now being negotiated with groups and brigades. The Notices of Meeting will be sent out soon.

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CFS YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

BY DANA CAMPBELL



New YAC chairperson Lisa West

Elections were held recently for the position of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the CFS Youth Advisory Council (YAC).

Lisa West was successful in being voted in to the position of Chairperson.

Lisa has been on the YAC since its commencement serving in the role of Region 6 representative.

Lisa is a current member of the Port Lincoln Brigade and has extensive experience and knowledge of the CFS. We wish her well as she commences her

term as chairperson of the CFS YAC.

Nick Ditter was successful in being voted into the position of Deputy Chairperson.

Nick is a member of the Piccadilly Brigade and has also been on the YAC since its commencement in the role of the CFS Volunteers Association representative.

On behalf of the YAC we would like to say thank you to Daniel Phillips, (outgoing Chairperson) for his extensive commitment to the YAC.

Under Daniel's leadership a strong foundation was built for the YAC which will enable young people to have a positive input into the future of the CFS.

Current Projects being undertaken by the YAC include;

- Promote Youth Membership
- Research and promote the need for a mentoring program
- Provide recommendations and advice on current uniforms/PPC
- Provide recommendation and advice on current equipment
- Organise and hold or assist with regional social events
- Work with the CFS to strengthen the brand of the service

If you would like to contact the YAC please send an email to yac@cfs.sa.gov.au and your email will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

Cadet thanks to Brukunga training team

For further information on how you can encourage and support young people becoming a CFS cadet, visit the CFS website's home page and click "Join Us" and "Cadets" on the top menu bar or log on: www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/join_us/cadets.jsp



CFS State Training Centre at Brukunga

To: Brenton Eden AFSM
Manager Training
CFS State Training Centre
Brukunga

Dear Mr Eden,

I would like to thank you and your team for the effort that was put into the time my fellow cadets and I stayed at Brukunga.

Personally, I had been looking forward to the visit for weeks and it was everything I expected and more!

It was great motivation to see the other volunteers training on site, it really made me realise that one day it could be me doing the training to help others in my community. It also gave me something to look forward to as a young cadet too.

Knowing that there is so much more to CFS than basic fire fighting is great, it is really exciting to know that there are more opportunities out there for me.

After my experience at Brukunga I am now determined to do my best at CFS.

It has made me realise what I am capable of as an individual.

The visit also made me appreciate how much work is put into CFS as an organisation. Watching the way that the training centre operates is amazing.

Not many people who rely on these services would realise how much goes on behind the scenes to make it all happen.

I hope to stick around in the CFS for as long as possible, it is extremely educational and

helps me to give something back to my community; which I think is vital for my generation.

In my opinion; I think our cadet programme is brilliant and it gives us the opportunity to learn skills and knowledge that we can use not only as fire fighters but in everyday life too.

Rob and Cath do a fantastic job at putting together trainings for us cadets.

There is always something new to take on board and they are constantly coming up with fun ways for us to learn and train as a team.

Compliments to the Chef (Red)! The food that was provided was delicious and succeeded to fill me up every time (that can sometimes prove difficult). The accommodation was also really lovely too. I will

definitely spread a good word for you back at the station.

Also a big thank you to Corey Frazer who helped Mum and I on arrival. Corey was very welcoming and was also very informative when showing us the spreaders and cutters on Saturday.

Thank you again for everything you did for us. I am looking forward to visiting Brukunga again at some stage in the future of my CFS career.

Yours sincerely,

Esther Mieglich
Napperby CFS Cadet

CADETS' ANZAC TRIBUTE

BY ALICIA STUMM

On Tuesday 24, April some of the youngest members of the CFS and SES took part in the annual ANZAC Eve Youth Vigil at the South Australian State War Memorial on North Terrace.

Below, CFS cadets who took part in this year's Anzac Day vigil at the State War Memorial



“This event encourages emergency service cadets and other young people to keep the ANZAC Day spirit alive.”

Twelve CFS cadets from Roxby Downs, Woomera and Orroroo and 10 SES cadets from Enfield 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' where a reconnaissance patrol would find and hold a strategic position in preparation for the arrival of their army. This would often involve an all-night vigil, staying awake,

on watch and alert to ensure a perimeter of the battleground is secured against a threat.

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

At 0600 hours they handed over to the Defence Force Catafalque Party who in turn 'held ground' during the Dawn Service

and the ANZAC Day March.

This event encourages emergency service cadets and other young people to keep the ANZAC Day spirit alive.

The young people were exceptional representatives for the formal ANZAC Eve ceremony performing duties such as laying tributes to the fallen, meeting the His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce, Governor of South Australia, educating touring dignitaries on the symbolism of

monuments, standing guard and delivering eloquent speeches to the assembled guests.

Congratulations to all the cadets who represented the CFS and SES at the ANZAC Eve Youth Vigil.

Thank you also to the cadet leaders for their support and enthusiasm and for making it possible for emergency service cadets to be involved in this important event.



RORY LIEBELT



Real name + nickname:

Rory Liebelt

What brigade do you belong to?

Nairne (Heysen Group)

How long have you been a CFS volunteer?

I joined the CFS in May 1983 as one of the founding members of the Littlehampton CFS Brigade and one of the volunteers that helped develop the current State Training Centre.

I have been Captain of three brigades within the group and have held various positions within the Nairne Brigade. Currently, I hold the position of 4th Lt at Nairne and I am the Heysen Group Training Coordinator, which is a position that I have held since 1996. I am also a Trainer Assessor for the Group.

Why did you join the CFS?

When I lived on the family farm at Mylor if there was a fire you stopped what you were doing and went and helped as it was usually one of your neighbours that was in trouble, so when I shifted off the farm several years later the opportunity came up so I joined the Littlehampton Brigade because that is what country folk do, is help there fellow neighbour.

What's your favourite memory with the CFS?

There are various incidents that you attend that have a good outcome and there are some that don't have a good outcome but doing interstate deployments and inter regional strike teams is one of the areas where you get to meet a lot of new volunteers and see how other brigades operate as I always say, (you are always learning until they put you in the box in the ground).

What do you do when not firefighting with the CFS?

Go camping, 4 x wheel driving and work.

Who do you most admire in CFS and why?

The hundreds of volunteer firefighters that go out of there way every day of the year sun or rain to help there fellow citizens in time of an emergency giving up there time from home life and work, (some times unpaid) to attend call outs.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years time?

I am looking at taking a bit of a back seat within the brigade as to possibly not being an officer but going back to being a firefighter to let some of the new up and coming younger members take on roles of responsibility and being able to put some more focus into the Heysen group training role.

If you won a million dollars how would you spend it and where would you travel?

I would probably think about early retirement and do some travelling around our great country Australia and fix up some old motor bikes that I have.

TERRY BEESTON



Real name + nickname:

Terry Beeston AFSM

What brigade do you belong to?

Norton Summit

How long have you been with the CFS?

Forty years.

Why did you join the CFS?

To be part of my community.

What's your favourite memory with the CFS?

Building a new brigade station for Norton Summit and building the Group Control Centre.

What do you do when not firefighting with the CFS?

Working in my building business and volunteering as a fire marshal.

Who do you most admire in CFS and why?

The brigade members for working as a team under all conditions.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years time?

Being part of an operational support brigade.

If you won a million dollars how would you spend it and where would you travel?

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CABIN DELUGE SYSTEM A COOL IDEA

BY IAN ROBERTS AND DAVE FITCH BRADBURY CFS AND GENEVIEVE COOPER OF THE MT BARKER COURIER

Bradbury CFS held a demonstration for their local community in March 2012 of a new cabin deluge system the brigade has recently had fitted to its rural 24 appliance.



The small brigade dug into its own pockets to have a cabin deluge system retrofitted to its single cab truck to protect cabin crew in the event of a burn-over. The system was designed and fitted by Moore Engineering and cost approximately \$4500.

This cost was paid for entirely by the Bradbury CFS Auxiliary who have raised the money through the generosity of the local community. Auxiliary

President Jan Roberts said the Auxiliary was very pleased to be able to provide something that contributes to the safety of firefighters.

This was the first single cab 24/34 style appliance Moore Engineering had completed and the brigade now hopes it will be able to develop a kit to reduce costs for other brigades wishing to fit this system.

The cabin deluge system is similar to that fitted as standard in new appliances. It consists of pipework fitted just above the windows to the top of the cab with jets which direct a stream of water over all the glass surfaces. It is operated by a single lever inside the cab next to the parking brake. Assuming the pump is running there are no other switches or valves to operate.

Before the system was installed, in the event of a burnover, the two or three crew sheltering in the cabin had to rely solely on the roll down heat shield curtains and the crew sheltering in the crew haven correctly operating two self-defence hose lines ensuring the spray covered themselves and the cabin.

The Brigade's testing so far has shown the system is very water efficient and should operate for some time on the tank's reserved water.

Bradbury Brigade Captain Dave Fitch said aiming the hoses correctly is difficult when firefighters are behind the heat shield curtain on the crew deck and subjected to the smoke, heat, wind and adrenaline generated by being in a burnover situation.

The crew inside the cabin can now roll down the curtains and activate the deluge system and the crew in the haven just have to concentrate on protecting themselves.

Brigade Training Coordinator Martin Carney said installing the equipment was a two-year project for Bradbury members but as burnovers are an ever-present danger facing firefighters in the Adelaide Hills terrain it was worth persisting.

The cost of retro-fitting a cabin deluge system to existing appliances is too prohibitive but through the Bradbury Brigade's efforts, it avoided having to wait at least eight years when its appliance is due to be replaced which will contain this equipment.

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WAROOKA VERSP

BY LISA GREIG

The first Volunteer and Employer Recognition and Support Program (VERSP) for 2012 took place at Warooka in late March.



VERSP events are held to recognise the contribution local businesses, organisations and self employed volunteers make to ensure the safety of their communities.

The Warooka event which attracted around 200 people, offered an opportunity to recognise not only volunteers but self-employed volunteers, employers and families of emergency service volunteers from across the Southern Yorke Group.

Those who attended were treated to a gourmet BBQ dinner catered by the Warooka Sports

Club, as well as presentations from the SAFECOM Chief Executive David Place and well-known local CFS volunteer Rob Tonkin.

There were 23 certificates of appreciation presented to self-employed volunteers and employers of emergency service volunteers.

The SAFECOM Board also took the opportunity to visit the Edithburgh VMR Flotilla and the CFS Southern Yorke Group Base. Both site visits and the VERSP event provided valuable opportunities for volunteers to talk to the SAFECOM Board.

The employer recognition award recipients for the night included the District Council of Yorke Peninsula, Curramulka

General Store, Mallee Park Piggery, Hart Bros, Benbow's of Minlaton, Tape Homes, Minlaton Licensed Post Office, Point Pearce Primary School, Whispering Winds Candles, RL Schulze & Co and Warooka Primary School.

Left. Warooka CFS Brigade Captain, John Taheny and Greg Nettleton during the awards presentation

Below. Warooka's VERSP awards recipients



Grants assistance for Brigades

BY DANIEL WASYLUK

Did you know that your Brigade could be eligible for a government grant to fund a project?

Help is now available from the Volunteer Services Branch to explore these opportunities.

As part of this service an electronic newsletter will be distributed identifying grants that Brigades are eligible to apply. The newsletter will be

released on a needs basis whenever new opportunities arise. This will give Brigades the best opportunity to apply for grants with short turn around times and to seek any required help.

Keep an eye out for these newsletters which will be

distributed to all staff in the first instance and through regional channels including Groups and Brigades.

If you've yet to sight and issue and would like to be on the mailing list or just run an idea past our staff, you can email us at vsb@safecom.

sa.gov.au or call us on 1300 364 587.

Just mention grants and you'll have the option to speak to either the Assistant Project Officer or a Recruitment and Development Officer.

WHO'S WHO IN THE



PHIL TAPSCOTT



Location:
My Office is at Region 4 Headquarters, Port Augusta, when I attend. I do work from home at times and from my car more often than not due to the amount of time spent travelling around the Region. I belong to the Orroroo Brigade I hope I'm still a current member?

A typical working day involves:

Generally I leave home at around 0730hrs and the phone starts to ring not long after this. Coffee at Hitchy's some mornings and arrive at work between 0830hrs and 0900hrs. Team meeting on some mornings, read and respond to emails, phone calls, normal admin duties. Prepare for upcoming training and follow up on post training. Undertake operational tasks where required, attend meetings. Leave for home between 1700hrs and 1800hrs, phone rings and or make phone calls to catch up from the day.

Title:
Regional Training Officer, Region 4

Role in the CFS:
Coordinate and Deliver Training within the Region and at State Level. Operationally undertake the role of Regional Coordinator on a roster system and undertake other operational tasks during incidents, etc.

YVETTE DOWLING



- Manage the development and maintenance of CRIMSON (Critical Resource and Incident Information Management System Online Network) and Incident Reporting
- Measure, analyse and report on incident responses to formulate solutions for organisational improvement.
- Lead and review operational information management with the CFS.
- Development of policies and procedures relating to fire investigation across CFS
- Lead the development and coordination of CFS Rural Fire Investigation programs.
- Lead and coordinate the collation and authorised release of incident documentation.
- Establish and maintain liaison with other agencies associated with incident intelligence.
- Scheduled training programs for staff and volunteers in the use of CRIMSON and the information flow.

Title:
Manager Operational Information – Level 4 Commander

Role in the CFS:
To provide the collection and analysis of incident information and data for continuous upgrades of operational policies and procedures.

Location:
CFS Headquarters, level 7 60 Waymouth Street. Volunteer with Happy Valley Brigade.

A typical working day involves:
At Happy Valley Brigade I am currently a Brigade Firefighter and hold of the positions of Administrative Coordinator and Logistics Coordinator.

Working days vary due to areas of responsibility and the time of the year.

Roles and Responsibilities include:

- Management of the State Air Desk, State Coordination Centre and Intelligence Cell.

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CFS FireApp is the official SA Country Fire Service iPhone and Android application. Download CFS FireApp to stay informed of fire activity and other incidents in your area and to assess your own preparedness for bushfire. CFSFireApp puts CFS information at your fingertips, in real time and wherever you are in South Australia.

KI CARNARVON MULTI AGENCY EXERCISE

BY MEGAN MCARTHUR

Kangaroo Island CFS DGO Ivan Smith wrote and coordinated a multiagency exercise in June at the Carnarvon Aged Care Facility to encourage the continuation of good relationships amongst Emergency Service Agencies and stakeholders on Kangaroo Island.



Around 25 CFS volunteers took part in a multi agency training exercise at the Carnarvon Aged Care Facility.

This enabled an opportunity to mentor upcoming officers and to test procedures in the event of a fire in the aged care facility or any other complex structure fire. This exercise also encouraged and enforced the use of AIMS in multi agency events.

Approximately 25 CFS volunteers were involved with the exercise, with nine donning breathing apparatus and conducting a full search of the premises to find four missing residents, one missing staff member and retrieve casualties, portrayed by KI Volunteer Coast Guard members.

As the exercise escalated, a forward command point was set up where CFS was joined by coordinators from local SES, SAAS, SAPOL and KI Health Services staff. In total around 50 personnel were involved, utilising their specific agency skills & training.

Each agency performed their specialist roles, with

SAAS setting up a designated casualty management area and performing triage on people removed from the building. SES assisted CFS crews with traffic control and searched for casualties outside the building.

The exercise increased in realism with KI Health Members acting in the role of worried family members, media and onlookers.

The program finished with a BBQ lunch supplied by KI Health Services with a multiagency debrief of the exercise.

All Agencies have conducted their own debriefs to improve their procedures if required.

Everyone agreed this was worthwhile training and experience. They collectively expressed that they are keen to participate in future exercises of this type held on an annual basis. It was a pleasing and positive outcome.



“50 personnel were involved, utilising their specific agency skills & training.”

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND MEDALS AWARDED AT MCLAREN FLAT

BY IAN MACLEOD, PARAMEDIC SOUTH A/D SHIFT, MCLAREN VALE

Members of the McLaren Flat Brigade, along with their families, CFS Chief Officer Greg Nettleton, Region One Commander Chris Martin and Mawson Group Officer Peter Venning, recognised the significant contributions of a number of volunteers at their Brigade dinner on the February 25 this year.

Tim Osmond, Tom Bartsch, Roger Westland, Kym Oates and Lyndell Oates whose combined contributions total in excess of one hundred and fifty years' service were inducted as life members of the Country Fire Service.

Kym and Lyndell Oates, husband and wife long serving volunteers, were each awarded

National Service Medals for their selfless services to the Australian community through roles of Brigade Captain, Logistics, Communications and more.

A number of the brigades' volunteers were awarded ten and twenty year service medals for continued dedication to CFS, their colleagues and the community.



Pictured from left, Tim Osmond, Roger Westland, Kym Oates, Tom Bartsch & Lyndell Oates

Thanks to McLaren Vale CFS

On Thursday, 19 April 2012 at approximately 12.15pm, I was working on my daughter's rental property at McLaren Vale on house repairs when I noticed a lady in the street in a semi-conscious state.

I called Triple Zero, a lady operator promptly answered

my call and asked me many concise questions and kept me on the phone monitoring the condition of the lady until the ambulance arrived. The ambulance officers went about attending to the lady very promptly and efficiently with great care.

The CFS also arrived with three officers who carefully lifted the lady on to a stretcher and into the ambulance.

The purpose of this letter is to express my sincere thanks to all of the people involved for the professional and caring way in which they attended to this incident. It is extremely

reassuring to know that we have such dedicated people to support us in a time of need.

Please pass on my thanks to the three McLaren Vale CFS officers concerned.

Barry Peek
McLaren Vale

SMOKEY VISITS THE WHALETIME PLAYTIME FESTIVAL

BY LEAH PIPPÓS

On a Sunday in early June our wonderful CFS mascot Smokey along with members of the Port Elliot CFS Brigade and the Education Unit visited the South Australian Whale Centre armed themselves with education packs, colouring books and lots of friendly smiles.



Port Elliott Brigade members Pat Monaghan and Leah Pippós with CFS mascot Smokey at the Whaletime Playtime Festival in Victor Harbor.

This was the first time that the CFS Education Unit took part in the Whaletime Playtime Festival in Victor Harbor.

Hi everyone, my name is Leah Pippós and I'm a member of the Port Elliot CFS Brigade and the new coordinator of the SA Whale Centre.

The Whaletime Playtime Festival is held in Victor Harbor annually and this year coincided with the start of the 2012 Whale Season.

I felt it was an ideal opportunity to involve the CFS to engage and inform the community and numerous holiday makers of the important work we do and that we're not JUST a bushfire service after all! Victor Harbor is most loved for its sunny weather, beautiful long white beach and the stunning mammals that visit us in the winter months - Southern Right Whales.

Holiday goers with young families and numerous school leavers often visit the Fleurieu Peninsula and can be unfamiliar with their surroundings. They are potentially very vulnerable groups of people.

By involving the CFS it was a perfect opportunity to spread the word about, safety with chimneys during the winter, having a good bushfire plan and strategies during the summer.

We see huge numbers of families and travellers throughout the year at the SA Whale Centre and being in the CFS myself, I know the importance of people needing to have a plan.

If we were able to inform just one family about fire safety it has been worth having the CFS Education Unit at the Festival.



Learn Fire Safety with Smokey
http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/bushfire/reference/fun_stuff.jsp

LOCAL BRIGADES PRAISED AT MAITLAND SHOW

BY SONIA POST

The Maitland Show took place on a Wednesday in the middle of March which demonstrated the versatility of the CFS through its involvement in this event despite being one its busiest days for the Fire Danger Season.



CFS awarded the best trade site at this year's Maitland Show

This was a good example of the CFS not only getting on with the job but doing a fabulous job to boot.

The CFS volunteers could have taken the easiest option and stayed away from the Maitland Show but instead demonstrated their dedication to the CFS and their local community by going ahead under exceptionally trying conditions. This just goes to show that CFS is much more than a bushfire service even when battling bushfires.

The CFS presence at the Maitland Show earned it a prize and ribbon for Best Trade Site. The person who organised the site was Jarred Johnson from the Pt Victoria Brigade and was supported by members of the Yorke Valley Group.

This was a very challenging event because it was held on Total Fire Day in hot, dusty and windy conditions with many exhibitors struggling to keep their marquees and tents erect. But this did not deter the constant stream of visitors to the Show including the support from local CFS brigades which was greatly appreciated.

With the weather deteriorating by mid-afternoon the Brigades were put on standby. They dismantled the marquee and packed up by 3pm and the Brigades left shortly after to respond to incidents in and around the local area.

CFS Community Education Officer Rod Cunningham also contributed to the efforts after putting in a good part of the night as a CFS volunteer in his area battling a grass fire near his home town in the Horrocks Group.

This year's Maitland Show will no doubt continue to resonate among the participating CFS Brigade members and locals for some time yet.

Long serving Para Group Officers retire



From left, Chief Officer Greg Nettleton, Pam Harrison, Andrew Oakley, R2 Commander John Hutchins

Long serving CFS volunteers Pam Harrison (Para Group Administration Co-ordination Officer) and Andrew Oakley (Para Group, Group Officer), have both recently retired from their group positions.

After many years the couple will take a step back but remain as CFS Operations Support members.

Andrew and Pam were presented with awards in appreciation for their dedication and commitment to the Para Group CFS dating back to 1994 by CFS Chief Officer Greg Nettleton and Region 2 Commander John Hutchins at the One Tree Hill station.

PAM HARRISON NOMINATED FOR A PRIDE OF AUSTRALIA MEDAL

Tea Tree Gully CFS has honoured Pam Harrison's commitment with a nomination for a Pride of Australia Medal.

Nearly 30 years on, Ms Harrison is still an active volunteer and life member of the CFS after witnessing the devastation of the 1983 Ash Wednesday Bushfires which was enough for Pam to volunteer for the SA Country Fire Service days later.

The 78 year old has worked tirelessly with the women's auxiliary and communications team, acting as the link between the base and firefighters during bushfires.

For the past 18 years, she has also taken on the role of four people, looking after the administration and finance for five local brigades in the Para CFS Group.

Over the years, Pam has been awarded CFS Service Medals, 20 and 25yrs and Life Membership for her efforts.

"I love doing the work and I love mixing with the people.

"It's nice to be involved and do something for the community."

Pride of Australia Medal – Change the last paragraph to read, "

Nominations have now closed with CFS members Eric Schneider from the Dalkeith Brigade and Pip McGowan from Basket Range have also been nominated as finalists. More information on these awards visit the Pride of Australia website at www.prideofaustralia.com.au

“ I love doing the work and I love mixing with the people. It's nice to be involved and do something for the community.



Photo: Roy Van Der Vegt,
Messenger Community News.

MORGAN LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

BY DAWN HUNT

The Mid Murray Council held a Mayor's reception at the Morgan Institute where the CFS Morgan Brigade was able to present life memberships to five of their long term members.



From Left – Kirstie McGarrity, Terry Hempel, David Lindner, Richard Coombe, Robin (Bob) Leaney, Chris Jaeger, and John Lindner

Mayor Dave Burgess was more than happy to present these awards as part of a community event.

Morgan CFS was founded in 1951 after some devastating fires north of Morgan broke out on December 3, 1950. These fires were so intense that they were still burning in January 1951.

As it was one of South Australia's biggest fires of its time, it was decided to call in the Australian Army to assist. The

story goes that the Army created that much dust it was actually the dust and not water that put the fires out.

As the Morgan Township didn't have a fire brigade, the Morgan District Council came up with the idea of asking the local station owners to donate money worked out by per of head of sheep they owned.

This money was used to buy the first Morgan appliance, a 1948 Bedford truck capable of carrying 1600 litres of water.

Kirstie McGarrity is a member of the CFS Youth Advisory Council.

Terry Hempel joined the CFS on August 28, 1974 and is a former Senior Firefighter and Brigade Equipment Officer for the Morgan Brigade.

David Lindner joined the CFS on October 16, 1981 and was elected as Brigade Lieutenant in Morgan Brigade in 2004. He is currently the Mid Murray Deputy Group Officer.

Robin (Bob) Leaney joined the CFS on October 28, 1971 and is a former Brigade Lieutenant before becoming Captain in the 1970's and elected Deputy Group Officer in 1994.

Chris Jaeger joined the CFS on 30th October 1974 and held the position of Brigade Lieutenant in 1991 culminating with Brigade Captain in 1994. He was Brigade Captain at Morgan for seven years.

John Lindner joined the CFS on March 26, 1975 and although has not held a rank position within the brigade. He was inspirational as a Councillor in moving Morgan CFS out of the old tin shed that converted the original station, into a modern multifunctional building that is now used by both the Morgan CFS and the wider Morgan community.

SWAN REACH CADETS REWARDED WITH CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT



The Mayor and Councillors of the Mid Murray Council held a special reception for volunteers at the Nildottie Hall on May 9.

Swan Reach cadets, Mitch Williamson, Casey Lanke, Lucy Martinson Chloe Marks and (Kate Reid absent) received a certificate of achievement for their participation in the 2012 ANZAC Eve Youth Vigil.

REGION 4 CADETS – ANZAC YOUTH VIGIL

BY ORROROO CFS CADETS - HAYLEY, TIFFANY, CLARISSA, JADE AND CHARLOTTE

On the 24th of April five of Orroroo's CFS cadets travelled with their two leaders to Adelaide for the ANZAC Eve Youth Vigil at the South Australian State War Memorial on North Terrace, Adelaide.



Taking part in the vigil were Hayley Finlay, Tiffany Finlay, Clarissa Sheehan, Jade Wastell-Stevens and Charlotte Scott along with cadet leaders Craig Finlay and John Schmidt.

We took part in guarding the memorial from 6pm on ANZAC Eve till 6am on ANZAC Day morning. We guarded the monument in groups of eight for half-hour intervals.

The other organisations involved included Girl Guides SA, SA Police Rangers, Scouts, the Legion of Frontiersmen, St. John Ambulance, Surf Life Saving SA, Australian Army Cadets, Australian Navy Cadets, Girls Brigade, Boys Brigade, State Emergency Services and Air Force Cadets.

Tiffany and Clarissa were interviewed on the Chanel Ten news and were asked what they would be thinking about while guarding the memorial.

Jade provided commentary while the Governor of South Australia toured the memorial and monument.

Each service placed a hat, helmet and sash on the monument to show respect to those who had fallen. Hayley was lucky enough to collect these at 11:30pm with three other cadets. Charlotte was also interviewed on the Morning Show about what we had been doing for the previous hours.

Guarding the memorial was a rewarding experience and we made many new friends.

It was a privilege to participate in the ANZAC Eve Youth Vigil, to honour and pay respects to the fallen soldiers and also show our appreciation to those who had returned from the wars.

We recommend that if you get the opportunity to take part in the ANZAC Eve Youth Vigil you should take the time to do it as it is a very rewarding and worthwhile experience to undertake and is a great event to take part in.

We would also like to thank the efforts put in by our leaders, John Schmidt and Craig Finlay for taking us to Adelaide for two practices and for staying awake all night and morning with us during the Vigil. It was definitely worth doing and an experience that we will never forget.

ANZAC vigil reflections from CFS cadets

Three of my great-grandfathers fought in wars and I have always been proud of them for that. It was great to see so many people respecting those who had fallen. The experience of doing a speech was one I enjoyed a lot and one that I will remember.

Jade Wastell-Stevens

As many of my relatives have fought in wars, it was a great privilege for me to acknowledge them at the Vigil. Speaking on the Channel Ten news was a good experience.

Clarissa Sheehan

My great-grandpa fought for three years in Northern Africa as a wireless operator and air gunner on a Wellington Bomber. Being at the Vigil was one way that I could thank him and others who fought for our freedom. Being interviewed by the Morning Show was also a good opportunity.

Charlotte Scott

My Poppa was in World War II as a leading Aircraftsman and Gunner flying in Catalina flying boats. Guarding the monument was rewarding and a good way to honour him and others that fought and gave their

lives for our country. Being interviewed by Jane Reilly from Channel Ten news was exciting and an experience I will always remember.

Tiffany Finlay

My Great Grandfather was in World War I as a Driver. It was an amazing experience and a privilege to honour him and the soldiers that gave their lives to help our country. Collecting the hats, helmets and sashes was a great experience that I enjoyed a lot and I will remember the experience of the Vigil forever.

Hayley Finlay



Cadets

http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/join_us/cadets.jsp

OPS BRIGADE DINNER

Members of the Region 5 Operations Brigade and their family and friends took part in a special dinner and awards presentation at the Settlers Function Centre in Naracoorte in April.



Guests included the CFS Manager of Aviation Services David Cant and Region 5 Commander John Probert.

Mr Cant provided an informative overview of the CFS fire fighting air support resources before service medals were presented by the Regional Commander.

Among those to receive awards were Rex Hall for 50 years of service, Margaret and

Dean Ludwig (30 years each), Marilyn Manton (30 years) and Peter Smith (10 years).

From left, CFS Aviation Services Manager David Cant, Region 5 Commander John Probert with CFS service medal recipients Peter Smith, Marilyn Manton, Rex Hall, Margaret Ludwig, Dean Ludwig and Region 5 Ops Brigade Captain Malcolm Johnson.

THERESE PEDLER'S TRAVELS IN REGION 6

[REGION 6]

Region 6 Community Education Officer Therese Pedler has kept herself busy in the communities across the western areas of South Australia delivering information and valuable training to the people of Port Neill, Tulka, Port Lincoln and the Lower Eyre Peninsula.



One of Therese's stops was with the Port Neill Emergency Ready committee, who formed back in December 2010, after realising they were a vulnerable community due to no emergency service volunteers living in town, an aging population, families with young children on surrounding farms and a high number of holiday makers over the summer holidays.

The initial focus for the town was essentially on bushfire hazards to the community and surroundings of Port Neill before shifting their focus to an all emergency circumstance solution.

The committee meet approximately on a monthly basis, and include representatives from the CFS, SES, SAPOL, SAAS, Port Neill School, District Council of Tumby Bay, Hall committee, Bowling club committee, CWA, and concerned community members who also attend.

Through dedication and support, the members of the Port Neill committee have been nominated for two awards known as the "Community of the Year", and for "Leadership and Initiative".

Recently as part of the committees' initiative, they have designed and distributed

a "dunny door" poster to every dwelling in Port Neill including permanent homes, rental accommodation, the caravan park, and hotel holiday accommodation sites.

Therese also visited the staff and clients at Mission Australia Port Lincoln and says they are a step closer to being "Bushfire Ready".

Mission Australia's teacher Linda Castle had been working with her students on basic aspects of the Bushfire Ready concept and supporting her students on their exploration of the CFS website.

Following Linda's preliminary research, Therese provided a days training to the group and many stories were shared amongst all the students and they were encouraged to extend the training by completing a written Bushfire Survival Plan before the 2012/2013 Fire Danger Season.

Below. From left, Adrian Masters Port Neill Bowling Club, Christine Charlton DC Tumby Bay, Steve Errock Principal Port Neill School, Bob Pycroft SES, Margaret Tait CWA, Jen Moyse, Todd Reed SAPOL, Jim Darling SES, Joy Czegledi, Trevor Charlton Fire Prevention Officer DC Tumby Bay, Ian Tait Hall Committee



PORT LINCOLN CARAVAN EXPO

Earlier in the year, people from not only the Lower Eyre Peninsula but all over Australia, visited the Port Lincoln Caravan EXPO in March.

Local Community Education Officer Therese Pedler was invited to participate in the event and spent two full days in detailed and lengthy discussions with the many travellers passing by.

The most popular information sought and discussed was about:

Bushfire Safer Places

- The importance of being aware of your local conditions.
- Relevant local radio stations for bushfire warning messages.
- What to do if you are caught in a motor vehicle
- Considering leaving your caravan or camper trailer to seek safety.
- How to prepare your home for a bushfire before leaving to go travelling.

Both Therese and the people of the Caravan Expo left the event with a wealth of knowledge and better understanding of how you can prepare your home for a bushfire and travelling before or during a bushfire event.

Members of the R6 Community Education team also recently took part in the Adelaide Caravan and Camping Show, helping to deliver holiday safety and bushfire survival messages to travellers.

The CFS has information brochures for travellers who are considering driving through South Australia during the Fire Danger Season."



NEW SHEDS FOR BRIGADES ON EYRE PENINSULA

BY LYNDA SMITH

Ten brigades in Region Six now have new sheds in which to house their fire appliances.



Buckleboo opened in October 2011

Since October 2011 there have been 10 official shed openings with another two planned for September this year bringing the total to twelve for the year.

All sheds have been erected using local community contractors wherever possible and are certainly worthy of their pride of place within their communities.

Brigades with new station buildings are:

SCEALE BAY – a newly formed brigade which is alongside a very picturesque part of the coastline for the Great Australian Bight just

south of Streaky Bay. Although their membership is small their community is very appreciative of the new building for the CFS brigade in their small town.

BUCKLEBOO – This brigade has been housed in a very substandard building for the past 30 years and their shed has been erected alongside the community sports club at the Buckleboo oval, site for two of the state CFS Fire Competitions in past years.

MOUNT WEDGE – Their new shed replaces one that was destroyed when a tree fell on it in

a storm nearly three years ago. Their brigade services the remote locations between Wudinna and Elliston

COCKALEECHIE – Another relatively newly formed brigade in the Tumby Bay Group. Their new shed has also been erected on the Cockaleeche oval grounds alongside their community hall.

KARKOO – This is another brigade which has had their shed built on community land near the Karkoo Community Sports Club. This is the third shed for this brigade, their first a very small

galvanised shed with a platform to load water drums, their second so narrow that the driver had difficulty getting into the drivers seat. Their new building has been placed neatly within a row of memorial trees which were planted many years ago to recognise the service of local people.

MOUNT HOPE – Mount Hope is a small community on the Flinders highway north of Port Lincoln. Their original shed was on a farm near the township but now their new shed stands in pride of place within the township alongside the community hall. At their opening they took the opportunity of presenting all their service medals to members of the brigade.

WHARMINDA – This brigade is part of the Eastern Eyre Group and their new shed replaces an old building that was too small to house the new fire appliances. This shed was one of three sheds opened by Minister Jennifer Rankine during her tour to Eyre Peninsula in April.

TUCKEY – The Tuckey brigade is a relatively new brigade and for the past few years have been storing their fire appliance in loan sheds on local farming properties. Their new shed is situated on a roadside reserve in their farming community and is one which is completely powered by solar energy.



Karkoo opened in October 2011



Mt Hope opened in October 2011



Mt Wedge opened in March this year

RUDALL – For many years the Rudall brigade has been housed in a very small tin shed, but now the brigade has a large two bay station in which to house their own appliance and also the group bulk water carrier. This shed has also been situated on community land within the confines of the Rudall Community Sporting Complex grounds.

site along with their 14 appliance and command vehicle in the older shed.

The two sheds still under construction in Region 6 are at Tooligie Hill and at Tumby Bay and these sheds should be completed by the middle of this year.

WIRRULLA – Wirrulla brigade is part of the Western Eyre Group and houses two Wirrulla appliances as well as a command car. Their new shed has been built so that the newer style of 34P appliance can be stored on



Find a CFS fire station.



Cockaleeche opened in October 2011



Rudall opened in April this year



Scale Bay opened in October 2011



Tuckey opened in April this year



Wharminda opened in April this year



Wirrulla opened in March this year

CLEVE BRIGADE HOSTS PRESCHOOL VISITORS

BRYAN TRIGG AFSM, GROUP OFFICER, EASTERN EYRE CFS GROUP

In June this year, eager preschool children from Mrs Masters' class at the Cleve Area School paid a visit to the Cleve CFS station in Depot Street Cleve.



All of the students experienced what it was like to handle a fire hose by being given a task to knock over some traffic cones which they all successfully achieved. These young and keen students were also taken for a ride on the two fire trucks around the town which became a highlight of their day especially when the captain sounded the truck sirens as they drove past their school. The students and teachers went home with a CFS show bag as a special token of their visit and for their parents to acknowledge their visit to the fire station.

Left. Children from the Cleve Area School during a visit to the local CFS Brigade.

Above. Standing in the back row from left, Tim Ottens from Wharminda CFS, Cleve Captain Brian Harkness, Cleve First Lieutenant Shaun Stringer and Eastern Eyre Group Officer, Bryan Trigg.



RICHARD FRANKLIN

6 JUNE 1949 – 26 JULY 2011

Richard was a valued and respected member of the North Shields CFS for nearly 10 years. He is remembered as a stalwart of the Brigade for his truck driving skills, attendance at training and assistance at "busy bees". During the Wangary fire of 2005 he was also

willingly seconded with his Liquid Waste truck to assist with water carting on the fireground. His assistance was much appreciated by the firefighters and the Lower Eyre Peninsula Group. He is sadly missed. Rest in peace Richard.





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