SES Volunteers Association of WA (Inc)

2026 Annual General Meeting

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held 09:00 Sunday 13 September 2025

in the Lecture Room, DFES, Belmont and online via TEAMS

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING:

President Greg Cook declared the meeting open at 09:00

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

3. **RECORD OF ATTENDEES**

3.1 SESVA Executive Council Members

Greg Cook, Communications Support (SESVA President)	Allen Gale ESM, (SESVA Secretary)
Alan Hawke, Bayswater SES (Vice President)	Robbie Palmer, Mundaring SES (SESVA Treasurer)
Leonie Briggs, Canine Unit (Vice President)	

3.2 Unit Authorised Delegates

Armadale – Connie Eiklebloom (online)	Hedland – Bradley Western (online)
Australind – Kylie Tweeddale (online)	Kalgoorlie – Boulder – Anjuli Till (online)
Bayswater – Nicola Wilkinson (online)	Kununurra – Matt Rosher (online)
Bayswater – Nicola Wilkinson (online)	Mandurah – Chris Strickland
Bunbury – Ros McConchie(online)	Melville – Rhys Cole
Canine – Rachel Box (online)	Merredin – Rachael Watson (online)
Collie – Jade Gray	Moora – Hugh Bryan (online)
Geraldton – Greenough – Ross Jones	Mt Barker – Kirsten Beidatsch (online)
Gnowangerup – Mandy Hannah	Newman – Connie Reed (online)
Gosnells – Cherise Green (online)	Pingelly – Sue Heazlewood (online)
Harvey – Kathy Oshaughnessy (online)	Serpentine Jarrahdale – Marty Seward

3.3 Observers/Guests

NSESVA President – Gordon Hall	SESVA MCM/Nominee – Ceridwen Fitzpatrick (online)
Nomineee – Barry Harrison (online)	SESVA MCM Les Hayter (online)
Nominee – Andrew Bray	SESVA MCM/Nominee – Phil Scanlan
Pingelly – Bill Mulroney (online)	SESVA MCM – Megan Reynolds
SESVA MCM – Sarge Bottacin (online)	Admin Officer – Linda Daniels
SESVA MCM – Trevor Patton (online)	

3.4 Apologies

Nominee – Lilian Oh	SESVA MCM/ Nominee – Ziggy Belczowski
Eneabba – Mel Torpy	Mundaring – Rod Potter
Eneabba – Jessica Elliot	Albany – Ben Whittle

4. REGISTER OF ATHORISED DELEGATES

The minimum number of Unit authorised delegates (20) had been achieved for the required quorum.

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil.

6. PREVIOUS MINUTES - 8 September 2024

MOTION: That the Minutes of the SES Volunteers Association of WA (Incorporated) Annual General Meeting of 8 September 2024 be confirmed.

MOVED: Allen Gale **SECONDED:** Ross Jones **MOTION CARRIED**

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Greg Cook spoke to his report, as tabled. It was noted that a more detailed report will be submitted to DFES to acquit the grant.

Greg thanked all volunteers for their contributions throughout the year with particular mention of Allen Gale, SESVA Secretary and Robbie Palmer, SESVA Treasurer.

MOTION: That the 2025 SESVA AGM President's Report be accepted.

MOVED: Greg Cook **SECONDED:** Leonie Briggs **MOTION CARRIED**

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Robbie Palmer presented the SESVA 2024-2025 Financial Reports and the Auditors Reports which were circulated by email just prior to the meeting.

The main source of income is from DFES, that provides the SESVA with an operating grant of $136,000.

Accounts have been audited by Moore Australia Audit.

MOTION: That the Financial and Audit Reports for the 2024-2025 financial year, as presented and read, be accepted.

MOVED: Robbie Palmer **SECONDED:** Marty Seward **MOTION CARRIED**

10. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Nominations for vacant positions were called for by 15 July 2025. Ballot for three positions closed 30 August 2025. Results of the elections are:

Executive Management Committee position	**Nomination received by 15 July 2025 from**	**Result**	**Term Expires**
President	Greg Cook, SES Comms Support Unit	Elected	2027
	Phil Scanlan, Belmont-Victoria Park		
Vice President - South	Alan Hawke, Bayswater	Elected	2027
	Phil Scanlan, Belmont-Victoria Park		
Management Committee position	**Nominees**	**Result**	
Kimberley	Late nomination – unable to accept	VACANT	
Pilbara	Phil Scanlan, Belmont-Victoria Park	Dead-heat VACANT	
	Barry Harrison, Hedland		
Goldfields - Midlands	Reidan Ford, Kalgoorlie-Boulder	Elected unopposed	2027
South West	No nomination received	VACANT	2027
Great Southern	Ceridwen Fitzpatrick, Mount Barker	Elected unopposed	2026
South East (Metro)	Andrew Bray, Canning – South Perth	Elected unopposed	2027
South Coastal (Metro)	Ziggy Belczowski, Mandurah	Elected unopposed	2027

North Coastal (Metro)	Lilian Oh, Bayswater	Elected unopposed	2026
North East (Metro)	Nomination withdrawn 3 September 2025	VACANT	2026

Expressions of interest will be called for from the units to fill vacancies in their own region to enable the appointments for each region to be filled by the Management Committee.

12. MEMBERSHIP FEE

President Greg Cook noted that, historically, SESVA Members had elected not to have a Membership Fee, however invited Members to give consideration as to whether to continue this position.

MOTION: That the Annual Subscription of the SES Volunteers Association of Western Australia (Incorporated) be set at $0.00 for 2025/2026 Financial Year.

MOVED: Greg Cook **SECONDED:** Chris Strickland **MOTION CARRIED**

13. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

MOTION: That the SESVA retain Moore Australia Audit (WA) as auditor for the 2025-2026 period.

MOVED: Robbie Palmer **SECONDED:** Connie Reed **MOTION CARRIED**

15. Relevant Notified Business – AMENDMENTS TO SESVA CONSTITUTION

Allen Gale spoke to the proposed amendments to the Constitution as circulated prior to the meeting. He noted that a complete review was on the agenda this year.

Proposal No. 1 – Amendment to Association Name to remove the apostrophe.

MOTION: That the name of the Association be changed from: *SES Volunteer's Association of Western Australia Incorporated* to:

SES Volunteers Association of Western Australia Incorporated

MOVED: Kirsten Beidatsch **SECONDED:** Bradley Western **MOTION CARRIED**

Proposal No. 2 – Addition of a Third Vice President

<u>Proposed Changes to the Constitution:</u>

1. Clause 20.4 – Committee Membership
    - The committee will consist of:
        - Regional Representatives for groups of SES units.
        - President.
        - First Vice President.
        - Second Vice President.
        - Third Vice President.
        - Secretary.
        - Treasurer.

2. Clause 21.1 – Executive Council

   - The Executive Council will include:
     - President.
     - First Vice President.
     - Second Vice President.
     - Third Vice President.
     - Secretary.
     - Treasurer.

MOTION: That the constitution of the SES Volunteers Association of WA Incorporated be amended to include the role of a Third Vice President.

MOVED: Connie Eiklebloom **SECONDED:** Chris Strickland **MOTION CARRIED**

Proposal No. 3 – Regional Representatives to Belong to the Region They Represent

Proposed Change to the Constitution:
Clause 20.5 – Committee members who are Regional Representatives shall be SES Volunteers who are members of an affiliated unit located within the region they are elected to represent.

There was some discussion regarding the wording and a suggestion to add the following to the proposed wording: *In the event that no nomination is made for a region, then the management committee may appoint a person to the role, to be formalised upon endorsement by the member units of the relevant region.*

MOTION: That the constitution of the SES Volunteers Association of WA Incorporated be amended to require that Regional Representatives elected to the Committee must be SES Volunteers from an affiliated unit within the region they represent.

MOVED: Nicola Wilkinson **SECONDED:** Ross Jones

An amendment to the motion was moved by Chris Stickland, which was amended further by Kylie Tweedale.

FINAL AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION: That the constitution of the SES Volunteers Association of WA Incorporated be amended to require that *Committee members who are Regional Representatives shall be SES Volunteers who are members of an affiliated unit located within the region they are elected to represent. In the event that no nomination is made for a region, then the management committee may appoint a person to the role, to be formalised upon endorsement by the member units of the relevant region.*

Proposal No. 4 – Limiting Committee Nominations to One Position per Nominee

Some members spoke against this proposal suggesting that it restricts nominations.

Everyone agreed that members should only be elected to one position. However, if someone nominates for more than one position, it is possible that they be elected unopposed to two or more positions resulting in the need for another call for nominations and another election.

Due to the complexity of the issue, it was agreed to pass on this motion and consider it during the full review of the constitution.

MOTION: That the constitution of the SES Volunteers Association of WA Incorporated be amended to ensure that nominees for election to the Committee may only nominate for one vacant position.

MOVED: Chris Stickland **SECONDED:** Ros McConchie **MOTION FAILED**

16. DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Gordon Hall, National SESVA President, noted that the SESVA stand at the W-AFAC in late August was well attended and congratulated those involved. He also congratulated those involved with updating the logo and brand of the organisation.

Greg Cook noted that:

- the 70-year celebration is in 2029, and a working committee will be formed.
- the following individuals warrant a special mention for their services to the Association**:**
    - Retiring members – Trevor Patton ESM, Marty Seward, Ros McConchie
    - John Capes AO, Webmaster
    - Michelle Hutchins for Marketing and PR guidance
    - Barry Robinson for Marketing and Image renewal guidance
    - Craig Masarei (dec.) for extraordinary support and legal/legislation advice
    - Bella Scharfenstein – retired as Administration Officer in July.
- welcomed new Admin Officer, Linda Daniels

17. CLOSURE OF MEETING

Greg Cook concluded that he looked forward to working with everyone throughout the year. There being no further business, he declared the meeting closed at 10.40am.

Certified as a true and correct record:

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SESVA President Date

Greg Cook

Agenda item 6. Matters Arising from the previous meeting minutes

Refer to Item 15 of the previous minutes – three changes were made to the constitution as agreed by the meeting.

Agenda item 7. Presidents Report for 2025-26

Reporting period: 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026

Presented by Greg Cook, President

It is my pleasure to present the President's Report for the 2025–2026 financial year.

The past year has been an important one for the State Emergency Service Volunteers Association of Western Australia. The Association has continued to represent the interests of SES volunteers, engage with the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, support member units, and advocate for the equipment, training, recognition, and working conditions needed by volunteers across Western Australia.

I acknowledge the DFES Grant that allows the Association to function in our fine state.

I acknowledge that this report has been prepared using publicly available information. The Treasurer's report and the Association's formal financial records should be read alongside this report for the complete AGM record.

1. Recognition of SES volunteers

On behalf of the Association, I extend my sincere appreciation to every SES volunteer who contributed during the year.

SES volunteers continue to provide an essential service to Western Australian communities. They respond to storms, floods, searches, rescues, road crash assistance, damage assessments, welfare support, and many other incidents—often at short notice and in challenging conditions.

The contribution of volunteers extends well beyond emergency response. Members maintain vehicles and equipment, undertake training, attend exercises, support community education, conduct administration, and provide leadership within their units and regions.

The Association recognises the commitment of volunteers who contribute during emergencies, as well as those who work quietly behind the scenes to keep units prepared and operational.

2. Representation and advocacy

A central responsibility of SESVA WA is to ensure that the views of volunteers are heard in discussions affecting the future of the SES.

During 2025–2026, the Association continued discussions with DFES on a range of operational and volunteer issues, including:

- the Fit-for-Role program;
- vehicle fleet requirements;
- equipment and uniform needs;
- the role and workload of unit managers;
- volunteer consultation and representation; and
- the long-term capability of SES units across the State.

The Association provided feedback on the proposed Fit-for-Role arrangements and sought responses to matters raised by volunteers. The publicly reported discussions included consideration of a proposed trial involving five units. SESVA also highlighted the importance of ensuring that implementation is practical, properly supported, and does not place unreasonable additional responsibilities on volunteers or unit managers.

The Association also supported consultation through the SES Volunteers Advisory Committee, including work relating to fleet assessment. Discussions with DFES included the condition, suitability, replacement, and availability of vehicles, equipment, and uniforms.

These matters are important because volunteers must be properly equipped and supported to undertake their duties safely and effectively. Advocacy will remain a key priority for SESVA WA.

3. DFES grant agreement

A significant milestone during the year was the confirmation of a DFES grant agreement for 2025–2026 with a three-year term.

Following consultation and feedback from SESVA, improvements were incorporated into the agreement. The agreement was signed on 30 June 2025 by the SESVA President and the DFES Commissioner.

This longer-term arrangement provides a more stable basis for the Association's planning and operations. It also reflects the value of maintaining a constructive relationship between SESVA, DFES, and the volunteer membership.

The Association will continue to ensure that grant arrangements support meaningful representation, sound governance, and outcomes that benefit SES volunteers and their units.

4. Strategic planning

During the year, SESVA commenced work on a new strategic plan.

The purpose of the plan is to provide a clear direction for the Association and to ensure that its activities reflect the priorities and concerns of member units. Consultation with members and regional representatives will be important as the plan is developed.

The strategic planning process is expected to consider:

- effective representation of SES volunteers;
- communication with members and units;
- advocacy on operational capability;
- volunteer welfare, support, and retention;
- governance and succession planning;
- regional participation; and
- the Association's relationship with DFES and other stakeholders.

A strong strategic plan will help SESVA remain focused, accountable, and responsive to members.

5. Governance and committee development

Good governance is essential to the credibility and effectiveness of the Association.

The Management Committee continued to meet during the year and considered matters affecting SES volunteers across Western Australia. The Association also continued to review its committee structure and the distribution of responsibilities.

A proposal was considered to create a third Vice President position. The intention was to strengthen the executive structure, distribute workload, and improve the Association's capacity to support members and undertake representative work.

The Association also welcomed new committee representatives for the Kimberley, Pilbara, Midlands, North Coastal, South East and North East regions. Regional representation is essential to ensuring that the experiences of volunteers outside the metropolitan area are understood and reflected in the Association's advocacy.

I thank all committee members and regional representatives for their time and commitment. Committee work is often undertaken in addition to operational and personal responsibilities, and it is important that this contribution is acknowledged.

6. Communication with members

SESVA continued to use newsletters, website updates, committee communications, and other channels to keep members informed.

Communications during the year included updates concerning:

- governance and committee matters;
- the annual general meeting;
- Fit-for-Role discussions;
- fleet, equipment, and uniform issues;
- volunteer recognition;
- awards and achievements; and
- opportunities for member involvement.

Effective communication is a two-way responsibility. The Association will continue to improve the timeliness and clarity of information provided to members, while encouraging units and volunteers to raise issues through their regional representatives and the Management Committee.

7. Recognition and awards

The achievements of SES volunteers were recognized through the 2025 WAFES Awards.

Esperance SES received the SES Team Achievement Award. Joshua Yates of Margaret River SES was recognized as the SES Young Person of the Year, and Connie Reed of Newman SES received the Peter Keillor Award.

These awards demonstrate the professionalism, commitment, and community spirit of SES volunteers across Western Australia.

SESVA also congratulated SES volunteers who were named as finalists in the 2026 WAFES Awards. Regardless of the final award outcome, being nominated or selected as a finalist is a significant achievement and reflects the high standard of work being undertaken by volunteers.

I congratulate all nominees, finalists, recipients, and the units that supported them.

8. Wear Orange Wednesday

The Association supported Wear Orange Wednesday on 20 May 2026.

WOW Day provides an opportunity for communities, partner agencies, and governments to recognize the contribution of SES volunteers. It is also an important way to raise public awareness of the work undertaken by volunteers throughout the year.

Recognition events such as WOW Day are valuable, but they should be accompanied by practical support. Volunteers need appropriate equipment, effective training, reliable facilities, strong leadership, and a clear voice in decisions that affect their service.

9. Volunteer capability and preparedness

The capability of the SES depends on the readiness and confidence of its volunteers.

The year reinforced the importance of:

- fit-for-purpose vehicles;
- reliable communications;
- suitable personal protective equipment;
- appropriate uniforms;
- regular training and exercising;
- safe operating procedures;
- effective unit leadership; and support for volunteers after difficult incidents.

SES volunteers also contribute to broader emergency-management capability through cooperation with other emergency services. Publicly reported examples included joint preparedness and training activities involving SES members and other emergency-service personnel.

As hazards and community expectations continue to change, SESVA will advocate for a volunteer service that is appropriately resourced and prepared for future demands.

10. Membership and regional representation

SESVA recognises the importance of representing volunteers from every part of Western Australia.

Regional conditions vary considerably. Metropolitan, regional, remote, coastal, agricultural, and northern communities may face different operational challenges, including distance, availability of resources, travel requirements, climate, communications, and volunteer recruitment.

The Association will continue to encourage participation from all regions and to ensure that regional views are included in policy discussions and strategic planning.

The available public information does not provide a definitive membership total for the 2025–2026 reporting period. The Association's membership records and formal reports should be relied upon for that information.

11. Challenges for the Association

The Association continues to operate in an environment of increasing complexity.

Key challenges include:

- recruiting and retaining volunteers;
- balancing emergency-service commitments with work and family responsibilities;
- ensuring that volunteers are consulted about major changes;
- maintaining appropriate regional representation;
- securing sustainable funding;
- strengthening succession planning;
- ensuring that equipment and vehicles are replaced in a timely manner; and
- supporting volunteers' wellbeing and safety.

These challenges cannot be addressed by the Association alone. They require continued cooperation between SESVA, DFES, local governments, unit managers, regional representatives, and volunteers.

12. Priorities for 2026–2027

Looking ahead, the Association's priorities should include:

- Continuing constructive advocacy with DFES on Fit-for-Role arrangements.
- Monitoring the implementation of the three-year grant agreement.
- Progressing and consulting on the SESVA strategic plan.
- Continuing advocacy on fleet, equipment, uniforms, and operational capability.
- Strengthening regional representation and member engagement.
- Improving communication with units and volunteers.
- Supporting recognition of SES achievements and service.
- Reviewing governance and succession arrangements.
- Promoting volunteer safety, welfare, and sustainability.
- Ensuring that volunteers remain central to decisions about the future of the SES.

13. Acknowledgements

I thank the WA Governor, his Excellency Chris Dawson, Minister Reece Whitby, former Minister Paul Papalia, DFES Commissioner, senior DFES officers, staff, local government partners, and other emergency-service agencies for their cooperation during the year.

I also thank the SES Volunteers Advisory Committee, unit managers, regional representatives, and all members who provided feedback and contributed to discussions.

My appreciation goes to the SESVA Management Committee, executive officers, secretary, treasurer, and all volunteers who assisted with the Association's work. Your contribution is essential to the continued operation of SESVA.

Finally, I thank every SES volunteer and their families, employers, and supporters. Volunteers make an extraordinary contribution to the safety and resilience of Western Australian communities. That contribution deserves continued respect, recognition, and practical support.

14. Conclusion

The 2025–2026 year demonstrated the continuing importance of a strong and representative SES Volunteers Association.

SESVA has continued to advocate for volunteers, engage with DFES, support member units, participate in discussions about future capability, and recognize the achievements of SES members across Western Australia.

There is more work to do. However, with continued member participation, constructive engagement, and a clear focus on volunteer needs, SESVA is well placed to continue representing SES volunteers and supporting the future of the service.

Thank you for your commitment, your service, and your support of the Association.

Greg Cook

President

SES Volunteers Association of Western Australia Inc.

Agenda item 8. Treasurer Report and Auditor Report for 2025-26

The Treasurer delivers a verbal report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SES VOLUNTEERS ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.

DFES GRANT ACCOUNT

Scope

We have audited the attached special purpose financial report, comprising the Statement of Receipts and Payments and Bank Reconciliation of SES Volunteers Association of WA in relation to the DFES Grant Account for the 12 months ended 30 June 2026. The Management Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein, and have determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Association and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion to the members of the Association on its preparation and presentation. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Management Committee's financial reporting requirements. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than members or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the cash basis of accounting whereby revenue is recorded when it is received, expenses are recorded when they are paid, and no assets or liabilities, other than cash and bank balances, are recorded. Accounting Standards are not applicable to the cash basis of accounting adopted by SES Volunteers Association of WA.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, as described above, the receipts and payments of SES Volunteers Association of WA in relation to the DFES Grant Account for the 12 months ended 30 June 2026 and its bank balances as at that date.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to the following:

This special purpose financial report is prepared in order to fulfil the reporting obligations of the Management Committee. As a result, it may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for SES Volunteers Association of WA, and should not be distributed to any other party.

SHAUN WILLIAMS
PARTNER

MOORE AUSTRALIA AUDIT (WA)
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Signed at Perth this 9th day of October 2026.

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SES VOLUNTEERS ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of SES Volunteers Association (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2026, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial report, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the statement by member of committee.

In our opinion, the financial report of the Association has been prepared in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)* and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* including:

i. giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2026 and of its performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and

ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee's financial reporting responsibilities under the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA), Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Committees' Responsibilities for the Financial Report

The Committee of SES Volunteers Association is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA), Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Committees' responsibility also includes such internal control as the Committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Committee is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Committee either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF SES VOLUNTEERS ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC. (CONTINUED)

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to include the economic decisions of the users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standard Board website at http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf. This description forms part of our audit report.

Report on Other Legal And Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with the requirements of Section 60-45(3)(b) of the ACNC Act, in our opinion there are no deficiency, failure or shortcoming in respect of the matters referred to in Section 60-30(3)(b),(c) or (d) of the ACNC Act.

SHAUN WILLIAMS
PARTNER

MOORE AUSTRALIA AUDIT (WA)
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Signed at Perth this 9th day of October 2026.

Agenda items 9 & 10. Elections for Vacant Positions

Nominations for Vacant positions

Executive Council position	Nomination received by 14 July 2026 from	SES Unit
Vice President – Metro	Lilian Oh	Belmont and SES Comms Support
Vice President - North	Ross Jones	Geraldton-Greenough

Management Committee position	Nomination received by 14 July 2026 from	SES Unit
Pilbara	Barry Harrison	Hedland
Midwest-Gascoyne	Hugh Bryan	Moora
Upper Great Southern	Sergio Bottacin	Pingelly
Great Southern	Ceridwen Fitzpatrick	Mount Barker
North Coastal (Metro)	Kylah McCarthy	Two Rocks
South West	**No nomination received**	
Lower South West	**No nomination received**	

Agenda items 11 & 12. Nominations & election - unfilled vacancies

Management Committee position	Nominee	SES Unit	Remarks
Kimberley	Nathan Donald (late nomination)	Broome	Kimberley units Vote = UNANIMOUS YES
North East (Metro)	Mel Crosbie (not unit endorsed)	Swan	
South West	Jayde Watts	Murray	
Lower South West			

Agenda item 13. Membership Fee

Agenda item 14. Appointment of Auditor

Agenda item 15. AGM Close

Special Presentations, Discussion and Questions from the floor