



SES Volunteers Association of WA (Inc)

One Association - Many Values

JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER

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From the President

“The long warm to hot summer and autumn has broken”

In the past month, SES Volunteers' value across the state has been shown through their commitment to their own and other communities.

The people of Bunbury have endured two large weather events that have distressed many and inconvenienced others in their daily lives. Something that perhaps is again no surprise is that WA, our great place to live in, is subject to extreme weather events and we are impacted by nature which can cause some social disconnect.

To those impacted by these events, I trust your lives will soon be back to “your own normal” soon.

To my volunteer colleagues, it brings warmth to me that you continue to serve our communities for reasons that many may not understand. I was also involved with storm damage temporary repairs with my SES Unit in Perth. We don't get paid, yet the value we bring to other lives in times of need is immeasurable. Thank you.

I am certain those who are in a position of influence, do appreciate your contribution. Whether this is through the spoken word or by supporting the SES position paper into the proposed Emergency Services Act that was in limited release to SES units, DFES and the Government on WOW Day, May 22.

Your Association stands to support SES Volunteers by improving the DFES Capability in meeting community expectations in the future. The strength of having robust pillars within DFES that offer focused knowledge and resources is a foundation opportunity.

Whether you are supporting teams in the field from your unit premises or attached to a roof safety system repairing broken tiles, please stay safe.

Kind Regards

Greg Cook, President



2024 SESVA Elections — Management Committee

NOMINATIONS CLOSE —THURSDAY 11th JULY 2024

Use this link for more information and to download the nomination form:

[SESVA Elections 2024– SES Volunteers Association of WA \(ses-wa.asn.au\)](https://www.ses-wa.asn.au/SESVA-Elections-2024)



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**Management
Committee**

New and retiring members

Positions becoming vacant at the upcoming AGM in September

Units in the relevant regions are invited to nominate SES members for the positions in that region.

While ALL Units are invited to nominate SES members for election as Vice President North.

Committee member positions becoming vacant in September:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Kimberley Region | Pilbara Region |
| Midwest-Gascoyne Region | Great Southern Region |
| Upper Great Southern Region | Lower South West Region |
| South Coastal (Metro) Region | North East (Metro) Region |
| North Coastal (Metro) Region | |

Each DFES Region has an elected SESVA representative which is part of the SESVA Management Committee. The representative's role is to be the local person to work on any matters for the SES Units and to assist where issues have not been resolved by the Regional Office or DFES.

Vice President position becoming vacant in September:

- Vice President North

In the absence of the President, a Vice President will act as the Chairperson at meetings and carries out other duties, including support of the elected regional SESVA representatives.

Why is there a Volunteer Association for SES in WA?

To represent the views and interests of SES Volunteers in WA to all levels of Government, DFES, non-government and other agencies on matters affecting SES volunteers and how they respond to their communities.

Who manages the SESVA?

SES volunteers who are the elected committee members, as the Management Committee of the Association, have the power to manage the affairs of the Association, with the exception of the day-today matters which are managed by the Executive Council.





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SESVA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ELECTIONS 2024 NOMINATIONS CLOSE—THURSDAY 11th JULY 2024

The nomination form and nomination information are included in the last pages of this edition and via the links below:

[Fillable PDF Form](#)

[SESVA Elections 2024 Information](#)

The SESVA Management Committee is a deliberative body. The general management of the affairs of the Association is vested in the Management Committee.

Management Committee members are elected for a two year term in alternate years.

If you have not previously held a position on a management committee, we believe you will find the experience rewarding, and maybe at times challenging.

Regional Representatives are the SESVA's conduit with SES units. The SESVA WA responds to each SES Unit through the Regional Representative and the Unit Manager. Their role includes providing information, help and guidance from an SESVA perspective.

SESVA Regional Representative Ziggy Belczowski shares the reasons why it is so rewarding to be a Management Committee member of the SES Volunteers Association in WA.

"Being part of the Management Committee allows you to make a real difference in the lives of SES volunteers and the community we serve. As a committee member, you have the opportunity to shape the direction and policies of the Association, ensuring that our volunteers have the necessary resources and support to carry out their important work.

Additionally, being a Management Committee member provides a unique platform for personal and professional growth. You have the chance to develop valuable leadership skills, enhance your decision-making abilities, and expand your network of like-minded individuals who are passionate about community service.

Serving on the Management Committee allows you to stay informed and be involved in the decision-making process of the Association. You will be part of a dedicated team working towards a common goal and have the opportunity to contribute your ideas, insights, and expertise to help drive the association forward and ensure its continued success.

I encourage SES volunteers to consider joining our Management Committee and become an integral part of our SES Volunteers Association."



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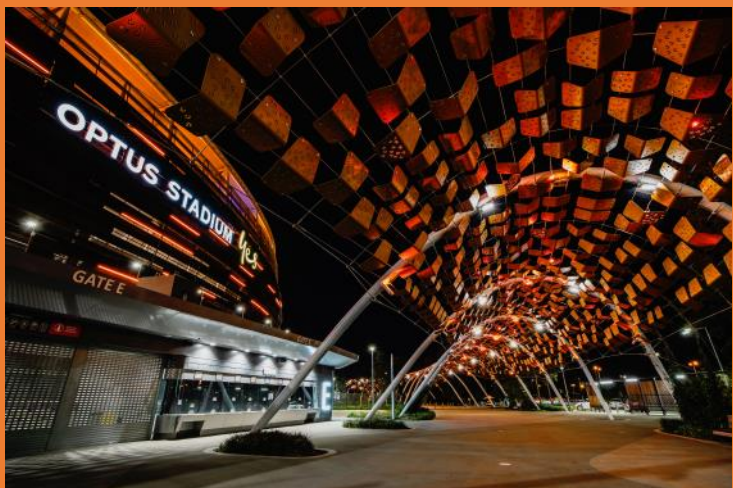
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HIGH LIGHTS

WOW DAY

22nd May 2024



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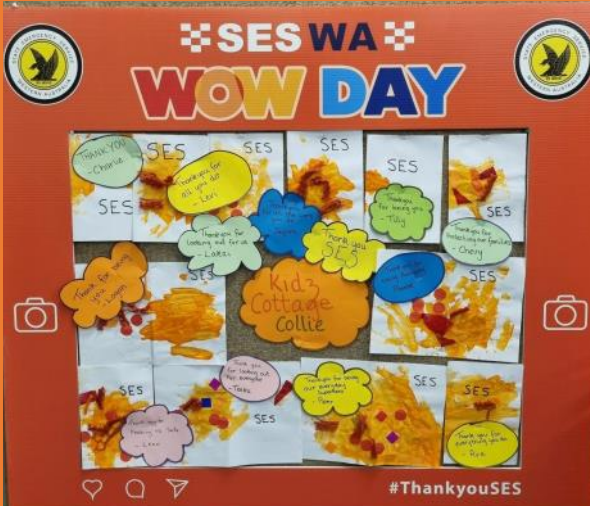


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HIGH LIGHTS

WOW DAY

22nd May 2024



Clockwise: Collie Kids Cottage, Northshore SES, Northam SES, Rockingham SES, Bunbury SES and Gosnells SES outside the City of Gosnells Administration building.



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SESVA TREASURER ROBBIE PALMER COMMENDED

Ian Goodenough MP, Federal Member for Moore presented a Certificate of Commendation to Robbie Palmer, Mundaring SES, at the 2024 Moore Federal Volunteer Awards during Volunteer Week. The commendation recognises outstanding work with the SES.



Robbie has been a long serving volunteer with the SES at Mundaring where he commenced more than 20 years ago. He has served as a Section Leader, Training Manager, Deputy Unit Manager and Unit Manager.

In addition to the unit activities, he reached out and accepted the role of SES Volunteer Association Treasurer, a position that he has performed diligently for the past seven years.

Robbie is a dedicated volunteer and gentleman of the highest calibre and displays exceptional integrity in dealing with volunteers, particularly with the intense work required to manage people successfully.

When Robbie achieved at the local unit what was possible in management, he then continued as a workplace trainer within the unit.

Whilst it is very easy to speak highly of Robbie, what is most impressive are his achievements to overcome many challenges in his life, and yet he is always there to support and help others.

Congratulations Robbie!





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2024 WAFES Conference

WAFES 2024 CONFERENCE AND AWARDS



The WAFES Conference will be held at Crown Perth on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th September 2024 with a Gala Dinner Saturday evening where Award winners are announced.

SES Award finalists announced

The SES Awards honour and acknowledge the achievements of SES Volunteers throughout WA who have shown outstanding dedication to duty over the past year.

Peter Keillor Award (SES Volunteer of the year)

- Craig Makin, SWORD State Emergency Service
- Danny Jeater, Swan State Emergency Service
- Nathan Donald, Broome State Emergency Service

State Emergency Service Team Achievement Award

- Swan State Emergency Service
- Roebourne District State Emergency Service
- Gary Littlewood and Maxine Burrell – SES Standard Equipment List for Deployment

State Emergency Service Youth Achievement Award

- Corey Wozencroft, Mandurah State Emergency Service
- Joshua Yates, Margaret River State Emergency Service
- Jack Watson, Tom Price State Emergency Service

Congratulations to all the finalists for the 2024 SES Awards. The SESVA Executive Council members look forward to being with you at the presentation ceremony on 7th September.

Visit [WAFES Awards - Department of Fire and Emergency Services \(dfes.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au) to learn more.





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Stirling SES has a lot to Celebrate

Stirling SES is about to embark on a new journey with the purchase late last year of an existing facility in Osborne Park.

It has been a long journey for Stirling SES who has been looking at potential land and suitable properties for over 25 years. This is a new concept that has never been tried before in Western Australia with DFES purchasing the existing facility in late 2023 and handover to the City of Stirling soon after. Stirling SES has been in its current location since around 1998 with the unusual situation of having the vehicles located in a shed some 400 m away from the EOC.

The new location will house vehicles and the EOC in the one location and is situated on land 2000m² and a building size of around 950 m² including office and training rooms. The size of the building will allow for growth over the coming years. DFES is working closely with the City of Stirling to bring the facility up to SES specification. It is anticipated that the unit will move from their existing location to the refurbished premises in the second half of 2024. Watch this space for further updates and a potential opening ceremony.



New Stirling Unit—front and rear



Old Stirling Unit EOC and vehicle shed





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Stirling SES Awards Night

The Stirling SES held their annual Awards night in March at the SES Stirling Unit with Superintendent Clint Kuchel and District Officer Glenn Hall in attendance.

10 Year SES Medal Recipients with Supt. Clint Kuchel



Darren Watt



Moni Antoniazzi



Craig Hooley



Russel Barltrop

20 Year SES Clasp Recipients



Paul Hirshowitz

15 Year SES Medal Clasp Recipient



Martin Lazarus

5 Year Medallion Recipient



Sally Ramsay

35 Year National Medal 2nd Clasp Recipient



Alison Keen

25 Year National Medal 1st Clasp Recipient



Doug Cooper

15 Year National Medal Recipient



Peter Davis





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DFES VOLUNTEER TRAINING FORUM PART 2

We don't get a straight forward process known as Recognition of current Competency (RCC) with other SES States and Territories. This is one of our major issues right now and it was covered at the forum in some detail.

As a result, there will be discussion and opportunity to improve this aspect. I can appreciate it won't happen overnight but some quick fixes could be made after consultation and a plan of attack developed.

A large amount of material and ideas will be collected to deal with this aspect and, I for one, want to play my part to see it fixed. I am sure there are many stories SES Volunteers can recall at local unit level of members who presented strong, supporting paperwork from another state or an industry sector within their own state; skills and knowledge not unlike SES, but were told to do the whole course again. **Wrong.** Depending on the risk level (low, medium, high) of the skill it could be simply rectified with reliable 'Third Party' evidence. It might require sitting a theory paper, interview or a challenge assessment at the high risk level. The nuts and bolts of RCC in some cases will require some work but should resolve many of the cases of RCC documents that sit in trays un-actioned.

There was huge emphasis on an **Integrated Training Model (ITM)** which is about developing and using new technology and strategies (whilst also using the current, standard approaches) to deliver initial training but also to maintain and assess currency and proficiency of operators across many 'crucial skills' and Divisions of DFES. I am sure a lot of members will encourage this aspect being developed across the board.

The **Initiation and Improvement Recommendation (IIR)** on-line form was also covered. DFES are endeavouring to streamline some internal procedures so they can get to 'action' and respond to 'originators' quicker. Some aspects of the procedure are well before the product is rolled out so consultation improvements may well reduce the number of IIR's entering the system in the first place.

The Standardised **On-Line Induction** was mentioned but it does not have to replace the usual SES Unit Induction process which should also include the materials and topics within the on-line DFES Induction. This will be available to BGU's that want to provide the information in a self-paced format, or when there is only a few volunteers needing to cover this aspect of Induction training. There will still be much to be addressed before the Volunteer moves into the regular training area of e-Academy.

Another aspect revealed at the forum was the Volunteer Hub and the support it can provide to the Volunteer – keep an eye out for a flyer with a QR code to link up with that area and some exciting developments are ahead. Have you seen the monthly notifications coming to your email or when you have gone to the Volunteer Hub page? That work is undertaken by Strategic Volunteer & Youth Programs who want to increase the usefulness of information provided to Volunteers (such as DFES systems and sites being integrated). The QR code will enable you to see what they are doing and they want constructive feedback from Volunteers so things can be improved. There are two strategic projects this group are keen to develop in the coming years - **ChatBot 24/7 support** (in 2024) and **'Personalisation'** (in 2025) so it recognises you as an individual and can assist *you* rather than the 'one size fits all' approach.

How many of you saw or took part in that recent training activity at unit level with the Virtual Reality (VR) activity? This idea will be further enhanced to include other skills and activities across the divisions. It will fit nicely within the blended and integrated learning approach that the DFES Academy management and staff want to pursue over coming years.

Submitted by Les Hayter

*SESVA Management Committee Member, Lower South West
Who attended the DFES Volunteer Training Forum 20 April 2024*



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The Economic, Social, and Cultural Value of Volunteering to the Western Australian Community

Last year Volunteering WA produced a report on its research into volunteering in WA. The research concluded that Volunteering yields substantial social and economic benefits for WA.

The \$63.9 billion benefit represents a remarkable 470% return on investment, signifying a return of \$4.70 for every dollar invested in volunteering. The report further estimates the replacement labour cost of volunteering at \$16.5 billion, more than double the cost of the entire WA public sector. Volunteering is identified as a pivotal contributor to community well-being, accounting for a noteworthy 14.7% increase in workplace productivity.

On average, each volunteer contributed 22.6 hours monthly, culminating in a total of 4000 million hours in 2023.

The report produced some staggering statistics that reflect the opportunities and risks for emergency service volunteering. The report summary and insights info graphics can be found at [Western Australia's State of Volunteering SOVR - Volunteering WA](#)

For a government department that has a volunteer workforce of more than 26,000, more attention needs to be paid to changing the culture of DFES to maximise the opportunities and strengths of its volunteer workforce.

Highlights include:

- Average hours volunteered per month—20.2 hours
- For every \$1 spent, \$4.70 is returned to the community
- Top 3 motivations of volunteers
 - To help others
 - For enjoyment
 - To be active
- Top 3 retention strategies
 - Personal relationship building
 - Volunteer training and development
 - Social opportunities and events

Volunteering is defined as 'time willingly given for the common good and without financial gain'



Before skipping to the next article, pause for 30 seconds and think what you did today and can do tomorrow to build a better volunteer workforce in your organisation.

Source: Volunteering WA





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JOIN IN TO PUSH FOR BETTER MENTAL HEALTH FROM 5 JUNE TO 28 JUNE 2024

Join forces with your colleagues for a meaningful cause while boosting your fitness and broadening your understanding of mental health.

This year we're embarking on a mission to complete 3,249 push-ups over 24 days in June, each one representing an Australian life lost to suicide in 2022, and to cast a light on the importance of mental health awareness.

More information & support:

Contact Scott Goodin, Physical Wellness Coordinator
 Email: Scott.Goodin@dfes.wa.gov.au

To get involved:

1. Go to the DFES Community Page
2. Create or join a team of up to 10 people in your community
3. Spread the word and get others involved.
4. start preparing yourself.
5. Download ['Push for Better' app](#)
6. 12 to 23 June—GET PUSHIN'



Remarkably, 1 in 3 individuals will require blood at some point in their lives.

This is a key motivator for growing our participation in the Emergency Services Blood Drive, happening from 1 June to 31 August 2024.

Every year, Australians need blood and plasma donations.

Whether it's to battle cancer, overcome a tough pregnancy, or manage a chronic condition, these donations are vital for health and survival.

The Lifeblood Challenge will ignite a friendly competition among the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, Police, Ambulance workers and volunteers to see who can garner the most donations.

To book an appointment, simply visit the [Lifeblood](#) webpage, create an account, and log in to schedule your donation at a local centre.

Note that donor centres are currently limited to the Perth Metro and Bunbury areas due to logistical reasons.





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SES BUNBURY VOLUNTEER RECEIVES SPECIAL COMMENDATION AWARD



The Bunbury State Emergency Service Unit has another great reason to kick up its heels and celebrate!

At the beginning of Monday night's training session, two Regional Officers from the Department of Fire and Emergency Services took time out to Bunbury SES Unit and present one of the unit stalwarts with some very special recognition.

Ms Ros McConchie was awarded a DFES Commissioner's Commendation for Distinction, a very rare honour indeed. Congratulations Ros!

Ros was duly recognised for not only many years of selfless service, but more importantly, for working hard in support of the many SES volunteers, permitting them to continue doing what they do. Ros has actively collaborated with DFES and the local SES Units to assist and streamline the administrative burden that can sometimes put people of volunteering.

SES volunteers are all very grateful for Ros and her unwavering dedication to the emergency services in the South West Region, along with her professional competencies and compassion for assisting volunteers to continue to do their jobs. The SES thanks DFES for providing this prestigious avenue to say "Thanks" to a very special person, in a suitably appropriate manner.

Bunbury SES expressed that they are proud of Ros and fortunate to be graced with her passion, her professionalism and her devotion to SES that helps drive them forward!

**Image above:
Ros McConchie, flanked by District Officer Nick Elrick (left)
and Regional Superintendent, Andrew Wright.**





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SES a Proud Heritage METRO TRACKER DOGS

BY TRISH SHANKS

Normally I would start to tell *Western Alert* readers all about the latest things that have happened in our unit.

Most of our interest stories are generally the same, such as our camps, PR exercises, training sessions or our call-outs, which ethically, I can't write about.

Our last camp was held at Lake Clifton (south of Mandurah) for the first time. I'd like to thank Pat, Trish, Mike and Michael from the Mandurah SES, for being our track layers.

As the Metro Tracker Unit doesn't get down to Mandurah very often, the camp gave us the chance to catch up with each other.

However, instead of going into details of the camp at Lake Clifton, I thought I'd write about what *Western Alert* means to me following the news that *Western Alert* is changing.

All good things seem to come to an end or get changed, hopefully for the better is a quote you often hear. I hope the latter is what will happen to the *Western Alert*.

Even though we only receive four magazines a year, I really enjoy reading what other units have been doing and updating you on our unit.

Western Alert has covered the exercises held, the drama and some times the traumatic duties members do, and the funny things that happen that bind units together.

Personal copies of the magazine are passed around to so many of our friends and neighbours to read. People who took the SES for granted – like most Joe Public – find out that volunteers don't get paid to do the job.

Every back issue copy that I can lay my hands on are grabbed up quickly so we can pass them out to

the schools on PR visits. By reading the magazine, I find that people take notice when someone from the SES is mentioned in the media and can't wait to pass any information they know on to friends and families. This in turn helps more people take an interest in what we achieve.



Most of the schools we have been to now have us booked in continually on yearly calendars.

We first started with some primary classes and as these children have gone up in grades – writing stories, creating pictures for their classrooms and for us – it has eventuated that the whole school wants to see what the SES is about.

The amount of kids that continually say from one year to the next

that they are going to join the SES when they are old enough, shows that what they learn about the SES stays in their minds.

When time and commitments permit, other SES units have joined us on school visits, thus expanding the knowledge of the SES as a whole.

Hopefully, we can all continue to participate in some form of magazine and can continue to read all the many stories that occur in the SES and maybe some stories from other members under the FESA banner.

I especially enjoyed reading the articles on the Bogucki Search and can only be thankful that it was too hazardous for the dogs to be put up there!

Wishing everyone all the health, happiness and success for the coming year.

Editor's Note: While this is the last edition of *Western Alert* in its current format, *Western Alert* will live on as a black and white newsletter specifically dedicated to the SES. This newsletter will be distributed six times a year – an edition every two months! *Western Alert* will continue to be jam-packed with SES news, letters and photos – so please keep sending in your stories and pictures.

The SES will also continue to have articles and photos included in *FESA News* which is currently being distributed to all SES units.

In addition, FESA will also publish a magazine which will include SES articles and pictures.

Although this is the last edition of *Western Alert* in this format, the SES will now have even more sources of information about its and other emergency services' activities.



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**NATIONAL MEMORIAL
 SERVICE FOR FIRE AND
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 PERSONNEL**

AFAC, The Australian and New Zealand National Council for Fire and Emergency Services, held a memorial service to honour the courage and sacrifice of those who have died in the line of duty at the National Emergency Services Memorial in Canberra on Thursday 2nd May 2024.

An AFAC Memorial Medallion was presented to the families and the service also acknowledged the names added to the Memorial Wall, which lists all who have died in the line of duty since records began.

Click on the link to view the 2024 Memorial Service: https://www.youtube.com/live/beSrW_hx8Is

The Memorial provides a place for remembrance and quiet reflection for families, colleagues and visitors. The service was attended by hundreds of members of the fire and emergency services, family members, dignitaries and others from across Australia and New Zealand.

Darren Klemm, DFES Commissioner, represented WA along with DFES and DBCA staff, National SESVA Chairman Gordon Hall, SESVA President Greg Cook, SESVA Secretary Allen Gale and SESVA Management Committee member Les Hayter. 2024 SES Youth Achievement Award winner Anjuli Till, Kalgoorlie-Boulder SES and DFES Young Peoples Advisory Council member Lauren Bailey, Mandurah SES, were among the twelve young emerging leaders (YEL) who formed up the guard of honour for the Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia.



The National SES Volunteers Association (NSESVA) was well represented by members of the SES Volunteers Association from across Australia. The NSESVA again hosted young emerging leaders from SES Units across Australia as part of its Young Emerging Leaders (YEL) Programme.

Pictured at Perth Airport ready for departure to Canberra (L — R):
 Allen Gale, Anjuli Till, Lauren Bailey, FES Commissioner Darren Klemm, Greg Cook.
Sitting (L — R):
 Les Hayter and Gordon Hall.





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NATIONAL MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICE PERSONNEL

The Young Emerging Leaders Group toured Parliament House in Canberra following the National Memorial Services.

WA SES volunteers, Lauren Bailey, Mandurah SES (holding Q Bear and Paddy the Platypus) and Anjuli Till, Kalgoorlie-Boulder SES, are pictured on the right end of the front row.

The adventures of Q Bear from WA and Paddy Platypus from NSW. The mascots tagged along for with young leaders throughout their adventures in Canberra in 2024. They captured the hearts of everyone with their journey being chronicled on Facebook. Young leader Lauren Bailey, Mandurah SES, tells their story in words and pictures:

*Once upon a time a little bear named **Q Bear** ventured from Perth, WA to Canberra. He headed east to attend the National Memorial Service alongside volunteers from across Australia and New Zealand. On his first full day in Canberra, Q Bear visited the National War Memorial to pay his respects.*

*In the following days **Q Bear** met with a team of young emerging leaders from across the country as well as a fellow stuffed friend **Paddy the Platypus** from NSW SES. **Q Bear** and **Paddy** continued their adventures together with their young leaders. **Q Bear** and **Paddy** placed a sprig of rosemary at the solemn AFAC National Memorial Service reflecting upon the men and women who lost their lives in the line of service.*

After crossing paths with the Governor-General, they explored both Houses of Parliament before touring the National Situation Room, hearing about the work of the National Emergency Management Agency and visiting Geoscience Australia, stopping to admire and reflect on Mt Ainslie before filling their bellies they continued to prepare to adventure on!





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STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE YOUNG EMERGING LEADERS FROM WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ATTEND THE

NATIONAL MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICE PERSONNEL

One of the greatest challenges to emergency management in Australia is the ageing workforce, and debate continues over whether younger generations want to take up volunteering, especially considering the demands of training, time and commitment needed in disaster and emergency work. So it is heartening to see the contribution and success of young volunteers from all walks of life who have established their credentials in the emergency sector.

The NATIONAL SESVA Young Emerging Leaders programme gives an opportunity for up to two volunteers from every Australian jurisdiction to travel to Canberra and participate in the annual AFAC National Memorial Service. They meet the Governor-General, have a Parliament House private tour and visit the ACT Emergency Services Agency, the National Situation Room at NEMA and Geoscience Australia.

In 2024 two members from Western Australia were selected: Lauren Bailey from the Mandurah SES Unit and Anjali Till from the Kalgoorlie-Boulder SES Unit. Their achievements are deserving of this recognition.

Lauren Bailey is a member of the Rescue Team with the Mandurah State Emergency Service. She is also a cadet instructor for the Emergency Service Cadet Corps.

Her role allows Lauren to train and assist the team with bushfire ground support, storm damage, housing damage and community support activities as well as facilitating a youth program with her community's young people.

Lauren is also a member of the DFES Young People's Advisory Council, which she feels privileged to be a part of as this body that provides her the opportunity to promote positivity, drive meaningful change and create a better future for young emergency service personnel.



Anjali Till is originally from South Africa and moved to Australia in 2010. She spent five years in Army Cadets in Kalgoorlie before relocating to Perth, then relocated back to sunny Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

Anjali has been actively involved with the State Emergency Service for over five years, serving in roles such as Team Leader, Treasurer and Trainer Assessor.

In June 2023, at age 25, she was appointed Local Manager of Kalgoorlie-Boulder SES Unit and in 2023 was honoured with the WAFES Youth Achievement Award for new approaches to training such as including families in overnight land searches and navigation, which supports uptake of young cadets into volunteering.





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***My Unit.. SWAN SES UNIT -Part 2:
 60TH Anniversary - 1964-2024***



December 8 2012 was the official opening of the \$1.2 million purpose built combined Swan Emergency Services Facility (ESF) which houses both Swan SES and the Swan Communication Bushfire Brigade. The State Government funded \$860,000 for the new building, comprising \$700,000 from the FESA Capital Works Program and the \$161,000 from the Emergency Services Levy Capital Grants Scheme.

The City of Swan complemented the Government’s contribution by providing \$350,000 for the extension of the sewer lines, building of a carpark and management of the contract.

Ash Smith became the Local Manager in 2015. A Swan logo and motto was developed in 2017 to better reflect the direction of the unit. The new motto was ‘Myself, My Team, My Community’. In 2018, Ash moved to DFES employment and Shaun Plumber became the Local Manager.

In 2019 Swan SES received the City of Swan Australia Day ‘Active Citizenship Award’ for ‘Recognising outstanding community contribution’.

In 2022 Daryl Coleman took over as Local Manager. Currently, there are 62 volunteers at Swan SES.

Across the 60 years, Swan SES has been involved in significant deployments, major incidents, major exercise, and community engagement. Significant deployments included severe tropical cyclones Elaine & Vance (1999), Moora floods (1999), Adelaide storms and floods (2016), severe tropical cyclone Seroja (2021), NSW floods (2022), and Fitzroy Crossing Floods (2023). Major incidents included the Barrass search near Muecha (1998), Waroona Yarloop fire support (2016), Muecha search (2016), Muecha vehicle control point during COVID (2020), and Woorlooloo fire support (2020) where the unit became a staging area for the West Division.

Major exercises included the VES Metro Challenge (1978), Seabird Exercise (1987), Bald Hill Exercise (1988), Goldfields SES Challenge (2011-2014), WA Metro Challenge (2016), Exercise MayDay (2019), and the Walyunga Multi-Agency Exercise (2023).

Community engagement has included support for the Avon descent (1980s), crowd control as the Olympic torch passed through Midland (2000), crowd control for the Perth Christmas pageant (2016 +), and assisting Guildford RSL with the ANZAC Day ceremony (across many years starting in the 1980s).

On Saturday May 18th, Swan SES celebrated their 60th anniversary at Jack Mann Oval, Midland.



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SWAN SES UNIT

Awesome 60-Year Celebration-

Congratulations to the Swan State Emergency Service unit volunteers who are celebrating their 60th anniversary this year.

Swan SES volunteers are well-respected, well trained and their service to the City of Swan and Shire of Chittering communities since 1964 is to be commended.

The main celebration at Midland’s Jack Mann Oval on Saturday 18 May saw the community enjoy live entertainment, food trucks and behind the scene tours of the SES facility.

SES volunteers, dignitaries and the public took the chance to thank the Swan SES volunteers for their hard work.

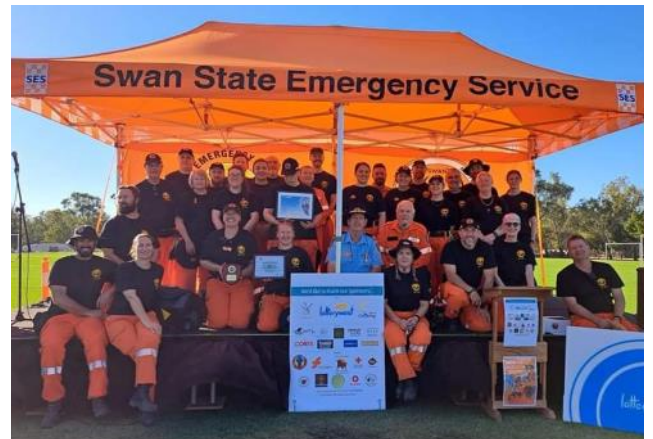
Local Manager Daryl Coleman was grateful for the community and their supporters for getting behind the unit and helping them celebrate 60 wonderful years of the Swan SES.

The SES Volunteers Association setup a stand (bottom right) to engage with SES volunteers and the public to raise awareness of the SESVA role and handout giveaways.

Following a Welcome to Country by Vaughn McGuire, an address was delivered by long time friend of the Swan SES, Michelle Roberts MLA.

Other speakers included City of Swan Cr Ian Johnson Midland Guildford Ward - Deputy Mayor and DFES Deputy Commissioner Craig Waters AFSM.

SESVA Secretary Allen Gale presented a plaque on behalf of the SESVA to the Swan SES *“in recognition of Sixty Years of dedicated service to the local communities by SES volunteers”*.



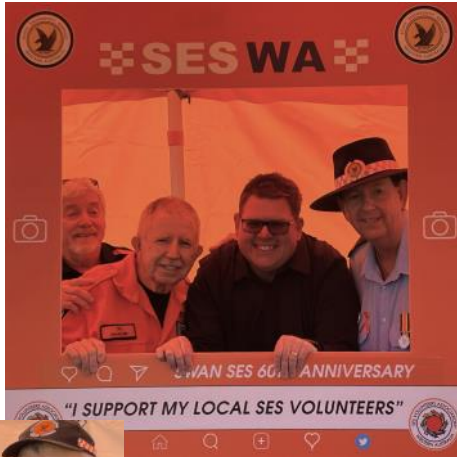
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NOMINATIONS FOR VACANCIES

VICE PRESIDENT NORTH and MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Several Management Committee terms of appointment end at the 2024 Annual General Meeting. Additionally, there are currently two vacant SESVA Management Committee positions; Upper Great Southern and North East (Metro). Nominations for these vacancies along with the expiring terms of appointment, as listed the table below, are now called for.

All Units are invited to nominate a member for election as Vice President North, or a Management Committee position as per the following table.

Units that wish to nominate a member of their Unit for an expiring term of appointment and for a vacancy on the SESVA Management Committee must ensure the attached nomination form is completed and returned to the Secretary by the closing date, Thursday 11th July 2024.

Please include a brief statement about the nominee's relevant SES background that can be forwarded to Units should voting be required.

Refer to the following table detailing the regions with the expiring terms of appointment and where vacancies exist, along with the Units that fall within those regions.

All Units will be eligible to vote for the President and Vice President, but only Units within the relevant region will be eligible to vote for the Management Committee positions.

Voting will be undertaken by email wherever possible, therefore please ensure your Unit completes the **Unit Contact Details** on the attached form and returns it by mail, or email.

The election results will be announced at the 2024 Annual General Meeting, 9am Sunday 8th September at Crown Burswood following the WAFES Conference.

Should no nominations be received for a vacant position on the Management Committee, the Committee may co-opt a person to the relevant position.

Regions which do not have a representative on the Management Committee, do not always hear in a timely manner of items which affect them. This has caused issues for some regions in the past. So, to make certain your region is kept fully informed, please ensure a delegate is nominated if your region is one with a term ending or a vacancy.

If you have any questions about the Association and what being a member of the Management Committee entails, please do not hesitate to contact SESVA President, Mr Greg Cook:

Mobile: 0418 403 960

Email: sesva.president@ses-wa.asn.au

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SESVA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

POSITIONS EXPIRING/VACATING AT THE 2024 AGM – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE

SESVA Vice President North* 2 year term expiring AGM 2026

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kimberley Region

Broome Derby 1 year appointment- term expires AGM 2025

Kununurra

Pilbara Region

Exmouth Hedland 1 year appointment - term expires AGM 2025

Karratha Roebourne Districts

Newman Tom Price

Midwest-Gascoyne Region

Carnarvon Coastal Districts – Eneabba 2 year appointment- term expires AGM 2026

Geraldton-Greenough Kalbarri

Meekatharra Shark Bay

Great Southern Region

Albany Denmark 2 year appointment- term expires AGM 2026

Esperance Gnowangerup

Mount Barker Ravensthorpe

Upper Great Southern Region

Boddington Narrogin 2 year appointment- term expires AGM 2026

Pingelly Wagin

Lower South West Region

Bridgetown Busselton 2 year appointment- term expires AGM 2026

Donnybrook Manjimup

Margaret River Nannup

Walpole

South Coastal (Metro) Region

Cockburn Rockingham-Kwinana 1 year appointment - term expires AGM 2025

Melville Mandurah

North East (Metro) Region

Bassendean Mundaring 2 year appointment - term expires AGM 2026

Belmont Swan

North Coastal (Metro) Region

Bayswater Northshore 2 year appointment - term expires AGM 2026

Stirling

Two Rocks Wanneroo/Joondalup

* North includes – Kimberley, Pilbara, Midwest-Gascoyne, Goldfields-Midlands, North East & North Coastal



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**2024-UNIT-DETAILS-NOMINATION-FOR-VICE-PRESIDENT-NORTH-and
MANAGEMENT-COMMITTEE-MEMBER**

Please complete Unit email details to ensure your Unit can be contacted should an election be required

UNIT-NAME:	→	→	→	¶
SESVA-REGION:	→	→	→	¶
UNIT-POSTAL-ADDRESS:	→	→	→	¶
UNIT-EMAIL-CONTACT:	→	→	→	¶
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NOMINATION-FOR-MANAGEMENT-COMMITTEE-MEMBER				
Name-of-Management-Committee-Member-Nominee:	→	→	→	¶
Postal-Address:	→	→	→	¶
Mobile:	→	→	email:	→
Signature:	→	→	Date:	→
¶				
NOMINATION-FOR-VICE-PRESIDENT-NORTH				
Name-of-Vice-President-Nominee:	→	→	→	¶
Postal-Address:	→	→	→	¶
Mobile:	→	→	email:	→
Signature:	→	→	Date:	→

*-North includes--Kimberley, Pilbara, Midwest-Gascoyne, Goldfields-Midlands, North-East & North-Coastal

UNIT-AUTHORISING-OFFICER				
NAME:	→	→	→	¶
POSITION:	→	→	→	¶
EMAIL:	→	→	→	¶
I confirm the above Nominee/s-is/are a member of the Unit named above.				
SIGNATURE:	→	→	DATE:	→

**Completed nominations for Management Committee and Vice President forms must be returned
by close of business on Thursday 11 July 2023**

Please return marked: → **ATTENTION:--SESVA-Secretary**
Mail: → **PO-Box-3218-Belmont-6104-or**
Email: → sesva.secretary@ses-wa.asn.au

**Please include a brief resume (100 words maximum) about the nominee's background/history that can be sent to relevant Units to assist them in determining their preferred applicant, should voting be required.



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