

Changes to Associations Legislation

The new *Associations Incorporation Act 2009* and *Associations Incorporation Regulation 2010* commenced on 1st July 2010.

NSW Fair Trading claims these reforms will help more than 35,000 Associations across the state operate more effectively and make it easier to manage their affairs.

Most of the changes are designed to modernise the law, reduce red tape and allow more flexibility for associations. There will also be stronger protection of association finances.

Some of the changes involved are changes to Association's constitutions, for example an Association's 'rules' will now be called it's 'constitution', more flexibility for meetings and resolutions, more choices for official address, common seal will no longer be required, two tiered financial reporting to Fair Trading, statutory duties of committee members and obligations of office bearers, this is to just mention a few of the changes.

A more detailed view of these changes that can be found on the website at www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au however, because of these changes the SESVA needs to take this opportunity to update its membership records and modernise its constitution.

The SESVA Council are now requesting you to assist us in bringing our association into line with these new association laws in the first instance by completing a new membership application form.

This new application form for membership of the NSW State Emergency Service Volunteers Association *Incorporated* meets all the requirements of Fair Trading and the new associations' legislation.

Could you please complete the new SESVA membership application form, (regardless of having completed “any” previous SESVA membership application forms, including having ticked the SESVA box on the SES membership form) and return your completed form to:

NSW SESVA
The Secretary
P.O. Box 20
Manahan NSW 2200.

Or Fax your completed application form to:
NSW SESVA
The Secretary
Fax: (02) 9832 2564

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