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## From the Board....

With the devastating fires effecting so many communities all across NSW our thoughts are with these communities as well as our volunteer.

Over the Christmas period and holiday break the Volunteers Association will be working through to ensure our support is available to you all.

We would like to extend our thanks to all of you for your commitment to the SES, but especially to our Volunteers Association members, the Board, Co-Ordinators and Ambassadors. We have had a big year of change and look forward to 2020.

Merry Christmas and safe and happy holiday period.

#### Calendar

Thank you for the huge response to the requests for images for the 2020 SESVA Calendar. We have made it the volunteer's choice calendar this year and have also made free advertising available to volunteers with their own business to help promote our volunteers.

These will be distributed shortly to those that have put their name down.

Start thinking about what you would like 2021 to look like and start collecting images. Than you!



### Drought and Bushfire support

The Drought Support continues and expands in its growth and reach.

We are proud that this is allowing volunteers to have some time and relief back to themselves, and let them be available for responses in their communities.

Some Christmas drops have been made to get you through the holiday period, but we remain available at any time through the holiday period.

We also have care packages available for members, please drop us an email office@nswsesva.org.au

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#### Member Benefits

Our Member Benefits Coordinator, Adam Jones, has been doing an amazing job.

Our member benefits facebook site is growing daily. Remember that membership will only be accepted if the rules of the group are agreed to.

If you know of a company who would like to offer a benefit to members, or have a suggestion, please email Adam at memberbenefits@nswsesva.org.au

## Eat.Sleep.Respond

We have had great interest in our Eat.Sleep.Respond range of products. These now include:

- Navy t-shirts
- Grey trucker caps
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  Collapsible and reusable coffee cups
- Steel reusable water bottles

We are excited about additional colour ranges that will be available soon!

# Mental Health Coordinators

We are working at building up our Mental Health Coordinator capacity.

We continue to source funds to expand our MHFA courses to SES Volunteers. These course are occurring throughout all Zones.

We will be onboarding more Mental Health First Aid trainers (MHFA) to ensure we can meet demand for this course, but due to demand for this training, priority will be given to NSW SES Volunteers Association members.

Interest can be registered for the training through MHCoordinator@nswsesva.org.au