



# SES Volunteers Association of WA (Inc)

One Association - Many Values

## JULY 2024

# NEWSLETTER

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## From the President

Hi, and just a single statement: “Where is the year 2024 going?” Time is moving way too quickly with so much done and much more to achieve on behalf of the community SES Volunteers.

July starts a new financial year and opportunities for DFES and the Government to address the long tolerated SES shortfall in resources. We, as part of an emergency service organisation understand that funding is finite. We do not and have not had an open book to address needs since I first became involved with the SES in the mid 1990s.



DFES continues to invest in the SES, but I still regularly hear from many units that their facilities do not meet their needs, and that vehicles and vessels do not meet their needs, along with other resources that enable delivery of community-based emergency management services.

We will continue to work in collaboration with DFES and the Government to close the resource gaps and jointly assist community-based services to build resilience at the local level.

A great plan is not to have all your eggs in one basket to ensure that when an organisation is needed in many locations simultaneously, that it is nimble and prepared within each community to manage the prevention works, preparation of community members, responding to emergency needs and fulfilling a critical role during recovery actions. Community-led and managed groups that are well resourced are the strength of our unique Western Australia.

We openly acknowledge that there is a distinct difference between metropolitan community needs and those of our regional towns and cities. The expectation is that a single Department with limited human resources cannot be everywhere, hence the need for great local capabilities and capacity.

We move forward in the mode of collaboration.

Kind Regards,

Greg Cook  
President

## 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.

A fillable PDF version of the form can be found on the SESVA website via the link below:

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## **SES Volunteer's Association of WA (Inc.) Notice of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**9am Sunday 8th September 2024**

**Studio 2, Crown Perth**

**Great Eastern Hwy, Burswood**

Unit delegate nomination forms are being emailed direct to each member SES unit.

## **Call for AGM Agenda Items**

SESVA of WA AGM Agenda items should be submitted by 9:00 am Thursday 1st August 2024 to Allen Gale [sesva.secretary@ses-wa.asn.au](mailto:sesva.secretary@ses-wa.asn.au)

## **SUMMARY OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 8TH JUNE 2024**

**Legislation Working Group** - the Position Paper has been distributed on a limited basis. Printed copies of the Position Paper will be distributed after the Working Group meets with the Minister and Commissioner in July to provide a briefing and answer questions. A wider distribution of the Position Paper will be undertaken following the meetings.

**NSESA Raffle (WA & TAS)** - the raffle is going well in WA. The third raffle commenced 3 June and will be drawn 30th August. The result of the second raffle draw was published on the NSESA website and in the 8th June Weekend Australian newspaper.

**SES 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1959-2024** - a Family Day is to be held Saturday 12th October 2024 from 10am at Jarrahdale Oval with overnight camping available. Units to show their history and lunch will be provided for Active volunteers

**Fitness For Role** - the FFR report from the March online meeting hosted by the SESVA has been discussed with DFES who have agreed to respond to the questions raised during the meeting. The response will be shared with all Units. DFES is also keen to offer five units to do a trial of the FFR program processes.

**Combined ATAG/VTAG Forum** - DFES and Bushfire Centre of Excellence teams hosted a Volunteer Training Forum 20th April. Presentations were received on training product strategy, RPL/RCC, IIR Process, development of online induction training and training resources on the Volunteer Hub. Ideas and strategies were invited during the forum.

**National Training work group** - the SESVA will form a work group to investigate the likely success of a policy that WA SES be supported by DFES to gain and maintain national recognised qualifications.

**Friends of the SESVA** - the SESVA will create a group 'friends of the SESVA' that can help or run tasks such as promotional events, help with mass mailouts, build promotional material, package merchandise and catalogue historical items.





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**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-to-day matters which are managed by the Executive Council.

The general management of the affairs of the Association is vested in the Management Committee. The SESVA responds to each SES Unit through the Regional Representative and the Unit Manager. Regional Representatives are the SESVA's conduit with member SES units. The role includes providing information, help and guidance from an SESVA perspective.

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 pictured at the 8th June 2024 Face to Face Management Committee Meeting at Belmont in the SESVA Conference Room







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Some of the current SESVA Management Committee Members at Belmont for the Face to Face meeting 8th June



Megan Reynolds  
Representing Metro North Coastal



Ros McConchie  
Representing South West



Hugh Bryan  
Representing Midwest-Gascoyne



Trevor Patton  
Representing Pilbara



Ziggy Belzcowski  
Representing Metro South Coastal



Scott Larking  
Representing Great Southern



Sarge Bottacin  
Representing Kimberley



Pam Walsh  
Representing Goldfields-Midlands



Leonie Briggs  
Vice President North



Les Hayter  
Representing Lower South



Marty Seward  
Representing Metro South East



Alan Hawke  
Vice President South



DFES Assistant Commissioner Rick Curtis  
pictured here with the SESVA Management Committee



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**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 any meeting that the President is absent from and carries out other duties, including support of the elected regional SESVA representatives.

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**End of financial year tax scams**

The end of financial year traditionally means tax time. It's also a busy time for scammers.

The ACMA is warning people to be on the lookout for tax-themed scam emails, SMS and calls over the coming months, looking to take advantage of Australians who are submitting tax returns or waiting for the outcome of an assessment.

Common tax scams include robo-calls or calls from people pretending to be from the Australian Tax Office (ATO) or another government department. These callers ask for urgent payment of a tax debt or say they need to fix personal information to process your tax refund.

People may also be targeted by email or texts claiming to be from the ATO and MyGov, including links to update or fix your personal information to receive a fake refund.

Learn more about scams, how to protect yourself & what to do if scammed via the following link [scam alert](#)





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## SES Volunteer Advisory Committee UPDATE

The SES VAC met on Saturday 27 April 2024 to discuss initiatives that the Committee will progress on behalf of SES members.

### Vacancy

The Committee has a current vacancy so if this is something you would be interested in, please contact the Committee Secretariat at [vacsecretariat@dfes.wa.gov.au](mailto:vacsecretariat@dfes.wa.gov.au) to find out more.

### A Thriving SES Unit

The Committee discussed the identifiers of a thriving Unit. This included:

- \* Being more flexible with training. Looks more broadly at what might be available and when. Considers different methods for training delivery and be better equipped to adapt and pivot when required.
- \* Values our people and creates a good social structure. Embraces a family-friendly Unit that is also considered a safe and inclusive environment.
- \* Considers non-traditional methods for recruitment and retention. Encourages cadets, considers short-term member arrangements for members who may have temporarily relocated for work, and continues to build on the soft skills development for Unit leaders.

### Fuel Card

The Committee has agreed to review the fuel card initiative to support the possibility of an amount increase and propose options for future improvements in how the fuel card is dispersed and used by SES Units.

If you would like to comment on the fuel card initiative, please get in touch with your nearest Committee member. Details of members can be found on the [SES Volunteer Advisory Committee](#) page on the Volunteer Hub.

### Next VAC meeting

The SES VAC will meet again in August 2024.







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## KARRATHA RESCUERS REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

**SUBMITTED BY KARRATHA LOCAL M, TREVOR PATTON**

It has been a busy couple of weeks for some of our aspiring seasoned Vertical Rescue team members in Karratha. The 13th to 16th of June saw Vertical Rescue Team Leader (VRTL) candidates from the Pilbara, Mid-west-Gascoyne and South West come together for what is regarded as the culmination of one of the most difficult qualifying processes in SES.

Candidates were well supported by assistants from Metro and Midwest-Gascoyne undertaking team member roles. This was the first VRTL course conducted with a new pre course online learning module. This, combined with a prerequisite minimum three mentored rescue scenarios, set candidates up well and provided the opportunity to focus their time together on more mentored and assessed rescue scenarios. The 4 day course tests technical proficiency, team work, leadership and resilience. It was fantastic to see all involved rewarded for their efforts with four new team leaders qualified.



Candidates set off to Tom Price to take part in the Single Operator Rescue course, the first step to becoming a fully fledged VR specialist. This course requires setting up anchors for ropes to enable abseiling down (known as the fun bit, as well as climb back up the rope (known as the hard bit). Congratulations to Ash, Sarah and Cate who all made it through this demanding course. A big congratulations also to Nick Sargeant on successfully completing what is regarded as one of the most difficult courses in the world of SES, the VR Team Leader course in Kalbarri. This is 4 days of being put through paces by some of the most experienced instructors out there. The course not only requires great technical proficiency but also the right mental attitude to get you through.

A special mention goes out to Damien Muller who has been travelling to all of these courses as an instructor extraordinaire and mentor to the team. So much effort goes into preparing all the participants to successfully complete these courses.

Congratulations to Anita Kirkbright, Justin Larkin, Nick Sargeant and John Tonai-Moore. Thanks to all the assistants and thanks to Kalbarri SES for hosting and supporting logistics.

Thanks also to fellow assessors Anthony Richards, Ado de Kleer, Tiim Dalwood and Will Blackshaw. And a further shout out to recognise Ado de Kleer for taking on feedback and refining the VR Team Leader qualification process to what it is now.







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## Wanneroo-Joondalup SES Awards Night



**Front row:** Ken Dewhirst ESM (45 yrs), Hannah Revell (5 yrs), Rachel Nicholas (5 yrs), Stephanie Mattys (5 yrs), Dave Brennen (40 yrs), Stella McCoy (5 yrs), Darren Laker (20 yrs), DO Glenn Hall ESM.

**Back row:** Karina Skipworth (Local Manager), Chris Beaton (5 yrs), Tess Van Bentum (5 yrs), Noel Bradshaw (30 yrs), Anthony Jones (10 yrs), Tim Wills (15 yrs), Supt Clint Kuchel, Matt Burke (20 yrs), Julie Frusher (10 yrs), Mike Bowen (10 yrs), James Dryka (5 yrs), Rob Birtles (10 yrs)

On May 1st, the Wanneroo-Joondalup SES hosted its annual awards night to honour the outstanding achievements of its members, celebrating a remarkable total of over 250 years of combined service.

Among those who attended the event were the 17 recipients who were presented service awards recognising their dedication and contributions by Metro North Coastal Superintendent Kuchel and DO Hall ESM. These members have served tirelessly across various roles including storm response, fire support, and search operations, with several holding Vertical Rescue (VR) qualifications and continuing to contribute actively to the VR team.

Many recipients have also played crucial roles in unit management, serving as Deputy Team Leaders, Team Leaders, Unit representatives, Welfare Officers, Finance Officers, and Deputy Local Managers over their service tenures. The speeches from Dave Brennen and Ken Dewhirst ESM highlighted inspiring stories that underscored the unit's commitment to community service and excellence in emergency response.

### Dave Brennan—40 Years

Affectionately known as DB, Dave has been an integral part of our unit since 1982, rising from team leader to trainer assessor and Deputy Local Manager – Operations over the span of 40 years. One of his most memorable tales involves responding to an elderly widow's distress call about a mysterious banging noise on her roof, only to discover it was caused by a swinging lemon from a nearby tree. This "Lemon Rescue" story has become legendary within our unit.

In addition to his operational exploits, DB is a published author, having meticulously compiled stories for the "Wanneroo-Joondalup State Emergency Service 50th Anniversary book" in 2017.

Today, Dave contributes tirelessly behind the scenes, meticulously managing operational data and incident reports.







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## Wanneroo-Joondalup SES Awards Night ... Cont'd

### Ken Dewhirst - 45 years

Dewie, as he is affectionately known, began his journey with the SES in 1978 with the Northam SES before joining the Wanneroo SES in 1984, where he has been a dedicated member ever since. His commitment and leadership were highlighted during the Northam District SES year, where he excelled as a Rescue Team Leader known for his improvisation skills and larrikin spirit. Ken's notable achievements include being a member of the State Rescue Competition Team from 1981 to 1983, contributing significantly to their success, including a memorable victory in 1983. He is also credited with writing the lyrics to the Northam District SES unit song.

Throughout his tenure, Ken's dedication and expertise have been instrumental, particularly during critical incidents like the Moora flood, where his leadership and tireless efforts were pivotal in the SES's response and relief operations over eight days.

Ken's impact extends beyond operational excellence, his training and mentoring have left a lasting legacy within the SES community. He is widely respected as a friend and colleague, embodying the spirit of service that defines the SES and enriching the Wanneroo SES with his presence and commitment.



Active Members		
5 years	10 years	20 years
Stephanie Mattys	Anthony Jones	Matt Burke
Rachel Nicholas	Mike Bowen	Darren Laker
Chris Beaton	Rob Birtles	30 years
Tess Van Bentum	Julie Frusher	Noel Bradshaw
Ed Russell	15 years	40 years
Stella McCoy	Tim Wills	Dave Brennan
Hannah Revell		45 years
		Ken Dewhirst
Non-active Members		
James Dryka	Raelee Health	Allen Johnson
Leandra Bayman	Sam Ramsay	
Sarah McNeil	Kyle McGann	





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## KEEPING TRAINING INTERESTING AND ENJOYABLE . . . . .

**Belmont Training Manager, Luan Duong, is pictured here handling a Python at a recent training session for SES Volunteers.**

Luan arranged for an experienced snake handler to attend the unit training night with a range of venomous and non-venomous snakes to serve as ‘training aids’ for a session on dealing with snake bites.

SES volunteers practiced techniques for dealing with a suspected snake bite and learnt about some of the less known facts related to snakes which included dispelling some of the more common myths. You never know when you might need to use these skills and the knowledge in training and operations.

Everyone had an opportunity to handle the Pythons and lizards, as well as get up close to the venomous snakes in the secured cabinets. The enjoyment was very evident, although some of course, chose to look rather than touch but still left the session much wiser and more confident about dealing with snakes in the wild.

If you keep training interesting, enjoyable and relevant, volunteers keep coming back for more !

**Do you have any examples of training with a difference; not as we know it? Send us your suggestions and pics so we can share them with SES volunteers in WA.**







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# Been a busy few weeks here in 'Bunno'

Chris Widmer ESM reports  
 On behalf of the Bunbury SES Unit

Firstly, let us take a moment and use this article to thank all of our SES (and other emergency service) cousins for turning up to help us during this trying month or so. Without your support we would be very much worse for wear. Also, the beleaguered Bunbury SES Vollies, their families and patient employers; your support is very much appreciated – THANK YOU!

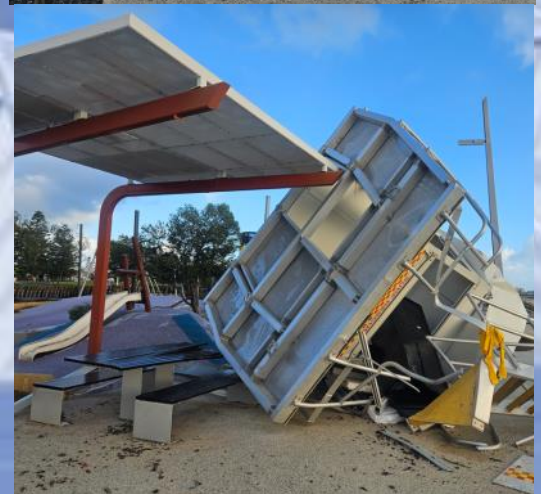
The 15 minutes or so after 1600 hours on the 10th of May, saw a swathe of damage over 6 kms long and 30 metres wide, cut through Bunbury from the coast to the Prison, including a couple of car crashes. The initial response was for the CFRS to attend to the rescue of an injured woman and several children from the collapsed portion of the PCYC centre. The storm (#667971) was subsequently declared to be a Level 2 incident by 1800 hours. The subsequent week saw 706 premises visited with the following statistics:

- 150 formal RFA's received
- 143 SES volunteers deployed
- 1583 volunteer hours spent by Bunbury SES members alone. As DFES took control of the incident 24 hours into the event, the numbers from other Units/agencies have not been received by Bunbury SES at this stage
- 9 properties destroyed, 16 with severe damage and uninhabitable, 45 with moderate damage, a further 150 slightly damaged requiring minor temporary repairs.

A significant issue was a declaration that asbestos was present and much of the area of operations was declared a HazMat incident, limiting what the SES could do to assist.

Three weeks later, on the evening of the 1st of June it was all on again, with a similar incident (#672665) occurring. This time the area of operations was parallel to but 2km north of the initial storm.

*Continues....*



**Images: TOP—Busselton SES volunteers preparing for temporary repairs; CENTRE & BOTTOM—remnants of Koombana Surf Life Saving Club Tower**







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# Busy in 'Bunno'

Statistics from the 1st of June severe storm incident:

- 217 formal request for assistance (RFA) received
- 677 properties visited, resulting in 10 more properties being assessed as destroyed, 14 uninhabitable, 33 more moderate damage, 164 requiring only minor emergency repairs, and 456 with no damage
- Bunbury Unit members clocked up 1225 hours. As DFES was in charge of this event from the beginning, Bunbury SES does not have details on the hours clocked up by other Units and Brigades, but this would be substantial.

Agencies involved were:

- DFES - SES (from South West, Metro, Lower South West and Goldfields-Midlands regions), CFRS, USAR TF, VFRS (Bunbury, Brunswick and Eaton/Australind), ICV Crew, the City of Bunbury and Gelorup BFB and the DFES Recovery Team
- WA Police
- City of Bunbury
- St John Ambulance
- Dept. of Communities
- Australian Red Cross
- Utilities - Western Power, ATCO Gas, Traffic managers, Asbestos removal contractors.

Another more widespread storm hit Bunbury on 6th of June, resulting in another 29 RFA, between Bunbury and Australind Units. This was a combination of returns to previous repairs and excessive rainfall inundating homes roadways.

Obviously, the workload has continued due to the hundreds of properties having undergone temporary repairs during winter.

The City of Bunbury continues to manage the Community Recovery Process, assisting the affected community to heal and return to some form of 'normality'.

So, again our heartfelt thanks to all of you who joined us to assist. We know that had you not been so keen to jump in, we would have been flogged. It is reassuring to know that our Orange family is with us, when the chips are down.

**IMAGE: BOTTOM RIGHT—Bridgetown SES carrying temporary roof repairs at Bunbury.**







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***My Unit.. KARRATHA SES***

**Karratha SES Unit** was born in the late 1960's out of a requirement to provide remote and isolated communities with a coordinated response for land and air searches, roads crash rescue, cyclone and flood response and provision of response information sessions to the communities within the West Pilbara.

For many years Karratha Unit worked in a fragmented manner. As recently as 1985 it operated from the local police station with the communication centre being located in the Water Authority, in a borrowed office, whilst its equipment was housed in a number of areas around Karratha. The training also occurred at various venues.

The appointment in 1987 of a new Deputy coordinator, Lyn Rankin, saw the first injection of an attempt to pull all sections together and bring the unit back on line with regard to Training and Administration. Encouraged by Roebourne Shire Councillor Ben Sharpe, and with significant input by Lyn Rankin, 1986 saw the emergence of plans for an emergency service headquarters.



The rescue vehicle above (1971 Toyota FJ 55) and equipment trailer was stored at the Police station



construction of a new headquarters building commenced in 1985 in Balmoral Road (pictured to the left) and was officially opened on 25th June 1988 by Shire of Roebourne Councillor Ben Sharpe. The headquarters still serves the unit well today after more than 30 years of use.

The Karratha Unit have been activated for numerous cyclone, flood and fire related responses not just in the Pilbara but also in the adjoining Kimberley and Gascoyne/Murchison areas. The Unit has responded to countless rescues due to road crash and in the Karijini Gorges, as well as countless land searches and performed many hundreds of hours in aircraft as air observers/drop masters.

The Unit also provided a catering team during the 1990's that would travel to wherever there would be a requirement, regardless of the location. Up until 1988, the OIC Karratha Police was the SES Local Coordinator when Lyn Rankin was appointed and held the position until 1986 when Robert Te was appointed and held the position until 1996, followed by Steve Cable ESM being appointed as Local Manager until 2007. Currently the Local Manager is Trevor Patton ESM.

Karratha SES remains a very active unit. It was a busy recently from Karratha to Kununurra to Kalbarri when the Unit was called to assist its near neighbours in the Kimberly with a complex rescue near the dam at Argyle where Nick Sargeant and DO Paul Leiper attended to coordinate and assist with a rescue. Unit members were then off to Tom Price to take part in vertical rescue training at a Single Operator Rescue course and then to Kalbarri at a VR Team Leaders course.

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## GENERAL PURPOSE VEHICLE for the WANNEROO SES UNIT

For some time the Wanneroo SES Unit has realised the need for a general purpose vehicle to meet its operational requirements.

Wanneroo SES unit profile has been identified as:

- Rescue
- Land Search
- Storm Damage repair
- Support operations
- Cliff Rescue
- Cave Rescue

So when it came to designing a new unit vehicle our defined roles had to be catered for and particularly would have to carry a crew of six with safe storage of equipment.

We spent time studying which direction the other States in Australia were proceeding with the vehicle programs.

Along came the Lottery Commission grants and this was too good an opportunity to pass up so our planning went into top gear.



*Crew cab and side compartments*



*Left side large compartment*

A design committee was formed with a task to confirm just what was needed and to cost the proposal and prepare a submission to the City of Wanneroo and to the Lotteries Commission.

So what do we really want in a vehicle and more to the point what did we want the vehicle to be able to do.

Traditionally a four wheel drive vehicle similar to the present Toyota Landcruiser would have been the natural choice but would it meet our needs and how often did we go off-road? Seems we would be more likely to be operating in the fastest growing city in W.A.

A check of the other States revealed there was a trend away from four wheel drive vehicles and more to twin cab trucks with a purpose built rear compartment to carry equipment.

Victoria SES are presently building twin cab trucks for their units.

We made some preliminary sketches of what we wanted and were lucky to see photos of the Victorian vehicle. After considering all the options the design committee recommended a crew cab diesel powered truck with purpose built rear compartment for equipment.

The total cost of the vehicle was estimated at \$35,000 to be shared equally between City and the Lotteries Commission.

Our Lottery Commission proposal was prepared and sent to the City of Wanneroo which they supported and was sent to the lotteries Commission and eventually accepted.

The City of Wanneroo called tenders and the winning tender came from Range Ford.

Range Ford sub-contracted Arkana Body Builders to construct the purpose built rear compartment.

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## State Emergency Service

### Celebrating 65 years of service in Western Australia 1959—2024

Attention: Current and Past SES Members

Family Day **“Without family we would have no volunteers”**

12th October 2024 from 10a, @ Jarrahdale Oval - overnight camping will be available

**Units to show their history—within own gazebo**

Lunch will be provided for Active volunteers and there will be other food vans on site

**More information and details to follow then confirmed—keep an eye on the SESVA website !**

Register your interest by the 18th August 2024 to [SES65years@outlook.com](mailto:SES65years@outlook.com)

or call SESVA organising committee members ,Kerry Keys, on mobile 0413 967425



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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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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: _____
<b>NOMINATION FOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER</b>
Name of Management Committee Member Nominee: _____
Postal Address: _____
Mobile: _____ email: _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____
<b>NOMINATION FOR VICE PRESIDENT NORTH *</b>
Name of Vice President Nominee: _____
Postal Address: _____
Mobile: _____ email: _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

<b>UNIT AUTHORISING OFFICER</b>
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 2024**

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