



President's Message

The month that goes silly! I imagine your calendars are starting to fill up and you are all making preparations for the summer ahead. We have decided to release the December edition of the Newsletter early so as not to get lost in the festive buzz and we will resume our normal monthly distribution in the New Year.

Thank you for all of your support over the last 12 months, I hope you, your family and friends have a very safe and happy Christmas and New Year!

Funding Scheme Review Committee

The Funding Scheme Review Committee has had its final meeting and is putting its recommendations to the Board of Directors for consideration.

Should they be adopted in whole or part- there will be changes to the way all funding schemes are managed. We will keep you updated and advise of any changes.

A special thank you to members who have provided feedback on the process- it has been taken into consideration.

Scholarships, Sponsorships and Grants

We would like to congratulate our 2016 Funding Scheme Recipients:

Scholarships

Adam Jones	Diploma of Vocational Education and Training and TAE50211- Diploma of Training Design and Development
Caron Miller	Certificate IV in training and assessment
Christopher Ottomar	Certificate IV in training and assessment
Danielle Devine	Diploma of Vocational Education and Training
David Lillie	Advanced Diploma of Public Safety (Emergency Management Training)
Heath Byatt	Certificate IV in training and assessment
Joanne Ottomar	Certificate IV in training and assessment
John Macgregor-Skinner	Certificate IV in training and assessment
Josh Harvey	ICAM investigator course - to investigate safety causes and incidents
Katrina Moffat	Certificate II in business
Kerrie Gash	Certificate IV in training and assessment
Kristine Jones	Certificate IV in training and assessment
Lisa Howard	Certificate IV in training and assessment
Petrina Hooker	Diploma of Vocational Education and Training

Unit Grants

Batemans Bay	1 X Defibtech trainer package, 1 X Baby Anne mannequin (child) and
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	1 X Little Anne mannequin (adult)
Ballina	1 X Moulage 03 Kit E.M.T casualty simulation kit and 1 X Dummy 072 Lifetec water rescue dummy adult man overboard 1.8m
Coniston	1 X Resusci Anne QCPR and Torso Carry Bag and 1 X Resusci Baby QCPR and Full body suitcase
Harrington	1 X Lifetec Rescue Dummy and 1 X Branded enclosed Marquee
Canterbury	1 X Purpose built/constructed training roof for training and 1 X fridge freezer for new unit kitchen fit out
Burwood	Rescue Dummies - 1 X Heavy adult and 1 X Very heavy adult and CPR Dummies
Cowra	Various equipment for Isuzu 400 series Medium storm truck
Snowy River	1 X storage cupboard for land search packs and place to hang sleeping bags
Taree	1 X Mitsubishi Electric 7.1kw air conditioner, 1 X LG 42 FHD 50 Hz LED television with wall mounting bracket
The Rock	Building new kitchen, kitchen fit out and electrical training items and community resilience presentation
Marrickville	1 X electric gate motor and 1 X connecting power
Warringah/Pittwater	1 X Defibtech AED unit and 1 X Adult electrode pads

Sponsorships

North West Region Volunteers	Sponsorship for four volunteers to participate in the 2016 Australian Police and Emergency Service Games- Sunshine Coast
Grant Frost	Advanced Diploma of Public Safety (Emergency Management)
Kim Edwards	Journey of change leadership course including meals, accommodation and flights
Kerry Smith	Certificate IV in training and assessment
Joseph Bekhore	Sponsorship for Salvation Kokoda Track

December Edition of the Magazine

Keep your eyes out for the final edition of The Volunteer Magazine for 2016!

Promotional Material

We are currently working on some new promotional material for the Volunteers Association- we will keep you posted!

Raffles and fundraising

The question surrounding fundraising has been brought to the fore recently, with a story featuring the RFSA in the daily telegraph.

Our raffles also use Contact Centres Australia (CCA) and we undertake an external audit each year to ensure that all of our operating practices and contracts are within the guidelines of NSW Fundraising legislation and the Australian Charities and Not for profits Commission.

From the money we receive through the communities generous support, after fundraising expenses are deducted no less than 70 per cent is funnelled back through member benefits- this includes funding schemes, special projects, funding support to the SES (e.g. 2015 State Disaster Rescue Challenge, leadership courses, Operation Orange, QWERTE, Sydney southern flood rescue training day) for member activities, targeted development opportunities (e.g. RYLA, Young Endeavour), welfare and mental health support, unit grants, as well as benefit cards, conferences, awards

programs and advocacy.

Without this support from the community the Volunteers Association would not be able to support the members of the NSW SES. If you have any questions about the fundraising activities of the Volunteers Association a member of the team would be more than happy to visit your Unit to discuss.