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APRIL 2024 **NEWSLETTER**

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From the President



Hello to you all 😊

With Easter now behind us, I believe we can all be grateful for a few days' break and spending time with our loved ones and friends.

The Association takes this opportunity to acknowledge the 20th anniversary of the passing of Jim Regan during a rescue operation in Karijini National Park. We recognise family members and friends of Jim who will be remembering this great SES Volunteer at this significant time. Jim, you are still missed; thank you from all our hearts. **Rest in Peace.**

Your SES Association again is busy with our consolidated response to the Fit for Work proposal from DFES. This means a great deal to SES Volunteers and as a national initiative, we see our service as a standalone decision.

Will we be the only volunteer service with this type of program? For years, the SES volunteers have asked for a national training framework to support volunteers across Australia to be trained the same way with the same training resources. From my perspective, I do believe that both the fitness and training of our volunteers are linked. Perhaps this is the time to reinforce our opportunities across Australia.

We do note the concern raised by numerous SES volunteers who are ask "why just the SES?" when we have many local government and DFES-linked volunteers that don't require any program for fitness at all. A balanced approach in our response to DFES is required from your Association to ensure your views and the great discussion we have had, are tabled for an informed position into our mutual futures.

I truly believe that there is so much we can achieve with the correct resources and operating environment. The question still to be answered is: *how do we obtain that place we have earned with many years of service to our respectful communities?*

Let's not be absorbed into a mass but continue to shine. After all, our nationally recognised orange uniform represents the rising and setting of the sun. When the darkness comes, we still glow in the dark.

Thank you again, stay safe by making good decisions based on sound advice.

Greg Cook
President

TRIBUTE TO JAMES REGAN

This month the SESVA Newsletter pays special tribute to James (Jim) Regan who in 2004, as a SES volunteer with the Newman SES unit, tragically lost his life while on operational SES duty in Karijini National Park . Pages 4,5,6,7 & 8



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NEW

SESVA

sub-committee

Media and PR Strategy

The Media and PR Strategy team held its first meeting on 21st March. The team will meet 3 or 4 times a year with aim of developing strategies to build a positive public perception, enhance community awareness, and ensure recognition of SES volunteers.

By doing so, the SESVA contributes to the overall success and effectiveness of the SES in serving the community before, during and after an emergency. Some of the strategies that the Team will be focusing on include:

- Social Media Management
- Internal Communication
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Public Awareness Campaigns
- Reputation Management
- Media Liaison
- Heritage Collection
- Member Benefits

We're hoping to recruit some other dynamic volunteers to complete the team. The current members are:

- Allen Gale, SESVA Secretary - Chairman
- Leonie Briggs, SES Canine unit, SESVA Vice President – Deputy Chair
- Megan Reynolds, Mandurah SES, SESVA Committee Member
- John Capes, SESVA Webmaster
- Cassidy Kempster, Northshore SES
- Rob Philips, Margaret River SES unit
- Michelle Hutchins, SESVA Marketing Consultant

INTERESTED? DO YOU WANT TO JOIN THE TEAM? IF SO, MAKE CONTACT WITH Allen Gale sesva.secretary@ses-wa.asn.au or call / message on 0419 935 479

SWAN SES 60TH ANNIVERSARY

One of the very first SES units to be established in the Perth metropolitan area is celebrating 60 years of serving the community on Saturday 18 May at Jackman Oval, Midland.

The SES Volunteers Association will be there to join in the celebrations and engage with SES volunteers. Find more details on page 19 of the Newsletter. Mark it in your calendar NOW.

SES volunteers and members of the public are invited - it'll be fun for the whole family



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The SES Volunteers Association of WA (Inc) **Newsletter** used to be delivered to subscribers from an email server direct to their email accounts with the **Newsletter** attached in a PDF format, then open the PDF to read on-screen and/or print the **Newsletter**.

Commencing with the February 2024 edition of the **Newsletter**, delivery to subscribers is now via **electronic direct mail (EDM)** to their email accounts with a link to the **Newsletter**. The difference is that the email asks subscribers to **DOWNLOAD** the **Newsletter**. This means the subscriber must click on the link provided in order to read on-screen and/or print the **Newsletter**.

But we're told to protect from SCAMS, don't click links in emails from an untrusted source!

(and we need to protect our device with anti virus software and software updates only from the source).

So...subscribers are encouraged to ensure that their device and email account knows that the SESVA is a trusted source so you don't miss out on receiving the **NEWSLETTER** email each month.

Do always carefully check the sender of emails that you receive; you can usually click on the *sender* to view the details behind the email address that you see in the FROM part of the email.

Tips to assist when an email is expected but can't be seen:

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- Go to the option that shows ALL MAIL
- Use a different browser to Open your email account
- Log OUT and back IN to your account
- Access email account settings
- Double check your email filter settings

Filtering your emails is often a necessity, especially if you start receiving random spam emails from bots and advertisers. Unfortunately, it's possible the email you're expecting to receive has been filtered as well.

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On the 1st of April 2004 a tourist party visited the Hancock Gorge area of Karijini National Park where one of the party was injured.

James (Jim) Regan was part of an SES Cliff Rescue team dispatched from Newman and Tom Price SES units who worked with police officers and CALM National Park rangers to rescue the injured tourist.

Late at night on the 1st of April the male tourist was hauled to safety. Soon after this rescue was completed, news came through that a second tourist, this time a young woman, had fallen and was injured at the bottom of Hancock Gorge. The SES Cliff Rescue team set off that night to rescue the second injured tourist.

At 4am on Friday morning the 2nd of April, as they were about to attach ropes to the stretcher holding the 25-year-old tourist, they were hit by a two-metre wall of water.

Eyewitness accounts say that Jim was hit by the full force of the flash flood and swept away.

Response efforts included the immediate deployment of additional ground based personnel, an expansion of the operation control team, fresh vertical rescue teams from around the state and aerial reconnaissance in the form of helicopter support.

Late Saturday afternoon 3rd April 2004 Police divers recovered Jim's body from Garden Pool at the base of the Hancock Gorge.

Jim, who was thirty-six years of age, had been a member of the State Emergency Service since October 1999. His work as a Volunteer of the State Emergency Service became a passion of his.

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“The events of the 1st to 3rd April 2004 involving the death of SES Volunteer James Martin (Jim) Regan were tragic. The tragedy had a profound effect within his community. FESA, and notably within the SES, his death was the first tragic loss during operations.

This incident highlights the dedication and commitment of SES Emergency Services Volunteers and the personal sacrifices not only in time, effort and training, but also to their personal well being in providing this vital service to their communities.”

*Excerpt Major Incident Review into the Karijini Incident
1-3 April 2004*

LET US PAUSE TO REMEMBER JIM WHO LOST HIS LIFE ON 2ND APRIL

The 2nd of April 2024, marks the 20th anniversary of the only SES Volunteer in Western Australia to lose their life whilst on operational duty.

The SESVA respectfully asks that a minutes silence be held during an SES training night in April as a mark of respect to **James Regan** (Jim).



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My Unit.. Jim's Unit – Newman SES

Newman SES Local Manager Connie Reed reflects 20 years on.....

Each time I park my vehicle at the Newman SES unit, I look across at our memorial rock for Jimmy. I don't think of the sadness but reminisce the good times and the fun times. Jimmy was part of our Vertical Rescue team. The call came in, and our crew departed, not knowing what to expect or what time they would be home. The call was to rescue an injured tourist; the fantastic volunteers from Newman and Tom Price worked tirelessly to complete the rescue. Once they had completed this rescue, another a call came in, sending them to another rescue. With the combination of weather and other obstacles, Newman SES loss one of their team.

I remember Jimmy from a Western Desert Trip, where each year our unit travels out to five aboriginal communities, travelling over 2,000kms and preparing them for the upcoming wet season. Our unit volunteers are proactive, working to help make these communities more resilient during cyclones, flooding, other natural hazards and searches.

Newman SES put together a group that included some other agencies and SES members from various Pilbara units. We visited the schools, and having fun with children and teachers, showing them how to stay safe in their time of need, by performing short drama plays. Jimmy was part of this crew, showing our communities that the Newman SES is there for them, having fun and teaching them at the same time, making sure that they would not be afraid of a large team of orange people when they come to help them.

We have the decommissioned stretcher, the one that was involved in the rescue, it hangs with plants growing in it, this is a reminder that each and every member is valuable, and each time my crew depart, I ensure that they know they are important to me and their families, and they need to return safely.

So, hold up a drink, and take sip and reminisce the goods times, let laughter fill your eyes with tears, as we remember.

Connie Reed

*Local Manager
 Newman State Emergency Service*



Learn more about April 2004 at Chapter 8 “Lives Lost During Active Service” of the SES History publication

“The WA STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE (SES HISTORY FROM CIVIL DEFENCE INTO THE 21ST CENTURY“ by GORON M HALL ESM.

The extract below is from the SES History publication and provides some history of the Newman SES.....

The **Newman SES** unit was established in July 1981 around the same year that the Shire of East Pilbara (SoEP) took management of the Town from Mt Newman Mining, whom established the town (originally Mount Newman) in 1966 as a closed Mining company town.

The Unit initially operated from a site provided by a local contractor until 1984. Then the SoEP secured funding to build a new shed for SES use at the Shire Depot in Woodstock St, Newman. During 1995 the Unit moved to the current location Lot 300 Kurra St which is SoEP owned where the SES utilised existing buildings for their administration and headquarters purposes. In 2004 the Unit received funds for an equipment shed which was added to Lot 300 Kurra St facility.

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My Unit..

Newman SES Unit....cont'd

By 2005 the Newman SES Administration Building on Lot 300 Kurra St was considered no longer fit for purpose for SES operations. The transportable accommodation units were deteriorating due to weathering and wear and tear and minor and major repairs were ongoing.

Funding to construct a new SES Administration Building on the current site at Kurra St was approved in the 2011/2012 Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGs) but was not progressed during this LGGs period. Approved funds were carried over during the 2013/2014 period for \$570,458 but tenders received were outside the approved funding allocation with tenders ranging from \$1.1 to \$1.2 million.

Options to progress this project were discussed by SoEP, DFES and the Newman SES and included reduce the building size and carry original approved funds over to the 2014/2015 LGGs period or put in a new submission for additional funding. An increase in funding was considered the most suitable option as it aligned with the DFES concept strategic direction on state-wide Incident Control Centre (ICC) locations for L2/3 incidents. Due to its remote location, Newman was identified as requiring this capability. Site works for the new building were started during June 2015 with the transportable building modules constructed in Perth and transported to Newman for erection and finishing.

Current situation

The new Newman SES building serves as the local headquarters for the Unit and includes dedicated administration, training and operations facilities. The building also has capacity to operate as an ICC Level 2/3 which provides DFES with a facility from which to manage incidents where the FES Commissioner is the HMA within the East Pilbara Shire area and the Northern part of the Shire of Meekatharra.

The building was officially opened on the 1st June, 2018 by Fran Logan MLA and Commissioner Darren Klemm ASFM.

The new buildings role is fit for purpose ICC, administration and training facility where Newman SES members can take pride in. It will also enhance the Units ability to recruit and retain new members with good first impressions of the organisation they are joining.

The new facilities will enhance Newman SES function within the East Pilbara Shire that include their profile role to Natural Hazards and providing logistical support to Local Government and DFES with Bushfire incidents. It will also enhance the support to WA Police in SES Combat roles of Land Search, Vertical Rescue and other logistical support within their profile capabilities to other Volunteer Emergency Services.

A key strength of the Newman SES is that they are very focus on Prevention and Preparedness within Remote Aboriginal Communities. Each year the Unit spends a week travelling approx. 2,500kms visiting remote communities before the Cyclone/wet season establishing working relationships that has significantly reduced the need for resupplies due to the effect of isolation each year within the East Pilbara Shire. Local Manager Connie Reed is one of the longest serving Newman SES Volunteers, Connie has been visiting the communities since 2012 and has built a rapport with community Elders and staff, this has ensured appropriate Response outcomes where the SES Unit maintains two-way communications with information provided and obtained with a good understanding of the level of risk for isolation which does affect these remote communities each wet season.



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Fitness for Role

The SES Volunteers Association of WA hosted an online meeting for SES units on 14 March to enable a clear understanding of how the Fitness for Role (FFR) Research Project would impact SES WA if it was to be implemented. The Project has been supported in principle by AFAC SES Operations Group and Australian Council of SES (ACSES). DFES is now in the process of consulting with the SESVA to determine a collective position on behalf of Units/Members.

33 of the 64 SES WA units were present along with SESVA Management Committee members to hear from FES Commissioner Darren Klemm and DFES Manager Mental Health and Wellbeing, Mitchell Sewell, who provided a presentation and answered questions from unit representatives. Guest presenters from VIC SES and QLD SES also provided information and answered questions about the project which is in its early stages of implementation in those states.

In opening the meeting, FES Commissioner Darren Klemm, acknowledged the challenges of the work needed to be undertaken in relation to developing this project and the necessity to attain a national position.

“While not everyone will embrace the proposal, there are many positive outcomes that will be significant particularly in the context of interstate deployments and SES volunteers being sufficiently trained, prepared for and being fit for their role in those circumstances,” confirmed Commissioner Klemm.

“Of equal importance is the suitability of a person’s capabilities to match a particular role, given they are going to volunteer their time, and to remain safe in doing so.”

Collective Position

For the SESVA to determine a collective position on behalf of the members units, voting by the membership was conducted (one vote per unit) following the meeting. Most of the units voted in support of the Fitness for Role Program being introduced in WA, but only by a very small majority, however almost all units made it known that they remain cautious of how it will be rolled out.

It was clear from the concerns expressed during the meeting and in follow-up communications that units would prefer a focus on development of consistent national training and competencies, with fitness included in the annual currency assessments. The extra workload for managers and uncertainty in relation to liability were also raised for clarification, as well as the preference for implementation across all services in DFES, including staff.

What’s next?

A detailed report of the meeting along with a copy of the PowerPoint presentation provided by Mitch Sewell is being circulated to all member units, with feedback being encouraged before an update is provided to the FES Commissioner on the SESVA position relating to the adoption and implementation of the FFR Program and Framework. Send emails to sesva.secretary@ses-wa.asn.au

SESVA President Greg Cook assured those present at the meeting that the position the SESVA takes forward will reflect the comments and concerns of the membership. If a consensus is determined to proceed with the implementation of the FFR Framework then DFES proposes a working group comprising DFES and SES representatives to be established to develop and implement a comprehensive pilot program prior to state-wide roll out (both of which would include resourcing discussion).

Units contact DFES Manager, Mental Health and Wellbeing, direct by email Mitchell.SEWELL@dfes.wa.gov.au for further clarification.



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BUNBURY SES Unit was the venue for the Emergency Services Open Day held on Sunday 24th March.

The Open Day was designed as a celebration of Emergency Services Volunteers with members of the community invited to visit the unit to meet their local volunteers and learn about volunteering.

Emergency Services from across the south west came together to enjoy talking part in activities which showcased what is like to be a volunteer.

Regional emergency services included Bunbury SES, Brunswick Junction VFRS, Bunbury Marine Rescue, Australind SES, Bunbury Incident Control Vehicle and DFES Volunteer Sustainability employees.



The public and emergency services volunteers took part in vertical rescue tower, knot tying, casualty handling, and appliance demonstrations from all services including Dingo Marley.

A lot of planning went into this day by all the emergency services volunteers. Despite many of the fire services needed to deploy to the Waroona fires, all enjoyed taking part in the activities which showcased what it is like to be a volunteer.



Submitted by R McConchie DLM Bunbury SES

BUNBURY VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES OPEN DAY



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Australian Government
Australian Taxation Office

TAX CHANGES FOR SES UNITS SES Units to lodge tax returns and pay income tax

BACKGROUND

Until recently, SES units were eligible to be registered as a charity and administered by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC). Not-for-profits (NFP) registered with the ACNC and endorsed by the ATO as income tax exempt are eligible for income tax exemption. The ineligibility to register as a charity means that SES units are taxed as companies and may have to pay income tax.

AREN'T SES UNITS PUBLIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS (PBI)?

The ATO advises that the ACNC is responsible for determining PBI status. The ACNC registers organisations as charities, including particular types of charities such as PBIs. The ATO accepts that an organisation is a PBI if it is registered by the ACNC as a PBI. But the ACNC has already ruled that SES units cannot be registered as a charity with the ACNC. Nevertheless, the Australian Business Register, which is administered by the ATO, shows WA SES units are recorded as "Public Benevolent Institution". Confused?

ANNUAL REPORTING

As part of its 2022 Budget measures, the Australian Government announced changes to the administration of non-charitable not-for-profits (NFP) entities that self-assess as income tax exempt. Subsequently, in August last year, the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) announced that from the 2023-24 income year, NFPs with an active ABN will need to lodge an annual return.

SES units are NFPs but do not meet the registration requirements of the ACNC. They are therefore not eligible to self-assess as income tax exempt.

HOW MUCH TAX WILL SES PAY?

Generally, the SES unit governing document (i.e. its Constitution) prohibits it from making any distributions, whether in money, property or otherwise, to its members. It is therefore an NFP company.

An NFP company with taxable income of:

- \$416 or less a year is not required to lodge a tax return and will need to notify the ATO of a Return Not Necessary.
- more than \$416 a year is required to lodge a tax return for that year.

WHAT IS THE TAXABLE INCOME OF AN SES UNIT?

Any income of an SES unit will be taxable income unless exempt income. Interest, donations (in money or goods) and sales of goods, sausage sizzles and other fund raising activities are examples of income.

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TAX CHANGES FOR SES UNITS SES Units Cont'd

WHEN MUST A RETURN OR NOTICE BE LODGED?

Either a company income tax return or a 'Return Not Necessary' needs to be lodged between 1 July and 31 October 2024.

DFES RESPONSE

DFES was contacted for comment on this topic and directed the SESVA to the Volunteer Hub where it provides taxation advice under the heading "Commonwealth taxation status".

<https://www.volunteerhub.dfes.wa.gov.au/home/toolboxes/administration/finance-and-funding/taxation-information#Commonwealth-taxation-status>

On that page is the statement:

"... the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) has provided taxation advice that all WA brigades, groups, and units can self-assess their income tax exemption status as being a government-like entity, specifically a public authority constituted under Australian law."

This DFES advice pre-dates the recent ATO announcements referred to above. However:

1. There is no known public or class ruling to that effect for WA BGUs.
2. SES units that are unincorporated are not constituted under Australian law.

CONCLUSION

The recent ATO announcement has prompted the SESVA to call for a review of the Federal income tax obligations on SES units and to consult the SESVA accordingly. There may also be wider implications for other volunteer FES units. Taxation is a complex area of law and imposes an unacceptable administrative burden on SES units. SES unit committees of management should consider their individual unit circumstances and seek appropriately qualified taxation advice.

Submitted by SESVA Vice President Alan Hawke



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22 May 2024



SES WA
WOW DAY

To help celebrate WOW Day the SESVA have produced this Special Picture Frame for Units to use during their WOW Events.

If you'd like to borrow one please contact the SESVA Office:
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0499 619 287

#ThankyouSES

**WEAR ORANGE WEDNESDAY
TO SUPPORT SES VOLUNTEERS**



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Get Ready For
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DAY**
WEAR ORANGE WEDNESDAY
FOR SES VOLUNTEERS

22 May 2024

WOW DAY IS FAST APPROACHING!

This is a celebration to recognise you and your team's fantastic efforts to your community.

This year the Association in collaboration with DFES plan the following to help SES Units and their members celebrate.

The Association will be providing things like ribbons and hardcopy posters, along with a set of tools to help plan your celebration. These tools will be posted on our website for you to access. As shown, we've also got some outsized picture frames which will be available for you to borrow.

Once again, DFES plan for a number of iconic buildings and landmarks across the state to be lit up in magnificent orange in support and recognition of SES volunteers. These include Parliament House, Perth Concert Hall, Fremantle Prison and several Local Council offices.

DFES is finalising artwork for things like posters and email signatures.

Help us help you! We really want to hear from you to know what you and your region are doing to celebrate WOW Day. Let's celebrate together by sharing information about events including photos and videos. Below are images from Bunbury and Geraldton SES Units, and Perth Council House.



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New General Rescue Course

.....**coming soon**.....

DFES have recently published a new SES General Rescue Course. Trainer assessors are in process of endorsement and handover is anticipated mid-April 2024.

Details on the rollout are not yet known, but we expect the course to appear on training calendars for either or both Metro or individual units this year.

The course is a 4-day course. It is designed in modules that can be delivered all at once or over a period of time. For regions and units this will allow flexibility with delivery. The assessments are designed to be undertaken in a bullring manner.

Until now, SES has only had a Basic General Rescue course (BGR). The new General Rescue course will introduce elements such as power tools, hydraulics and shoring. An important addition is basic rescue from heights.

The latter is important for storm damage roof operators if it becomes necessary to lower an injured operator to the ground. If searchers come across a missing person in need of rescue from a steep incline or well, they too will have basic skills and equipment to undertake a safe rescue. The course also offers elements currently in the Road Crash Rescue and Vertical Rescue courses.

The course will not initially be a prerequisite for the storm damage course. But there are elements of the storm damage course that are in the General Rescue course. Eventually, the storm damage course content can be reduced where the General Rescue course becomes a prerequisite. Just not yet.

The new General Rescue course has been a long time coming, and the SESVA is pleased to support SES volunteer training and development.

We would like to thank WAFES Academy for their work on this course development generally and their advice in preparation of this report.



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WA & TAS Raffle No. 2

**SES Raffle No. 2 commenced on
4th March
and will be drawn 31st May 2024.**

Let your WA family, friends, and colleagues know that they can purchase a \$2 ticket now to support SES volunteers in WA and receive a chance to win a

\$5,000 COLES-MYER GIFT

Simply share the phone number and website link below:

National SESVA call centre **1300 804 562**

[Buy tickets and support the National SESVA \(nationalsesvaraffle.org.au\)](http://nationalsesvaraffle.org.au)



**The WA-TAS raffle 01 was drawn
2nd February 2024**

1st Prize: \$5,000 Harvey Norman Gift Card was won by **Ticket No:** 25010012629

Results of the draw were published in *The Australian* 'Public Notice' section on 7th February

and on the NSESVA website the same day as the draw.

<https://nationalsesvaraffle.org.au/raffle-winners-wa-tas/>

Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket in the 1st SESVA raffle for WA.

The funds raised will benefit the community based SES units and SES volunteers in WA.



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April is Testicular Cancer Awareness Month Know Thy Nuts

This campaign aims to raise awareness of testicular cancer, encourage people to do self-exams, and raise money for research.

What is testicular cancer?

Cancer is a disease in which your body's cells grow out of control. When this abnormal cell growth starts in your testicles, it's called testicular cancer. Here are some key facts about testicular cancer

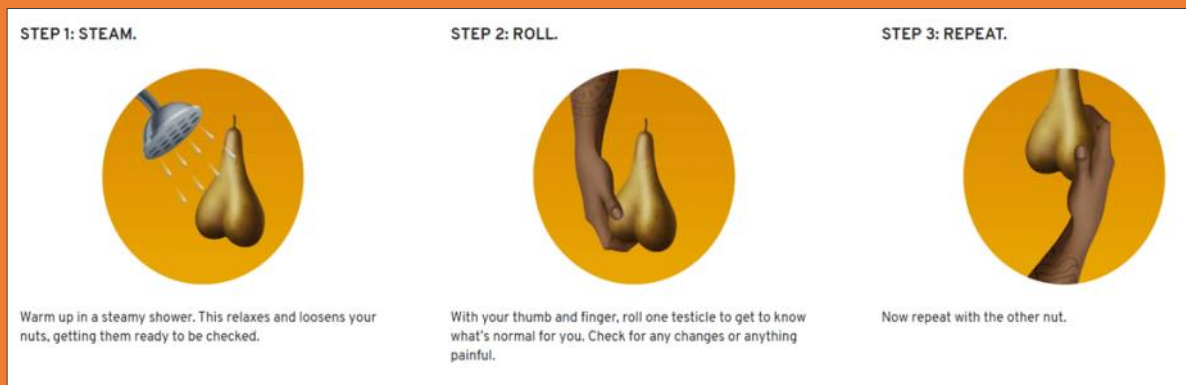
How common is testicular cancer?

Testicular cancer isn't very common. Globally, it makes up less than one per cent of all male tumours. But it's the most common cancer in young men.

Fortunately, testicular cancer is highly curable when it's found and treated early. That's why it's so important to know what's normal (and what's not) for your body, and head to the doctor if something's not quite right.

Regular checks

It may sound obvious, but getting checked out is always best. It can feel scary or taboo to talk to your GP about your testicles, but a 30-second check could save you a whole lot of stress and grief. When caught early, testicular cancer is highly curable.



There are different types of testicular cancer.
More than 90% of testicular cancers start in the cells that make sperm (germ cells).
The main types of germ cell cancers are seminomas and non-seminomas.
Treatment decisions and chances of recovery depend on the kind of cancer

Visit the Movember website (<https://au.movember.com/men-s-health/testicular-cancer>) for more details.



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National Memorial Service, Canberra 2nd May 2024

AFAC, the National Council for fire and emergency services in Australasia, will be conducting commemorations at the AFAC National Emergency Services Memorial, Canberra, on May 2, 2024.

SESVA President Greg Cook and Secretary Allen Gale will be attending from WA along with SES Youth Achievement Award winner for 2023, Anjuli Till of the Kalgoorlie-Boulder SES unit.

This is great opportunity for Anjuli to further her knowledge, to further develop her leadership skills and to build on her emergency services network.

Anjuli will be joining up with a SES youth contingent, aged 16-30, from others State/Territories to pay respects to their fire and emergency service colleagues who have died in the line of duty.

Together they will meet and provide an Honour Guard for the Governor General, as well as interact with National SESVA Directors and Councillors to get a better understanding of the challenges and rewards of leadership with the SES.

While visiting Canberra, the young volunteers will also visit the ACT Emergency Services Agency facilities, GeoScience Australia, and Parliament House.



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- Meet your local Emergency Services

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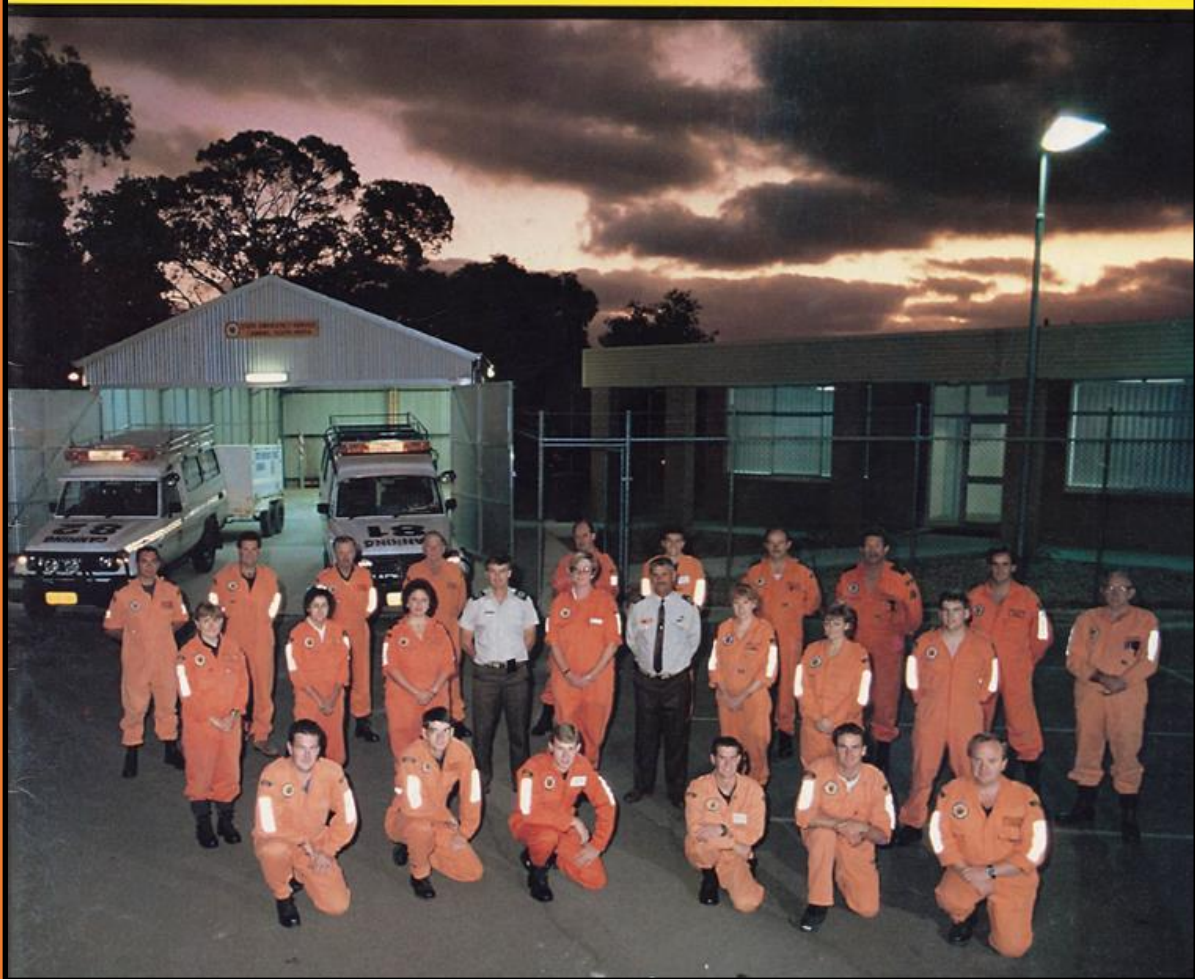
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Days Gone By A Proud Heritage

“New Home for Canning SES Unit”



Front cover: Volume 29 Autumn 1994 Western Alert



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