

From the President

2018 Conference

DFES advises the Association that they cannot run the annual Conference for Volunteers as they do not have the resourcing to host the AFAC2018 conference in Perth and the Volunteer Conference.

They advise that there is an opportunity for up to 120 SES Volunteers to attend this Australasian Region Fire and Emergency Services conference.

This Association has been asked to manage the registrations for this conference and as such will be calling for nominations shortly.

As there are limited positions, each unit will be asked to nominate one person to attend and a second person to go into the ballot for the remaining places

Awards Night 2018

DFES advise that, due to AFAC2018 and limited resourcing they have combined all three services into one awards night.

There will be a total of 120 tickets for the SES.

The decision limiting the numbers was made with no prior consultation.

After the awards finalists and guests, there will be approximately 100 seats left for the SES.

The SESVA full committee have discussed this at great length and due to timing of the DFES notification, it is impractical to make any alternative arrangements for 2018.

The committee are disappointed with this outcome.

Rural Fire Division

This Association, representing SES Volunteers, have been part of a group putting forward the case for a Chief Officer of the SES.

This person needs to come from a true SES background, who can empathise with and have an understanding of the SES Volunteers and their roles.

This included quite a number of meetings with other emergency service stakeholders, Ministers, Members of Parliament and the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

All this time we have remained professional and kept our dialogue positive and out of the media.

The Committee members are very disappointed that the Government did not take this opportunity to restructure the SES.

The Minister has made a commitment to meet and discuss further within 2/3 months.

*Gordon Hall ESM
President*

Wear Orange Wednesday – WOW Day

Save the Date – 23rd May 2018

All metropolitan SES Volunteers will be invited to a BBQ at the Gosnells SES Unit from 7.00 to 9.00 pm on 23rd May.

More details will follow from DFES and ourselves shortly.

Country SES Units are also encouraged to celebrate WOW Day, and this year, the SESVA will be able to assist country Units with the costs, due to the receipt of a generous donation.

Country Units will be able to invoice the SESVA for \$50 to assist with catering for their 2018 WOW Day event.

Please contact SESVA Secretary, Lin Booth for more information, and the exact requirements to qualify for the assistance.

National SES Raffle

The first National Raffle held in WA was drawn on 15th of March 2018.

Prize winners are from:

Major Prize: WESTMINSTER - \$5,000.

Speed Draw: SUBIACO - \$250
Bunnings Gift Card

Bonus 1: KALLAROO - \$250
Red Balloon Gift Card

RRC Prize: KALGOORLIE - \$250
Ticketek Gift Card

VOLUNTEER SCHOLARSHIPS ROUND 3 APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

The Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience (AIDR) is administering a new \$1 million Australian Government scholarship fund to boost education and training opportunities for emergency management volunteers.

These scholarships will equip emergency management volunteers to best prepare and respond to a range of disasters and build national resilience.

The scholarships are open to Australian citizens or permanent residents who are volunteers in an emergency management agency. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander volunteers are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications close 14 May 2018

Free Movie Tickets

As part of WOW Day celebrations, Event Cinemas is offering a **'buy one get one free'** offer to all SES volunteers across the country, from May 21 – 24, 2018.

All you need to do is show your SES identification card when purchasing your tickets.

There are still hundreds of volunteers who don't have ID cards and it would be a shame to miss out on this opportunity.

Please visit the Volunteer Portal to order your card before May 7, or contact volunteering@dfes.wa.gov.au

Vehicle Selcall Numbers

As a result of a suggestion presented by the SESVA, a new document has been uploaded to the Doctrine Resources Communications page.

This document provides all emergency response vehicle selcall numbers across the state.

You can find this document by heading to Doctrine Resources or by following the links below:

Volunteer/extranet users:

<https://extranet.dfes.wa.gov.au/sites/volunteers/members/SharedRepository/opsresources/Pages/Communications.aspx>

Staff/intranet users:

<http://extranet/sites/volunteers/members/SharedRepository/opsresources/Pages/Communications.aspx>

Scout SES Badge

Scouts WA recently launched this badge at a function held at the Belmont SES unit.

The purpose of the badge is to give scouts, of all different levels, an introduction and awareness of the SES and their role in the community.

Several SES units are getting inquiries from Scout groups about visiting units.

This is a great initiative and Scouts WA and DFES should be able to provide the required guidelines for units.

Australia Day Award

At the Australia Day Investiture ceremony held at Government House on Friday 6 April, a number of Emergency Services personnel were recognised.

Her Excellency, the Honourable Kerry Sanderson AC Governor of Western Australia, invested all recipients with their Awards.

Mr Gordon Hall ESM received the Emergency Services Medal for service as a Volunteer to the State Emergency Service since 1993, and through roles with the Fire and Emergency Services Authority since 1998.

ARAX GLOVES

ARAX Pro general purpose gloves, which have a higher density dexterity than CFRS gloves, have been added to LGGS funded items.

How to Keep Informed

Don't forget we have a website which keeps you informed of what is happening across the state in SES land.

We also have "the App".

And also, if you would like our newsletters, other relevant information etc forwarded direct to your email, just contact Bella at the office, and let her know your details.

From your SESVA team