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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS ASSOCIATION

The Country Fire Service Volunteers Association (CFSVA) is recognised as an association under the SA Fire and Emergency Services act 2005. The association represents SA Country Fire Service (CFS) brigades and is empowered to take such steps as may be reasonably available to it to protect and progress the interests and welfare of CFS volunteers.

This bulletin provides an update on some of the news and current affairs affecting CFS members.

CFSVA BRANCH AGM DATES

CFSVA STATE OFFICE AGM TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2015

CFSVA **Yorke Peninsula** Branch Tuesday 18th August 6.30pm Ardrossan CFS

CFSVA **Lower North Branch** Thursday 10th September 8pm Roseworthy Campus

CFSVA **Murraylands Branch** Sunday 13th September 9.30 Karoonda CFS Station

CFSVA **Kangaroo Island** Branch Friday 18th September

CFSVA **Northern** Tuesday 8th September 7.30pm Gladstone Hall

CFSVA **Eyre Peninsula** Branch Thursday 24th September at Lock

CFSVA **South East** Branch Tuesday 8th September 7.30pm CFS Naracoorte Station

CFSVA **Riverland** Branch & CFSVA **Mt Lofty** Branch are to be advised.

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SA VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS MUSEUM Inc

SA VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS MUSEUM REUNION – OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND

SACFS volunteers are invited to the South Australian Fire Fighters Museum (SAVFFM) Reunion on the October long weekend.

The three day reunion to be held in Naracoorte will commence with a dinner on Saturday the 3rd October, with a parade of fire trucks ranging from horse drawn to newly delivered appliances, as well as trade displays, blessing of the fleet and other entertainment. SAVFFM Chairman Rex Hall ASFM has said that the last reunion held 5 years ago attracted around 300 people who gathered to reminisce and share CFS stories.

This is a good opportunity to see how the CFS has evolved over the years and to catch up with other volunteers. Hope to see you there.

To register your interest for the event please email Rex Hall at gadang@rbm.com.au



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CFSVA NEWS

As previously advised Roger Flavell has been appointed as the CFSVA nominee to the SAFECOM Board, and in accepting the SAFECOM Board position Roger has stepped down as President of the CFSVA. At the last CFSVA Management meeting, the committee (which comprises of all the CFSVA Branch Presidents) invoked its discretionary authority under the constitution to appointed Roger to the role of CFSVA Vice President and Andy Wood to the position of CFSVA President for the balance of the term which end in October 2016. Branch presidents were advised last week that nominations for the position of CFSVA Deputy Vice President which is a 2 year appointment was now open, as well nominations for 3 Executive Committee positions for which Branch Presidents are able to nominate. Nomination forms for the position of CFSVA Deputy Vice President are available through your Branch president and close on the 15th September 2015.

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South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Strategic Plan 2015 – 2025

The working draft of the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Strategic Plan 2015 -2025 has recently been released. (A copy is attached to this Bulletin)

This document has been prepared by the Mr Malcolm Jackman, Chief Executive Officer, SAFECOM, Chief Greg Nettleton, CFS Chief Officer, Mr Greg Crossman, MFS Chief Officer and Mr Chris Beattie, SES Chief Officer, and was recently presented to the SAFECOM Board before general release.

Chief Nettleton attended last week's CFSVA Management Meeting to outline the Strategic Plan to CFSVA Branch presidents. During the presentation the Chief advised the plan would be rolled out over an extended period of time, with CFS volunteers to be part of the journey.

The Strategic Plan is a 10 year plan and is in line with AFAC national standards and best practice.

The strategic plan addresses some issues raised by the CFSVA during the previous sector reform process, one of which was the preparation of a Business Plan with clear direction prior to reform commencing. Further, the plan also considers transparency and accountability in the allocation of ESL funds, which is an issue that the CFSVA has raised over long period of time.

The release of the Strategic Plan also means that the Sector Reform Reference Group has been suspended, and recently, people who expressed interest in the being part of the Working Groups were notified that the groups would not be formed at this time. It has also been indicated to the CFSVA that the ESRO office will not continue beyond December this year.

The CFSVA would be pleased to receive any feedback that CFS volunteers in relation to the Strategic Plan, and encourages volunteers to remain involved as the journey unfolds to ensure that volunteers, who form the majority of the emergency services sector are respected and considered as part of sector modernisation.

Feedback relating to the Strategic Plan can be directed to Email: sonia.stalban@cfsva.org.au



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Australasia's largest and most important emergency services and public safety conference and trade exhibition. The conference, held at the Adelaide Convention Centre on the banks of the iconic River Torrens, will include a full week of conferencing activities, with the Research Forum and 2-day Main Program running from Tuesday 1st – Thursday 3rd September 2015.

The approach to emergency management is rapidly evolving, and with it the need for better knowledge and understanding. Driven in part by the escalating cost and complexity of major incidents, the emphasis is shifting towards a holistic view that encompasses research, readiness, risk reduction, response and recovery. At the same time, our emergency agencies are being comprehensively reformed to improve their effectiveness before, during and after major events.

This conference will provide an opportunity to discuss and share new approaches in an all-hazard emergency management environment, and work together to examine sector reform, the challenges and opportunities of 'Shared Responsibility', and seek out new and engaging ways to partner with the community, researchers and the sector to foster and build disaster resilience.

<http://www.afac.com.au/events/conference2015>



The **CFSVA Membership & Easyfuel Card** is a dual purchase fuel discount system and also attracts other offers and discounts available to CFS Volunteers for in store purchases, meals, accommodation and more. Listing of business and offers are available on the CFSVA website.

Contact the CFSVA Office 08 8244 6500 or admin@cfsva.org.au for more information.



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