

From the Board....

The Board of Directors wishes to extend its sincerest sympathies to the SES volunteers who have lost their homes in the current fire emergency in NSW.

We are proud that as an orange family and an association we have come together to support these members. The current situation is providing a lot of difficulty from many other members of our service and its during these times we need to ensure we are there for each other as well as let them know the Volunteers Association is there to help.

Board members have personally witnessed the thousands of hours of work SES volunteers are putting into the fire emergency.

Volunteers continue to place a massive commitment in this area for which we are very proud.

The Volunteers Association is still receiving a large amount of feedback regarding the changes to the SES and its people. It is these concerns that we consistently raise through SES channels along with our meetings with government.

As always, please send us any feedback or thoughts to office@nswsesva.org.au

*Stay safe in
your volunteering!*

What's been happening in the Volunteers Association?

Satisfaction Survey

WOW! Talk about a massive response. Within the first days the response to this survey was over 500% larger than any survey we have conducted. The feedback has been detained and we would like to thank all those who have participated. Even though there was such a large result, the SESVA has committed to sending out a small thank you gift to each respondent who provided their details.

Member Benefits

Our Member Benefits guru Adam Jones continues to kick this ball out of the park. Never before has the volunteers had access to direct benefits and the ability to control their own benefits.

This approach has redesigned the way the SESVA seeks benefits for volunteers. Whilst most volunteers don't join the SES for discounts, we are thankful to the businesses and their people who recognise the voluntary work in their communities.

For benefits or to let your fellow volunteers know of a benefit got to <https://www.facebook.com/NswSesVolunteersAssociation/> or to contact Adam; memberbenefits@nswsesva.org.au

2020 Calendar

Thank you for a massive response to the Calendars. We again decided to put the power back to the volunteers with this project, and for the first time, volunteers were able to pick their own photos and vote in the pictures they wanted in the calendar.

We had a huge amount of very high quality pictures sent in.

Requests for the Calendars have now closed now as it is getting formatted & printed. For those of you that requested a printed version it will be sent out in December 2019.

Mental Health First Aid Courses

We have run another successful course for volunteers. This course was held at our office in Rockdale for 20 volunteers.

We have courses coming up in both metro and regional areas. These course fill fast and they have large wait lists so get in early.

Due to the demand of these courses the SESVA has moved to make more available. Stay tuned.



Welfare

Our independent welfare committee remains available and with an emergency quick turnaround for any volunteer making an application. This is open to all volunteers of the NSW SES.

Grants

Recent grants include sending volunteers overseas for training, participating in the police and emergency services games to name a few.

Go to our website to apply for a grant.

Government Meetings

Over the past weeks the SESVA has met with both Minister for Volunteering Mr Gareth Ward MP and the Shadow Minister for Emergency Services Ms Trish Doyle MP.

Environmental Footprint

The Volunteers Association recognises that we all have an important part to play in preserving our environment.

With this approach we have moved to minimise our footprint and usages. Our office has recently undertaken significant changes to minimise electricity usage. This will not only reduce our footprint but reduce our costs.

Other items include minimising waste from printed documents. This includes redefining our magazine to ensure appropriate online availability.

We have also recently moved to make available to members reusable coffee cups (travel sippe cups) and reusable metal water drink bottles.

The Volunteers Association takes every opportunity to promote the work that our SES volunteers both publicly and within government.

If any member has a topic that they feel we should make the Ministers aware of pls email office@nswsesva.org.au

Merchandise

Following feedback from volunteers the SESVA has moved to incorporate these ideas into our merchandise.

New items and labels such as 'Eat Sleep Respond' have been added on our website.

Keep the ideas coming!

Christmas

The Board of Directors, Coordinators, Ambassadors and staff of the SESVA would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas.

This year we are providing a number of hampers and care packages to our volunteers who have done it a bit tough this year. If you know of someone who could use one of these, or some drought, welfare or bushfire support, please contact office@nswsesva.org.au



From all of us at the
NSW SES Volunteers Association
We wish you a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Have feedback?

All feedback is welcome - You can contact us through our office
Email - office@nswsesva.org.au or
Facebook page www.facebook.com/NswSesVolunteersAssociation