

President's Forward



My last full month as your President has been very busy! We have piloted a new conference package, supported the SDRC and set the Association up for the next three years with a new Corporate Plan that will be tabled at the 2017 AGM.

I'm feeling good about the upcoming changes, but of course with that comes an element of sadness.

I will have so much more time to spend with my amazing family, and I'm sure my 'to do' list will have been filled out for me to start the same day I hang up my President's hat! I will remain in the President's chair for the National Volunteers Association, so I will have a whole lot of extra time to put into developing a national approach and support for the SES volunteers across Australia.

But I also know that the transition away from such an intense and busy workload from the NSW Association will be a great void that will take some time to get used to, as will not having constant contact with so many fellow SES members- be they volunteer or staff.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for being a part of the Association, and for the support you have shown. To the Commissioner, and those who preceded him- none of us would be where we are without each other and I have enjoyed the challenges, discussions and successes we have all shared.

All of the volunteers who have reached out over the years to provide feedback, get involved or just have a chat about what's going on- you have all helped shape the Association.

My fellow Board members and the members of the Association- thank you for your commitment and constant drive to make things better for our volunteers and thank you to the staff- who grew from one to six- for the support you provide to make sure the Board and members can fulfil their roles with minimal fuss.

Stay safe out there, look after each other and feel free to stay in touch!

Chairlie Moir ESM

What's been happening in the Volunteers Association?

Broken Hill Conference

Our first 'mini conference' was piloted in Broken Hill- with a focus on road crash rescue, new car technology, eDraulics, mental health for emergency volunteers and Organisational Transformation.



Assistant Commissioner Mark Morrow presenting Organisational Transformation within the NSW SES in Broken Hill.

The aim of our mini conferences is to make these events more accessible to more members, with a local focus on the content presented.

We learned a lot from our first event, and are looking forward to our next event scheduled for Dubbo in March.

State Disaster Rescue Competition

This year's SDRC was held at the Bathurst Showground and the Volunteers Association was proud to be the principal sponsor of the event.

Congratulations to the team from Port Macquarie who took our first place, and Gosford (2nd place) and Queanbeyan (3rd place).

It looked like a great weekend was had by all participants and it was great to see professional development stands for members there too - particularly the Large Animal Rescue stand that the Association has long provided funding for.

National AGM

The National Volunteers Association held their AGM in Brisbane over the last weekend in October. A copy of their Annual Report can be accessed at www.nsesva.org.au

Changes in Finance

Very exciting news from our Finance Manager! Alina will be leaving us temporarily in the New Year to have a baby!

There will be some minor changes in the way finance processing is undertaken with our priority being to ensure that service to our members isn't impacted so we will keep you updated.

Change of Board and President

The official changes in the Board of Directors and President will take place at the 2017 AGM on 19 November 2017.

We would like to welcome Ms Kim Davis as your incoming President, and thank Charlie for his years of service.

We would also like to welcome Mr Shannon Crofton as a newly elected Board member and thanks to Neville O'Malley for his contributions.

Corporate Plan

We will be tabling our new 2018-2020 Corporate Plan at the NSW SES AGM on the 19 November which will focus on Growth, Change Culture and Risk.

Check it out!

If you weren't at the Rescue Competition, you wouldn't have seen our newest, and better than ever, merchandise lines.

We have launched the new SES metal drink bottles, designed to keep your drinks cold and are BPA free.



We also brought back the stone notepads which are excellent for wet and windy conditions in the field with waterproof paper!

We also have new lines hitting the store in time for Christmas - we can't wait to show them to you!

Keep watching our Instagram feed for a sneak peek!

Raffle Winners

Congratulations to our raffle winners from Raffle #5 and thank you for your support!

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