



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Questions to the SESVA about a number of items have been increasing over the past months.

With no see able outcomes from the Duxton Forum list of issues it has been difficult to provide any feedback to the SES Volunteers.

We do know that there is some progress in some training areas, and the replacement for the PCs and the current Flood Rescue boats.

The Volunteers Conference on 6/7/8 September will provide an opportunity to ask questions of the Minister and other DFES staff on a number of items including the future direction of the SES, updates on the Duxton Forum, LGGS funding, progress of the Khaki Uniform replacement, status of the fleet upgrades and Operational Career path for SES Volunteers.

With newly appointed Deputy Commissioner, Craig Waters, we are expecting changes and action in some areas.

The SESVA, on behalf of a number of SES Volunteers, approached DFES about SES Volunteers being permitted to either be marshals or to march in the Pride march in November. DFES have decided to support this and are in the process of making it happen. See separate notice.

Please be aware that there is a Volunteer Hardship Assistance scheme for those Volunteers who have fallen on hard times. Please direct enquiries to your regional representative or District Officer for advice on who to discuss the matter further with.

Gordon Hall ESM
President

FROM YOUR TEAM AT THE SESVA

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NAME BADGES

We reprint the article below from our August Newsletter as there seems to be some confusion among DFES Staff and SES Volunteers regarding cloth name badges.

After further discussion with DFES it has been confirmed SES cloth name tags (PPC name tags) will have the word "UNIT" on them, and the last name of the member is optional.

Just ensure you clearly mark the order if you wish to have the last name included.

TRAUMA BEARS

Good news.

Following representations by SESVA to DFES at the request of several SES RCR Units, DFES are now supplying trauma bears to those Units to assist in their RCR role with the public.

This is a great step forward, as several of the Units were purchasing the bears out of their own pockets.

Thank you Kristi Milana for you excellent work on this matter.

DUXTON FORUM ISSUES

Last month we advised of several issues from the Duxton Forum, raised by SES Volunteers, which have been transferred to the various Working Groups for resolution.

At the date of this newsletter, as far as we can ascertain, no issue from the Duxton Forum has been resolved.



SOME GOOD NEWS

As you may be aware several Units in the Gt Southern have been asking FESA and the DFES for waterproof cold climate clothing for the rescues conducted on Bluff Knoll and surrounding hills.

Denmark SES first raised the matter in 2014.

The SESVA were requested to assist in this matter in 2018, and we are now pleased to announce the newly appointed Deputy Commissioner Craig Waters has taken fast action after we discussed the issue with him.

Within six hours after we spoke with him, he has arranged for six sets of selected clothing to be provided to the Units involved.

This is an interim measure while a workgroup conducts a complete investigation of requirements.

Thank you DC Waters for taking such quick action to help alleviate a problem going back 5 years.

PRIDE PARADE

SES Marshals - Saturday 30th November 2019

This year, DFES personnel will join St Johns, WAPOL and Defence marching at Pride in recognition of the contribution made by those who identify as LGBTIQ.

The organisers of the parade have given permission for the SES to provide 20 marshals on the night, an excellent community engagement opportunity.

If you would like to marshal, please email Jude at sesprideparade@gmail.com

SESVA AGM

Don't forget the SESVA AGM.

Please ensure you forward your signed Assigned Delegate Form to the Secretary by 4th September 2019 so you can vote.

Unfortunately, no form - no vote

This requirement is a constitutional requirement.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the SES Volunteers Association AGM for 2019 has been moved from the Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre to the Adina Hotel next door to the Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre.

Timings, dates etc all remain the same - 0800 hrs on 8th September 2019.

BIKE SEARCH TEAM UNIFORMS

We are pleased to advise that after four years of discussions with DFES Staff, newly appointed Deputy Commissioner Craig Waters has signed off on the memo approving uniforms for the SES bike search teams.

This means the teams will now finally receive an appropriate uniform for their task.

Thank you DC Waters.

OPERATIONAL CAREER PATH FOR SES DISTRICT OFFICERS AND SES VOLUNTEERS

This is an issue the SESVA has been pursuing clarification of for quite a while.

As we have explained to many people, if everyone knows the operational career path for SES District Officers, we can then have SES Volunteers follow an operational career path into DFES, if a Volunteer so wishes.

We have been able to have a session at the WAFES conference in September included to cover this topic.

Don't miss the session if you wish to commence a career in DFES.

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.