

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

As many Volunteers are aware, the Minister called for DFES to conduct a special forum, now known as the Duxton Forum, of the SES senior Volunteers to discuss issues they may have.

A 153 page report, warts and all, has been released. This Association is working with DFES to categorise and prioritise the issues both from and before the Duxton Forum.

Eight working groups have been created by DFES to cover the issues raised at the forum. These working groups will be led by an SES DO and will have a full checking and governance process. Chief Superintendent Paul Carr will have oversight of this.

On the weekend 23/24 of February the SESVA conducted their workshop of all Regional Representatives and had a number of presenters from DFES.

Commissioner Klemm and Hannah Tagore attended and answered a number of questions on the future of the SES and the progress of the Duxton report, including how the working groups will be monitored very closely for effective outcomes.

Although Paul Carr had been called away on operational matters, he was able to do a telephone hook-up on his additional role of assisting the Duxton Working Groups and working closely with the SESVA and the Chief Superintendents on the SES issues. We are expecting progress of the issues that are registered with DFES (>100)

Chief Superintendent Brad Delavale attended and articulated the progress of the new Operational Fleet Committee. Brad outlined the role that Jon Kirk is doing and the progress of the fleet. In less than nine months DFES is expected to have a number of trial replacements for the PCs.

These will be put through their paces around the state. DFES are to be commended on the progress of the Operational Fleet Committee and what has been delivered so far. DFES were supposed to attend and do an update on the PPC and Uniform Ensemble Project, however they were a no show.

Jen Pidgeon, Manager V&YS Branch, attended and outlined the Volunteer retention project and the coming portal. This is a work in progress but appears to be a step in the right direction.

It is hoped that DFES can keep the momentum going on many of the issues and projects that are very important to the SES Volunteers.

I hope to report more on these projects as we progress with DFES.

*Gordon Hall* ESM  
President

## FROM YOUR TEAM AT THE SESVA

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## NEW HOME

The SES Volunteers Association (Inc) has moved.

We have returned to the original home of the SES prior to 2012.

The SESVA is now located in the old CSU offices at 91 Leake St, Belmont.

Mobile telephone numbers, email etc remain the same.



## BLUE "T" SHIRT

Just a quick explanation of the blue "T" shirt being issued to SES Volunteers.

As we previously advised last year, the bad quality orange undershirt has been replaced with a much better quality blue undershirt.

And in fact the number of undershirts with which each SES Volunteer can be issued has also been increased.

It has been mentioned to us that some Volunteers are wearing the orange and/or blue undershirts in place of the black polo shirts, under the belief the undershirt replaces the black polo shirt.

It was not DFES intention to replace the polo shirts.

The undershirt is just that - a "singlet/"T" Shirt/undershirt to be worn under the SES Volunteers PPC.

DFES advise the undershirt is not supplied as PPC, and is not intended to be worn as PPC.

## WOW DAY

22nd May 2019

The DFES/SESVA Committee is planning the WOW day celebrations.

One of the biggest questions is what can be done for the regional areas.

This was discussed at a meeting with DFES and some suggestions are being considered including a video stream that Regional Areas could log into to see what is happening in the Metro area.

Other ideas include the Matagarup Bridge to be lit up and a celebration of the 60th year of the SES in WA

We will keep you posted

## TRAINING MATTERS

As part of the Academy's recent re-structure process, the following new position has been created under the Learning & Development portfolio, reporting to SES DO Matt Reimer:

- SES Training Development Coordinator – Chris Hudson

As such, any general SES training enquiries can be directed to Chris on

9454 0710  
or [chris.hudson@dfes.wa.gov.au](mailto:chris.hudson@dfes.wa.gov.au)

## ~~SES AWARDS NIGHT~~

AFAC 2018 was held in Perth last year and DFES requested all the Volunteer Associations to assist them by having a once only combined Awards Night.

***DFES have now placed on their portal that there will now be an all services Awards night – no SES Awards Night.***

The Commissioner recently confirmed this with the SESVA Regional Representatives.

The Representatives will be asking SES Units their preference over the coming weeks, so that feedback can be presented to the Commissioner and hopefully a reconsideration of this decision.

## LGGS MANUAL

This Association receives feedback on many occasions where local governments or DFES discourage certain requests for LGGS funding for necessary items.

The SESVA recently met and discussed this matter with DFES.

Simplification of the LGGS manual to make it easier for all services was also discussed.

DFES advised that they have taken our concerns onboard and will be progressing them.

This type of action takes a while, however we are hopeful of changes coming.

## 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 the SESVA office ([sesva.office@ses-wa.asn.au](mailto:sesva.office@ses-wa.asn.au)), and advise your details.