

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The month has flown and during this time several incidents have been responded to by the SES Volunteers.

Further to this the SESVA has been working through, with DFES, the 150 or more issues that have been forwarded to us from SES Volunteers and the Duxton Forum.

The missing person who had reported a snake bite resulted in a search which unfortunately had a sad ending.

SES Volunteers who feel affected by the outcomes of any of these responses may seek assistance by calling

PeopleSense on 1300 307 912.

This is at no cost to the SES Volunteers

TC Veronica had the potential of being devastating as it hit the coast line near Port Hedland, however it's intensity reduced dramatically on the night of 24/25 March.

The result was minimal damage in Port Hedland and much less damage than could otherwise have happened in Karratha and the surrounding areas.

The enthusiasm of SES Volunteers in offering to assist the local SES Units and their communities in the Pilbara was greatly appreciated by all.

WoW day this year will be held at SWORD in Kewdale and will be on the evening of 22 May. Further details will follow shortly

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MEMORABILIA

Don't forget the SESVA has a range of items that can help with recruitment and promotion of your Unit.

Just contact Bella at the SESVA office.

SES WORK DRESS

The samples of the proposed choices for a new working dress uniform for the SES were shown to the SESVAC members and the SESVA Committee members recently. This will be replacement for the khaki uniform.

The next stage of the process is consultation with 12 units (one in each region of the state).

The proposed units will receive 4 sets (2 male and 2 female).

Each unit will be contacted to provide accurate sizing before placing orders for samples from S&H.

Participating units will be provided evaluation sheets to record opinions of the samples supplied.

Note: Should the opportunity exist, the sample Work Dress Uniforms can be passed to a neighbouring unit after the selected unit has concluded evaluating the garments. This should be overseen by the relevant Natural Hazards DO.



OVERPANTS

DFES have advised they will be providing SES units with a 'pool of various sizes' of wet weather overpants.

This pool will consist of 20 pairs for a Profile 1 unit, 15 pairs for a Profile 2 unit and 10 pairs for a Profile 3 unit.

The District Officers will arrange for their respective units to order sufficient quantities of wet weather overpants to establish a 'pool of various sizes' and, where existing stocks exist, the shortfall is to be covered by the initial order.

Units will then continue to order individual sets of wet weather jackets and overpants, authorised by the DO, as required and dependent on different requirements/conditions.

NATIONAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

Each year the Australian and New Zealand National Council for fire and emergency services, (AFAC) holds a memorial service in Canberra, honouring the courage and sacrifice of those who have died in the line of duty.

This year there will also be an SES Youth representative from each jurisdiction attend the memorial service.

The representative for Western Australia is Sarah Hamilton, winner of the 2018 SES Youth Achievement Award. Sarah is a member of the Belmont SES Unit.

The Youth contingent will have a personalised tour of Canberra including Parliament House and the ACT Emergency Services Training Centre and Operations Centre.

This year, the National Memorial Service will recognise WA SES Volunteer, James Regan, who in 2004, lost his life during an SES rescue in Karijini National Park (WA).

WOW DAY

Don't forget WOW Day this year
on 22nd May 2019.

It will also be a great chance to view the SWORD building at Kewdale.

SES AWARDS NIGHT

DFES have not advised this Association of a change to the SES Awards night format.

They promised last year that after the 2018 special combine awards night that it would revert back to the traditional format of many years.

The only reference to the 2019 awards night can be found on the DFES website where it is listed as an all services Awards Night.

It appears that there will no longer be an SES Awards night.

SES committee member, Robert Boyes, recently asked the Commissioner "why is this so?".

The answer was that the survey shows that this is what the SES Volunteers require.

Robert now has the survey figures from the Commissioner's Office and they are
80% of the 75 SES attendees
were satisfied with the combine awards night.

The SESVA Representatives will be canvassing all SES units to get their input

Remember that typically 230 - 250 SES people attend the SES Awards which is a formal function

***From the information we have to date
- and we confirm we have only heard from 5
Units and 2 Regions -
our "old style" awards night is wanted.***

This is your awards night and if the feedback is overwhelming to retain it, this Association will go in and bat very hard to retain this.

Please contact your representative to discuss further.

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), and advise your details.