

From the Board...

We have been motoring away (excuse the pun!) with a new member benefit this month from Tynan Motors! Members with at least 12 months service have access to fleet pricing on a range of vehicles from the Tynan Group. See below for more details and how to access this great special.

We have also been busy with our Interflora partnership, and they have been supplying amazing flowers to members who have had General Welfare applications in.

The Board also hosted a Representative workshop at the Sutherland Unit in June, and had a thank you BBQ for the members for their assistance in the Holsworthy/ Menai Fires earlier in the year.

As always, we have had a number of meetings with the SES and members around the state, particularly around the Transformation project. There are a number of workshops being held around the state by the SES to get into some of the more detailed parts of the process and having been to a number already, we feel that they should provide some clarity around what is happening. Please remember you can contact the office or you local representatives if you would like any support.

We also have a farewell from our ranks! Cheryl Goodchild, the CNR Area Representative has decided to step down from her role. We would like to thank Cheryl for her contributions to date, and look forward to keeping in touch with her through our Emerging Leaders Program.

Keep each other safe out there.

Happy Volunteering!

What's been happening in the Volunteers Association?

Direct Mail Campaigns

We have conducted our Tax Time Direct Mail Campaign, and as always, are overwhelmed by the support we have received from our donors. We have seen a very busy time with applications for assistance for the Welfare Fund, and these donations ensure that we are able to support the members who need it.

The Welfare Fund has Deductible Gift Recipient status (DGR) and means we can issue people with a receipt that they can claim on tax. The Welfare Fund is also able to receive applications at any point - the Committee will call a meeting when they get applications - and return a decision promptly. So if you know anyone who is in need of some assistance, please have a look at our website for application forms or contact the office

The Welfare Committee is made up of: Paul Maher, Greg Perry, Phil McNamara, Mark Darling (secretary), David Lane, Horry Howard, Jenny Slater, Warwick Carey, Mark Morrow and John Heath

Member Benefits

We have partnered with Tynan Motors to provide members with an amazing deal if you are looking to purchase a new car.

The Tynan Group is one of the largest motor groups on the east coast, but this doesn't mean they only service that area. They can get cars all over NSW so if you are looking for something, get in contact with their Fleet Sales Specialist and have a chat and make the most of the fleet pricing available.

Michael Barton - michaelb@tynan.com.au or 02 4231 6625.

Nick Harris - fleet@tynan.com.au or 02 8545 8672

Don't forget to order your special SES pack at time of ordering - see our website or social media for more details.

General Welfare- Flowers/Cards

We have a long history of providing what is called 'general welfare' to members, which comprises of flowers or cards for members who are sick, injured, in hospital or who have passed away.

The Association can send flowers as a pick-me-up or to offer condolences- application can be made via the website form 'General Welfare' or give the office a buzz

Grants

For those of you who are unaware, our Grants and Funding process has changed.

We decided to get away from the 'one intake a year' model and now grants are open year round. If you are interested in applying, check out our website to get some information about what grants will and won't cover.

Recently there was an Expression of Interest for a committee position and we would like to congratulate Graham Kinder on his appointment! There were a number of great applicants from the Area Representatives.

The Grants Committee is made up of the following members: Megan Hamblin, Shannon Crofton and Graham Kinder

Congratulations to our most recent grant recipients:

May

- George Szekely - Unit Amenities

- NSW SES Cadet Program - Individual Youth Scholarships
- Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards Sponsorship- NSW SES
- Diffusing Aggressive Behaviour - CISP Training 12 participants

June

- Robert Wiggins – Holamtro Rescue Support Bags
- Stephen Evans – Immunisation for Health Practitioners Course

Area Representative Workshop

The Area Representatives were invited to a workshop in June to look at the new Volunteers Association Representatives and Voting Member positions that they voted into the Constitution at the last AGM.

More specifically, we were looking for ideas on the role and position description of a Volunteers Association Representative and some boundaries around what is a 'voting member'.

We are waiting on the final feedback to be sent in, and then we will start consultation with the broader Volunteers Association to get your thoughts.

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