

## 2009 AUSTRALIAN SAFER COMMUNITY AWARDS

**D**o you have a project that has improved safety in your community?

The Australian Safer Community Awards in recognition of such achievements is being sponsored by the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department in conjunction with states and territories, with SAFECOM administering the program for SA.

The Awards recognise outstanding achievements and innovation in emergency management.

Applications are sought from organisations and individuals for projects that promote community

safety in the context of emergency management including risk assessment, research, education and training, information and knowledge management, and prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.

Entries for the awards must relate to:

- projects that commenced in 2008 or 2009, or
  - existing projects with significant outcomes since January 2008, or
  - existing projects with significant enhancements since January 2008.
- Any organisation or individual can enter. If you're aware of a good project you can also nominate the organisation

or individual for an award.

Awards are judged on two levels – State winners will receive an award and certificate at a special ceremony. State winners become finalists for the National Awards with national winners sponsored to attend a ceremony in Parliament House.

Previous CFS projects recognised include a pilot workshop on bushfire training for women, developed on Eyre Peninsula after the Wangary fire and the development of new residents' kits for people who have moved into the Mt Pleasant region. For more details visit the website



at [www.ema.gov.au](http://www.ema.gov.au) (Go to 'News' and 'Awards'). The closing date for applications is 3 July 2009.

**Inquiries and nominations to Julie Frittum on 8204 9376 or [frittum.julie@safecom.sa.gov.au](mailto:frittum.julie@safecom.sa.gov.au)**

## CFS SAGRN PAGING UPDATES

By: Gary Bau, CFS Communications Coordinator

**W**ith the recent change to the SAGRN paging service provider there has been some alterations to the following paging connections:

- The CFS paging indial number remains the same 1300 720 335 – you will need the 6 digit pager address number
- The website to send pager

messages remains unchanged [http://www.linkq.com.au/mod-LinkQ\\_Direct-viewpage-pageid-32.html](http://www.linkq.com.au/mod-LinkQ_Direct-viewpage-pageid-32.html) – you will need to enter the 6 digit pager address number

- CFS members can use the following email address to send pager messages: [SACFS@sagrn-paging.com.au](mailto:SACFS@sagrn-paging.com.au)
- All Airsource software installed

on PC's and using dial up lines is still in place and working

- Fire Station Interface units and the Alpha units can still access the SAGRN paging service.

These services should be used for administrative purposes only and brigade responses should be radioed or phoned into Adelaide Fire using 000 and asking for "fire".

All SAGRN paging access points are monitored and traceable so users are advised to use appropriate language at all times as all messages can be viewed by the public and the media.

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# BASIC FIREFIGHTING 1 COURSES AT CFS STATE TRAINING CENTRE

**By:** Robin Geytenbeek (Rural State Training Officer) and Michael Mathew (Manager, Rural Firefighting Training)

✓ Volunteer firefighters who completed the BFF1 course in February this year.

A well recognised policy of the CFS is to ensure that volunteers new to the service complete their Basic Firefighting 1 (BFF1) course within six months of joining their brigade.

To support Brigades, Groups and Regions in meeting this requirement, the Rural Training team has offered a number of residential BFF1 courses at the State Training Centre (STC), Brukunga.

In the last twelve months, five of these residential courses have hosted almost 100 new recruits to the service, either as new volunteers or as new staff.

Trainees on these courses have comprised of volunteers from all around the State, from as far a field as Port Lincoln, Roxby Downs and Mount Gambier and as close as Mount Barker, Brukunga and State Headquarters.

New SAFECOM Public Affairs employees, ForestrySA employees and Department for Environment and Heritage (DEH) employees have also received their basic training requirements through these courses, side by side with volunteers.

The dedicated Rural Firefighting Training team has enabled these courses to be run both in and outside of the fire danger season without risk of being cancelled due to operational activities.

Notably, during the 2007 Kangaroo Island fires, 24 new recruits completed their BFF1 at the STC and after two and a half days of intensive training, were eligible to respond in an operational capacity with their Brigades.

The latest course, held during extreme fire danger conditions from February 6-8 2009, saw 26 new volunteers and staff members successfully complete their basic CFS training requirements.

The residential nature of these courses greatly enhances the ability of new members to build their teamwork skills and confidence in state-of-the-art facilities.



^ Learning to roll a hose.



^ Signalling for water.

The environment at the STC enables trainees to immerse themselves in their firefighting training without outside distractions.

All trainee expenses are covered for these courses, including meals, accommodation and travel reimbursements.

Three more weekend residential Basic Firefighting courses are scheduled to be held in May, August and November 2009.

Nominations for these courses can be made through to your Regional Training Officer via your Brigade and Group Training Coordinators.

The Rural Firefighting Training team can also assist in flexible delivery of the BFF1 course to Groups and Brigades in conjunction with Regional Training Officers and volunteer Trainer-Assessors.

Group and Brigade Training Coordinators can discuss these options with their Regional Training Officers.

It is also important to acknowledge the volunteer trainer/assessors and course assistants who help run the STC and the BFF1 course: Julian Aggiss, James Honner, Pip McGowan, Murray Dolan, Ben Pettman and Ashley Hosking.

*The residential Basic Firefighting courses at the STC, Brukunga have been scheduled for 22-24 May, 21-23 August and 20-22 November 2009. Please check the CFS website for the latest training calendar for details. All nominations and queries regarding courses should be made through the chain of command via your Brigade and Group Training Coordinators to the relevant Regional Training Officer.*

**Photos:** Robin Geytenbeek and CFS Promotions Unit.



# MEDIA LIAISON OFFICERS PULL ON THE FIREFIGHTING GEAR

By: Melissa Veal and Haley Cahalan, Media Liaison Officers

We recently attended the CFS basic firefighter training at Brukunga Training Centre, as part of our CFS education.

As Media Liaison Officers for the SA Fire and Emergency Services Commission (SAFECOM) we look after the media function for the CFS, MFS and SES. This means that we are responsible for speaking to the media and providing them with information about the CFS and what they do.

The basic firefighter training really helped us to understand exactly what the volunteers do – which is a lot! It made us appreciate the level of knowledge they must have and how it is applied in difficult circumstances. The

training also gave us an opportunity to explain that our role is to assist the CFS by getting positive messages about the organisation out into the public - via the media.

Throughout the training weekend we had a go at activities such as ladder climbing, rake hoe work, radio operation and using hoses and pumps. It was great to get out of the office and try some tasks that we would never usually do. Our 'distinctive' lime green PPC also earned us the title of 'Kermits'.

Overall it was a great weekend and we really enjoyed getting to meet some CFS volunteers and see exactly what they do.

<< Firefighters learn on the hot pad at Brukunga.



^ Extinguishing a flame with a fire extinguisher formed part of the BFF1 course.

## CFS TRAINING INVESTIGATES 'E' LEARNING OPTIONS

By: Brenton Eden, CFS Manager Training

Do you have a private email address? Would you like to receive training via your internet access?

The CFS Training Department is investigating ways to deliver components of their training courses via the option of 'e' learning, but we need your help.

While we have many volunteers who have registered their email address on the Training Administration System [TAS], to date we have not used your email address as a regular means of correspondence, nor have we investigated how many volunteers would be keen to participate in an 'e' learning trial.

If you would like to receive more information about our proposed move to an 'e' learning environment,

or you would like to become part of a focus group to trial such delivery, please email me and let me know.

Likewise if you are reading this and you have not advised us of your email address, then please send your details to me and I will ensure we enter them on TAS.

I welcome any feedback about ways in which we can better improve our delivery of training across the state.

For those who have viewed the new website, you will notice that we are now using it to deliver up-to-date information about many aspects of our business and I welcome feedback on ways we could enhance the current site.

Please address your replies to: eden.brenton@cfs.sa.gov.au



Media Liaison Officer Melissa Veal learns how to work the hose.



# \$1.4 MILLION FOR DISASTER MITIGATION IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

South Australia is set to receive \$1.4 million for fourteen projects to help reduce the impact and risk of natural disasters.

The Minister for Emergency Services, Michael Wright, and the Chief Executive of the Fire and Emergency Services Commission (SAFECOM), David Place, welcomed the provision, which incorporates Australian and State Government funding, and includes assistance from local government.

"This extra funding will improve the resilience of these fourteen South Australian communities by mitigating the natural disaster risks they face, including flooding, bushfire, sea level rise and storm events," Minister Wright said.

"A number of projects will be undertaken to assist regional

communities such as Wallaroo, Robe, Naracoorte, Mallala, Port Lincoln and Kangaroo Island, as well as some high priority urban projects in Adelaide."

This will include \$70,000 for the construction of a fire watch tower at Winters Hill, near Port Lincoln.

Australian Government funding is being allocated from the \$18.6 million Natural Disaster Mitigation Program, which undertakes a range of measures that contribute to safer, more sustainable communities.

SAFECOM will administer the funding and provide support to the fourteen project teams.

"Should disaster strike, we want to help communities recover more quickly and be able to demonstrate increased resilience during the event," David said.

## AFAC 2009 CONFERENCE

This year's Australasian Fire and Emergency Services Authorities Council (AFAC) and Bushfire Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) Conference will take place on the Gold Coast in September.

The theme of the conference will be 'Meeting Expectations' and will aim to examine the expectations of government, community and industry.

AFAC president Euan Ferguson said there will also be an emphasis on issues facing urban fire fighting and State Emergency Services activities.

"The Annual AFAC/Bushfire CRC Conference continues to be the most important annual event on the emergency services calendar," Euan said.

"The conference will cater to urban

and rural fire, state emergency services, land managers, local, state and federal government, private industry and community groups."

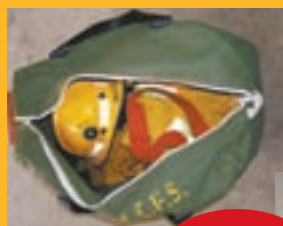
This year's conference will aim to follow the success of last year's in Adelaide which featured over 90 presentations and more than 1,000 delegates attended over three days.

"It is important that everyone associated with emergency services attend the 2009 conference, to take advantage of the huge information exchange and the invaluable networking opportunities afforded by our industry's major annual event," Euan said.

For more information on the AFAC 09 Conference log on to [www.afac2009.org.au](http://www.afac2009.org.au)



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# BLAZE WIPES OUT 25HA OF RESERVE

By: Jake Dean, Southern Times Messenger

**F**IREFIGHTERS are counting themselves lucky after flames tore through the Onkaparinga Gorge on Australia Day, in what was the biggest bushfire to hit the south since the Willunga inferno last year.

Aerial bombers and 200 firefighters took three hours to control the blaze, which burnt 25ha of grass and scrub from about 4pm on Monday, January 26.

The cause is still being investigated but CFS crews say the gorge area is a constant worry during summer.

The maximum temperature at

Noarlunga on Australia Day was 35°C and the winds were light compared to the stronger winds and temperatures in the 40s later in the week.

Mawson CFS group incident controller Ian Taverner said that in the wrong conditions, homes along Chapel Hill Road next to the gorge could be destroyed by fire.

"When a fire gets going and everything is in its favour, you'll be hard pressed to stop it," Ian said.

"If it's heading east or northeast you've got a number of areas where it can impact houses ... it could be quite damaging," he said.

"Look at (Port) Lincoln the other week - that was just bare ground yet the fire tore across it.

"It's not only the gorge, it's anywhere within the Adelaide Hills."

Mawson CFS group officer Peter Venning said the gorge, in the Onkaparinga River National Park, was a "worrying area" because much of the terrain was inaccessible to firefighters and vehicles.

"The conditions the other day to some extent helped us and we managed significant resources and aerial support, which was invaluable," he said.

"It's not unusual for fires of this size in January but it's a timely reminder of the consequences when things go wrong."

Chapel Hill Road resident Sue Trott said she had seen three major bushfires since she moved to Blewitt Springs 12 years ago and the current fuel load in the gorge was a "real concern".

"My neighbour and I keep a tractor with a full water tank ready to go at all times and I bring another one from my son's property whenever there is a fire," she said.

"We know we can fight our own fire but it is always a concern."

## HAPPY 70TH HAPPY VALLEY

By: Andrew van Ek

**I**n the summer of 1939 the small township of Happy Valley in Adelaide's foothills was left devastated by a bushfire that left a trail of damage which spread as far as Strathalbyn.

This event united the Happy Valley community and on the 28th of February of that year a fire brigade was established.

Seventy years later to the day, past and present members of the Happy Valley Brigade celebrated the milestone during a dinner at the Flagstaff Hill Golf Club, where they reflected on the brigade's history.

This event also provided a unique opportunity to unite all of the captains who had served the brigade, with the exception of its first captain, Dick Candy, who was unable to attend due to ill health.

Founding member Dudd Nicolle who

cut the 70th anniversary cake also put out a challenge for the brigade to find the original fire truck which is apparently somewhere in the Strathalbyn area.

CFS Chief Officer Euan Ferguson who presented service awards to Happy Valley brigade members described the event as a fantastic milestone.

"It must be with a lot of pride that founding members such as Dudd and past officers and members tonight join with the young, trained and committed current members to celebrate the spirit of service to the community," Euan said.

"As we have seen recently on display by support forces to Victoria, Happy Valley CFS members are committed, professional, well trained and well led."



CFS Chief Officer >>  
Euan Ferguson  
congratulates Happy  
Valley Brigade captain  
Lee Filz.

<< Founding Happy Valley  
Brigade member Dudd Nicolle  
celebrates the milestone.



<< Happy Valley Brigade  
captains from left (and  
in order of tenure) Lee  
Filz, Sam Thornton,  
Mike Watts, Graeme  
Fleetwood, Duncan  
McFetridge, David  
Bradley and Howard  
Ellis (the Brigade's first  
captain, Dick Candy was  
unable to attend).

## BOMBERS TO THE RESCUE

By: The Mount Barker Courier

**A** fire swept through railway tracks near Nairne early in February.

Two water bombers dropped two loads on the blaze that burnt about 3ha of grass on railway and private land between Hogan and Lesley roads.

Nairne, Littlehampton, Mt Barker and Brukunga brigades sent six appliances and 25 firefighters to the scene just after 1.30pm.

Many of them stayed until 4pm to blackout the area.

A CFS spokesman said brigades in the Mt Barker district enjoyed a relatively quiet weekend, despite the heat.

An electricity transformer is believed to have sparked a fire at Shady Grove Road near Littlehampton on Saturday night that burnt about 250sqm of grassland.

Firefighters attend a grass  
fire at Nairne accidentally  
started by workmen.  
Photo: Ashley Hosking.



# STRATHALBYN SCRUB BLAZE

A fire in Strathalbyn went through 15 hectares of scrub and land on February 18. The fire started at about 7.30pm and 19 CFS appliances carrying 79 firefighters

attended the scene. The fire was confined to an area bounded by Gemmell, Tarrawatta and Wistow-Strathalbyn roads. Fire Cause Investigators were examining the cause.

# WAITPINGA BUSHLAND BURNS

By: Victor Harbor Times

Eight hectares of national park bushland in the Waitpinga region were scorched on February 19.

The blaze started at 3.20pm and was contained quickly by 60 firefighters on the ground from the

CFS and National Parks. Fire Cause Investigators believe the fire to be the work of arsonists. A number of fire helicopters and planes, including South Australian sky crane 'Flynn' also attended the scene.

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## MOUNT LOFTY RANGES YORKE PENINSULA & LOWER NORTH

# LONG NIGHT FOR CFS VOLUNTEERS

By: The Yorke Peninsula Country Times

Northern Yorke Peninsula (NYP) CFS Group Officer David Bussenschutt described Wednesday night (28 January, 2009) as "mass chaos", saying the CFS had to call on Yorke Valley Group, as well as Balaklava and Port Wakefield appliances, to cope with the many fires caused by lightning.

"We were called to 12 jobs in total, two of which were to clear fallen trees from roads," he said.

"A tree down on Kadina-Agery Road was the first sign of trouble, and while the Bute crew was attending to that, they saw a fire on Lime Kiln Road (between Bute and Paskeville)."

While fire crews battled the Lime

Kiln blaze, the CFS received a report of another fire, at Copper Hill, near Cunliffe, which Cunliffe and Kadina appliances responded to.

Blazes at Kanaka and Alford also gave the CFS headaches, as did fires near Moonta for the MFS.

Port Clinton, Balgowan, Port Victoria and Weetulta appliances offered assistance from the Yorke Valley Group, though a fire was reported a kilometre from the Weetulta CFS shed once its crew had left, forcing some appliances to return.

Local police and landholders assisted with a number of the fires and thankfully none grew out of control.

GO Bussenschutt says final clean up took place at about 2am on Thursday, with the CFS assisting the

SES with road clearing, before crews were finally able to return home.

He went on to say that if it were not for patchy, yet heavy downpours of rain accompanying the storm, the situation could have been much worse.

"We believe the rain helped greatly in stopping a lot of the smaller fires," he said.

Yorke Valley CFS Group Officer Andrew Cadd said his appliances simply could not find a number of reported fires, in areas where it had been raining.

"We think the rain put out at least a couple of fires we were called to, which allowed us to offer the Maitland SES assistance clearing the roads of fallen trees," he said.

# HOUSE FIRE AT MIDDLE BEACH

By: The Yorke Peninsula Country Times

Two Wells, Mallala and Virginia brigades responded to a house fire at Middle Beach on 15 February, 2009.

It occurred at 772 Esplanade, and caused about \$150,000 damage to the property.

The cause was undetermined but was not believed to be suspicious.

Fire destroyed a home at Middle Beach in February.



Firefighters clean up after the fire.





# GAWLER RIVER BLAZE THREATENS HOMES

By: The Bunyip newspaper

Homes were threatened by a fire at Gawler River on February 7, which burnt 108 hectares of farmland and scrub.

The flames came within metres of homes, with residents forced to shelter indoors or leave the area.

The bushfire started on the corner of Gawler River and Wilkinson roads at Gawler River at about 11.30am and moved in a south-easterly direction to Gawler River, before crossing and burning towards Riverbanks Road.

Roseworthy Country Fire Service brigade captain Peter Ashcroft who was the sector commander said strong winds and 40-degree heat hampered firefighting efforts.

He said earthworks along the Northern Expressway prevented the fire from spreading to surrounding townships.

"At the peak of the fire Angle Vale, Kudla and Hillier were under threat. If the fire was not contained when it was, it is more likely these areas will have been impacted by the fire,

along with further communities of Evanston Gardens and possibly the Hills face zone to the south east," he said.

"The potential was there for losses of property or life."

Capt. Ashcroft said the fire was contained with a combination of hard work and luck.

About 30 appliances and more than 150 firefighters fought the flames for more than an hour before it was contained.



^ Firefighters at the Gawler River scrub fire.

## MORE THAN 130 YEARS BETWEEN THEM

By: The Bunyip newspaper

The Shea-Oak Log CFS held its Christmas party in December and Group Officer Peter Kemp was on hand to present Service Awards to volunteers.

Members to receive awards were: Heather Murchie (10 years) and

Gordon Leske (10 and 15 years), Michael Alderslade (10 and 15 years), Grant Jericho (10 and 15 years), Max Leske (CFS Life Membership and 35 years), Peter Heinjus (10 and 15 years) and Robert Zilm (CFS Life Membership and 25 years).

## SPORTS STORE GOES UP IN FLAMES

A fire at the Minlaton Sports Shop resulted in \$250,000 damage on 17 February, 2009.

Firefighters from Yorketown, Minlaton, Brentwood, Port Vincent,

Stansbury and Warooka, plus the Ardrossan BA trailer, fought the fire.

The fire is believed to have started from a split system air conditioner.

Fire tore through the Minlaton Sports Shop in February.



## IMPROVED FIREFIGHTING FOR GREENOCK CFS

By: Barossa Valley Leader

The Greenock CFS was strengthened with the delivery of a new Isuzu Dual Cab 34 appliance in December.

The appliance will allow Greenock CFS to continue to provide quality emergency service to Greenock, as well as assisting other CFS brigades when requested.

## GRASS FIRE AT ARMAGH

By: The Northern Argus

A slasher was blamed for starting a grass fire at Armagh on Friday, January 2, which burnt about 80 hectares of stubble and grazing land.

No stock or property was damaged by the fire.

Seven CFS units attended, including all Horrocks Group vehicles and crews from Blyth, Farrell Flat, Auburn and Manoora plus two quick response units, which contained and quickly extinguished the blaze.



^ Firefighters work briskly at the scene of the grass fire at Armagh.

## FIREFIGHTERS ENJOY TRAINING DAY

Forty Region 2 Brigades participated in a field day late last year.

Hosted by the Angaston Group, volunteer firefighters undertook various training exercises with SA Ambulance.

The exercises included gas prop, map reading, pumping and draughting, helicopter landing site preparation, rural drills, HAZMAT drills and an SES land search.

It was an enjoyable day and beneficial for the volunteers who took part.

Facing the fire at the Region 2 field day. Photo: Ashley Hosking



^ Volunteers rally together during the field day. Photo: Ashley Hosking





# WAYNE TO RECEIVE MEDAL HONOUR

By: Murray Valley Standard, 29/01/2009

**C**ountry Fire Service Swanport Group Officer Wayne Thorley will receive the

Australian Fire Service Medal after being named in the official Australia Day Honours list.

Awarded by the Governor-General in recognition of distinguished service in the Australian Fire Service, Mr Thorley said the award was humbling.

"I feel a bit embarrassed because I don't know how to react to these things," he said.

"It doesn't happen all the time."

Mr Thorley has been a member of the Jervois Brigade since 1983, where he has served in leadership roles, set up fundraising activities that enabled the station to expand in size, and was the branch president of the Murraylands Volunteer Fire Brigade Association for four years.

He has also served as vice president of the South Australia CFS Volunteers Association since 2004.

During this time he helped change legislation that enabled volunteer firefighters to have an influence on decision making.

Mr Thorley said he was most proud of the latter achievement.

"It's a very special thing because

^ An AFSM for CFS Jervois Brigade member and Swanport Group Officer Wayne Thorley.

not every country group gets that opportunity," he said.

"It ensures the volunteers are consulted all the way through."

# CFS A RELIGION TO PILGRIM

By: Rob McLean, Riverland Weekly 24/12/08

**G**ilbert Pilgrim's devotion to the Country Fire Service and local rowing has seen him named Renmark Paringa Council's Citizen of the Year.

The Paringa man has been a member of his local CFS since 1979 and the Renmark Rowing Club since 1951.

He is a life member of both organisations.

Like most long serving volunteers, Gilbert has no intentions of slowing down just yet, particularly with the CFS.

"I will keep going until they can get more volunteers and I still really enjoy it," Gilbert said.

Gilbert has really enjoyed his time with the Renmark Rowing Club, including attendance at four Australian masters titles and the

world masters in Brisbane.

"From when I started in 1951, there's another three of the original crew who are still involved," he said.

"We now have a Vietnam veterans crew, which is a highlight.

"I'm going to keep rowing for as long as I can."



>>  
Gilbert Pilgrim –  
Renmark Paringa  
Council's Citizen of  
the Year.



# STIRLING NORTH CFS CADET OF THE YEAR

The Stirling North CFS Brigade cadets had their inaugural Cadet of the Year presentation at the Ryan Mitchell swimming centre in Port Augusta on Thursday, 11 December 2008.

This award is presented to the cadet with the highest score of points allocated by the cadet leaders every week, on the basis of effort and behaviour.

The award is titled "The Robert Strongman Award for the Stirling North CFS Cadet of the Year" and has been sponsored by the Strongman family.

Robert Strongman has been involved with the Stirling North CFS since 1975, holding the position of Captain and then Group Officer for many years.

Robert was also involved in the development of the Cadet Brigade in

1999 and has held a keen interest in their well being ever since.

The award is a perpetual shield (supplied by the Strongman family), an account with Community CPS Australia Ltd for \$250 and a trophy (Community CPS Australia Ltd have sponsored this) as well as Cadet of the Month - a \$50 account per month and a certificate from the brigade.

The recipient, in a very close race, of the 'The Robert Strongman Award for the Stirling North CFS Cadet of the Year' for 2008, was Sophie Stephens.

Sophie is one of four female cadets in the brigade and has shown a great attitude towards developing her skills and being an integral part of a team throughout the year.

Congratulations Sophie from all the cadet leaders.



Robert Strongman presents Sophie Stephens with her award.

## ROXBY WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

The Roxby Downs Country Fire Service Brigade has welcomed both regulars and newcomers to 2009 activities.

Brigade captain Brett Atkins said the group was keen to hear from anyone interested in joining the brigade.

"We are looking forward to another year," Brett said.

"Hopefully numbers stay the same, or pick up."

Training started again on Thursday, 12 February for the new year and Mr Atkins said any members wishing to join are welcome.

"For anyone wishing to join they can come along and be a part of it," Brett said.

"For the old members, training has restarted, so come along and get back into it."

The brigade is also running a cadet program for children from the ages of 11 to 16.

"They start out as a cadet, then once they are 16 they can become a senior firefighter with parental permission," Brett said.

"Anyone over the age of 18 can join as an adult firefighter."

## STIRLING NORTH GAINS VOLUNTEERS

Six new members have joined Stirling North Country Fire Service brigade in recent months.

Brigade officer Bob Kirby said the increase in active members was a positive sign.

"It's always good to spread the workload, otherwise you burn your people out," he said.

Mr Kirby said new volunteers were

always needed and it was good to gain younger people.

"They (younger generations) are essential to such volunteer organisations," he said.

"Otherwise the whole organisation gets a year older every year."

Shannen Ellis, 16, is one of the brigade's new members.

He was previously a CFS cadet and said it was both rewarding and fun.

## IAN KLEINIG - MAKING EXCELLENT PROGRESS

Burra CFS firefighter, Ian Kleinig, suffered a serious injury during his deployment to Victoria when he was hit by a falling tree and suffered severe concussion.

He was later transferred from the Royal Melbourne Hospital to the RAH in Adelaide.

His condition was listed as serious upon his return but he has been making good progress every day.

Ian is now at the RAH Hampstead Rehabilitation Centre where he is undergoing intensive physiotherapy but is in positive spirits from the many cards and expressions of support from CFS members.

He has had visits from Burra Brigade Group and Region 4 members

and from a small number of people who were with him when the accident occurred, and Premier Mike Rann has rung Ian to pass on his best wishes.

Chief Officer Euan Ferguson who has also visited Ian said he was positive and keen to get back to playing footy with his two boys.

The Chief Officer reassured him that there were about 15,800 CFS members (and many, many others) who were thinking about him.

A special thank-you was also conveyed to Peter Ferris, Chris Taylor, Chris Martin, Malim Watts, Trudy Whelan, Jill Scott and to DSE's Glenys Matthews and the many others for the care that they afforded Ian's family.

"It's exciting and I've learnt a lot since being here," he said.

Port Augusta Mayor Joy Baluch has called for more young volunteers in all areas of the community.

"We are a population that is ageing, and we need those younger people to put their hands up and say that they will help their community," she said.

She was concerned about where the

next generation of volunteers would come from.

"The older men and women have always kept organisations afloat, but younger people are needed to continue the groups," she said.

The Victorian bushfires had highlighted the need for volunteers.

"The running of the country would cease if all volunteers decided to stop working," she said.

# AWARDS NIGHT AT PORT MACDONNELL

By: Phil Richards, Millicent CFS



^ Port MacDonnell Brigade life members from left, Max Carrison, Garry Talbot, Trevor Coutts, John Holland and Terry Smith. Photo courtesy Grant Fensom.



<< Kate Talbot with the inaugural Brigade Member of the Year award. Photo courtesy Grant Fensom.

The Port MacDonnell Country Fire Service Brigade held an awards evening at Periwinkles in Port MacDonnell for its volunteers and their partners recently.

Chevrons were awarded to volunteers for two, four, six, eight and 10 years of service.

Long Service Awards were also presented to Grant Fensom – 15 years, Ted Habner – 20 years, Max Carrison, Glen Leggett and Dennis Merrett – 25 years, John Holland and Garry Talbot – 30 years.

An inaugural award for Brigade Member of the Year for outstanding contributions to the brigade in areas such as training, call-out attendances, CFS values and overall enthusiasm was awarded to 21-year-old Kate Talbot.

Trevor Coutts was inducted as a Life Member of the Country Fire Service at a Brigade get together held to present the award between Christmas and New Year.

All current life members within the Pt MacDonnell Brigade were able to attend this function along with many brigade members.

Mr Coutts' long history within the fire service dates back to 1977 when he was one of the original members of the Pt MacDonnell Brigade.

He has held many positions over the years including: Vice President, Second Lieutenant and Third Lieutenant.

While at this function he was also awarded his 30 Years' Service Certificate and chevron.

## FIREFIGHTER HONOURS GREAT SOLDIERS

By: Phil Richards, Millicent CFS

The Naracoorte Brigade has thrown its support behind member Shane Smith who has published a book he has been researching for the past six years.

Shane, a brigade member for more than 23 years, has written a 426-page book called *'The Fighting Cavemen'*, which is an historical record of all the men and women from the Naracoorte District who served in World War I.

Shane has always had a keen interest in Australian military history.

His desire to become a soldier was denied when he lost most of his right arm in an industrial accident.

He has instead given excellent service to his community through his involvement with the SA Country Fire Service.

He has performed many roles with Naracoorte Brigade, including Cadet Coordinator for a number of years, State Road Crash Rescue Instructor, a Lieutenant and Training Officer.

Very little happens at Naracoorte without Shane finding the time to be involved with it.

Shane said his book is a link back to the war that made Australia what it is today.

"It is a lasting memorial to the 75 men who made the ultimate sacrifice," he said.

"My intention is to tell the truth and honour these great men.

"Many had not even set foot outside their local area and then all of a sudden they are rushed off to war."

The main focus of the book is the service record section which has the record of every person sent from the Naracoorte district that details their service history, wounds, any leave they were granted, appointments to rank positions, commendations, and either their return to Australia or the information about their death and burial.

Photos of most of them have been included.



^ Author Shane Smith presenting a copy of his book to Joe Davies, vice president of the Naracoorte RSL on Remembrance Day in 2008. Photo courtesy The Naracoorte Herald.

Diaries and letters that are still retained by relatives have been used to illustrate particular moments in the lives of the soldiers.

Shane said it was very easy to become emotional as you read of the difficulties that were encountered and some of the horrors that were endured.

He has presented copies of his book to the Naracoorte Brigade, the Naracoorte RSL and to schools and libraries throughout the South East area.

Limited numbers may still be available for purchase.

Shane is donating all proceeds to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.



# CASTERTON AIR OPS DAY

By: Brenton Hastie,  
ROPO Region 5

On January 8 staff and volunteers from Region 5 attended a Department of Sustainability and Environment-managed cross-border aviation exercise.

The day featured an array of aircraft including a Victorian and South Australian fixed wing bomber, a medium helicopter together with an Air Attack Supervisor and several observation aircraft.

The highlight of the day was the 18-seater, Sikorsky S61 heavy helicopter, a very impressive sight to see close up and in operation.

All aircraft performed several live

bombing drops in the adjacent pine plantation allowing witnesses to see the operational performance and capability of each aircraft.

The turnaround time for each of the aircraft was also shown giving people the opportunity to assess the benefits of fixed versus rotary aircraft relating to the availability of water.

The day also gave opportunities to build cross-border relationships with both the DSE and CFA and to look at recent investments by DSE and the Victorian State Aircraft Unit for the Casterton airstrip and bombing base.

## PRE-SEASON BREAKFAST AT NARACOORTE

The Naracoorte Brigade held its annual pre-fire season breakfast and blessing of the fleet late last year.

The day has become a tradition of a cooked breakfast with all the trimmings for members, group officers and families.

After everyone was full of bacon and eggs, the action adjourned to the edge of the apron where all attention focused on Graham Dickson, lay preacher with the Anglican Diocese of the Murray.

Graham delivered a very thought-provoking service and blessed the vehicles and crews for the coming fire season.

Graham has a very long involvement with firefighting through both CFA and CFS.

He has been a member with Naracoorte Brigade for more than 12 years and enjoys seeking out a new theme for his message to the assembled firefighters each year.

This year's story related the experiences of a NSW RFS captain, his acceptance of Christ and the subsequent effect upon his brigade.

>> Members, family and friends of the Naracoorte Brigade enjoy the annual pre-fire season breakfast. Photo courtesy Jim Reekie of Naracoorte Brigade.

## BRENTON HASTIE JOINS REGION 5

Good day. I'm writing to introduce myself to you as the new Regional Operations Planning Officer with Region 5 at Naracoorte.

I come to the SACFS after spending a year with the Victorian DSE as a Fire Management Project Officer.

My previous CFS experiences come from the Hahndorf CFS Brigade where I spent time as a lieutenant, training officer and prevention officer.

The CFS has some real strength over other states in areas of both

aircraft and technology/innovation.

The Tatiara Group for example has some of the best dry fire fighting machinery found anywhere in Australia and it is very exciting to be involved in such an organisation.

My role will concentrate on response planning and operational issues including IMT planning, the Regional Operations Management Plan and assisting Groups with operations and risk assessments.



## EVENTS DIARY

**May 2** Cadet Committee meeting at Region 5 HQ at 10am.

**May 28** Volunteer and Employer Recognition and Support Program (VERSP) event and BBQ at the Kingston Combined Emergency Services facility at 7pm. This is an

opportunity to meet members of the SAFECOM Board who will present certificates to nominated employers.

**June 19 – 22** Regional cadet camp at Naracoorte Caves, with abseiling and search and rescue activities at Region 5 Training Centre.



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# PREPARATION IS THE KEY TO KEEPING YOUR HOUSE SAFE

By: Bonnie Puckridge,  
Port Lincoln Times

Careful bushfire preparation including installing a sprinkler system helped save Robin and Christine Morton's home on North Side Hill during the Proper Bay Fire on January 13.

Mr Morton said without the sprinkler system and ensuring there was a cleared area at least 20 metres around his house, he didn't know what would have happened to their home.

Mr Morton has a 21,000-gallon rainwater tank, which supplies water to the 30 sprinklers he installed around his house, patio and shed.

No trees or shrubs grow next to the house, and Mr Morton usually sprays weeds in the summer.

"I keep it all clean, shrubs are out of the question and there's roughly a 20-metre clearance around any buildings," he said.

Mr Morton was devastated to see what was happening in Victoria, and said that was why he didn't like trees around the house.

Mr Morton said his home didn't suffer any damage from the Proper Bay Fire.

This was despite the fire, which surrounded the house, burning just metres away.

It was the clear gravelled area around the buildings and the sprinklers that "definitely saved it," Mr Morton said.

"It took a lot of worry off us in trying to run around with the hose and we didn't have to worry about cinders building up in the gutters."

When building the home about five years ago, Mr Morton thought about the measures needed to ensure safety if a bushfire occurred.

"When I designed the house I wanted a bullnose verandah so

leaves and debris didn't build up."

Mr Morton said the fascia was flush with the brick wall of the house so it minimised the chance of cinders getting into the ceiling.

"If you can reduce the fuel load directly around your house it's a big advantage."

Mr Morton said after seeing the destruction of the Tulka and Wangary fires he knew he wanted to prepare the house.

Shortly after, Mr Morton looked into pipes and pumps and systems, and almost four years later he has a high pressure and volume sprinkler system, that cost about \$12,000.

He said he chose an "elaborate" tank but agreed it was an investment which helped save his house.

"If you're in the country you have to set up some sort of system."

## FIRE FIGHT FOUR HOUSES RAZED, MORE SAVED IN PROPER BAY BLAZE

By: Port Lincoln Times

A fire burnt through 252 hectares of land, destroyed four houses and a host of other buildings and property in January.

The fire saw a number of volunteer firefighters and other crews from across Eyre Peninsula and the rest of the State converge on Port Lincoln to prevent the blaze from destroying more property.

Sheds, boats and cars were also burnt in the fire, which early on had an estimated clean up bill in the millions of dollars.

The fire started at about noon on Tuesday, 13 January, on a property west of the rubbish dump on the south side of Western Approach Road.

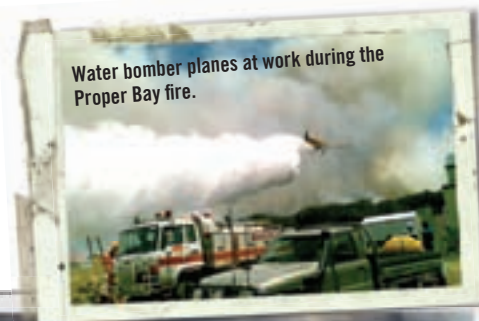
More than 250 firefighters and 25 appliances worked to control the fire in extreme weather conditions of low humidity, strong winds and high temperatures.

By January 14, the fire had burnt 252 hectares from Western Approach Road east to the water and south toward North Side Hill.

West Coast police chief inspector Brad Flaherty said the main concern for police had been that the fire would cross Western Approach Road into the main residential area so police started advising people in the Lincoln Gardens area to evacuate on Tuesday



▲ The fire looms over Port Lincoln.



Water bomber planes at work during the Proper Bay fire.



The Proper Bay fire was fuelled by strong winds and hot temperatures.

afternoon and a support centre was set up at Port Lincoln High School.

Port Lincoln Hospital had extra staff on duty on Tuesday night in anticipation of any injuries but Chief Inspector Flaherty said there were no serious injuries.

One firefighter received minor burns, eight people, including members of the public and firefighters, were treated by ambulance crews for smoke inhalation and five people were taken to hospital for smoke inhalation.

Another CFS volunteer was also injured in a road accident on the way to the fire.

Air support included four fixed wing water bombers, two fixed wing spotter aircraft, a small spotter helicopter and the Erickson Aircrane.



# TUMBY BAY GROUP OFFICER - CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

By: Chris Metevelis

Quentin Russ is well known throughout the Tumby Bay community and therefore not surprising that community leaders lined up with their commendations to nominate him for this year's Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award.

The CFS Tumby Bay Group Officer who is responsible for a total of nine brigades, is the Regional 6 President at Wudinna and the State Strike Team Management Leader.

CFS Deputy Group Officer at Tumby Bay, Ian Charlton said his fairness and level of commitment to outstanding service is recognised and valued by all the brigade members.

"His concern for the wellbeing of all members in the Brigades is always his number one priority, in relation to maintenance and safety," Ian said.

"His expertise is much sought after because his initiative, ability to calculate risk, consideration for all involved and commitment to each task, holds him in high regard, whatever situation may arise."

Ian said that the CFS was only one of many community services where Quentin willingly donates his time far beyond expectations and the call of duty.

Quentin is also a highly regarded member of the Tumby Bay Football Club and as a retired officer of the Australian Navy, maintains an association with the armed services through the local RSL Club as its president.

As a qualified electrician Quentin has also dedicated many hours to the Tumby Bay Yacht Club for various maintenance projects.



"Quentin offers his support without hesitation and receives no personal gain," Tumby Bay Yacht Club spokeswoman Linda Trenberth said. "Without these inputs to small clubs by volunteers like Quentin,

many would not survive," she said.

Quentin was also the recipient of a Ministerial Commendation as part of the 2008 Emergency Services Medal last year and in 2003 was awarded an Australian Fire Service Medal.

## FACES IN THE CROWD

### BARRY JAGGER - A FULL TIME VOLUNTEER

By: Southern Argus 22/01/09

Barry Jagger of Waitpinga has a great job description now-a-days, 'retired teacher, farmer and full time volunteer', along with his wife Merridy and their children.

A family man with traditional values, greatly respected by his family and peers, Barry is like so many other Australians, rather than slow down in retirement, he now has more time to give to his community, both as a role model and volunteer.

Barry is an active doer of the jobs that many shy away from, like secretary and coordinator, simultaneously, contributing to local organisations, including the Yacht Club and Country Fire Service.

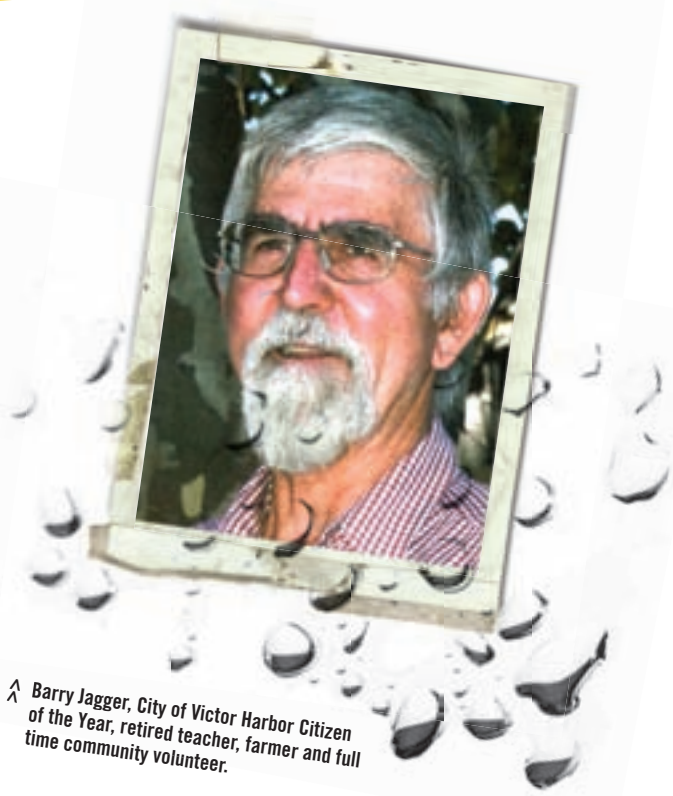
Barry has taken over the role of Chief Training Officer with the Victor Harbor CFS Group which is believed to have delivered the nationally accredited

'Suppress Wildfire' course to more volunteer firefighters than any other CFS Group in South Australia.

Barry currently holds positions with the Victor Harbor CFS including administrative officer, senior nationally accredited training assessor and deliverer, operational support coordinator and cadet coordinator.

With the Waitpinga CFS, he is brigade training officer, lieutenant and reserve brigade captain (duty officer).

When speaking of his City of Victor Harbor Australia Day Citizen of the Year award, Barry said, "I am proudly flattered, surprised and humbled that someone should consider I've done sufficient to deserve the nomination, let alone the award." He then added, "So many people have done heaps more!"



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# PHABULOUS PHOTOS

Simply send in your photo with the name of the photographer and/or name of submitter, address, telephone number and brigade name (if applicable) with a description of the photo and/or details of the incident at which the photo was taken.

Post photos to: CFS Public Affairs, GPO Box 2468, Adelaide. SA. 5001.

Photos can be posted either as hard copies or on a CD in the largest file size available.

Or email photos to: [publicaffairs@safecom.sa.gov.au](mailto:publicaffairs@safecom.sa.gov.au)

When emailing photos please do not reduce the size. Sometimes Outlook asks if you want to keep original size or send smaller. If the file size is reduced, the quality is affected and therefore the photo may not be able to be published in a large size.

The winner receives a \$50 gift voucher of their choice.

>> This echidna was rescued from the Victorian bushfires by a CFS firefighter.  
**Photo:** David Emes



>> A little ray of sunshine during BFF1 training at Brukung.  
**Photo:** Robin Geytenbeek



Senior firefighter from Happy Valley CFS Shane Whitbread being interviewed by Brenton Ragless at Adelaide Airport.  
**Photo:** Haley Cahalan





# THANK YOU CFS

## Thank You CFS

On behalf of Bedford, and in particular our Port Lincoln service based at Compass on Coronation Place, my thanks to Regional Commander Mr Kevin May and the CFS team for controlling the bushfire which threatened our Compass sites and the rest of the city.

The swift and decisive action of the emergency services clearly contained what might have become a disaster.

The consequences of not being able to offer our services to people with a disability in the Port Lincoln community due to fire damage or indeed injury, or worse would have been significant without your effective intervention.

Thank you once again for the CFS response to this incident.

**Max Dyason**  
Chief Executive – Bedford.

## Supporting Victoria

May I please extend a heartfelt and sincere thank you to the CFS firefighters who assisted the CFA Vic firefighters with the horrendous bushfires.

You are, each and every one of you, the angels in yellow – and I can't even imagine what life would be like in Australia without the wonderful, brave, talented and incredibly generous CFA fireys (and of course their support personnel).

We are, as a nation, in your debt.

Thank you for yesterday, today and tomorrow.

**Avalon and Linda Sperring,**  
Forestville SA.

The efforts of CFS firefighters prevented further damage during the Proper Bay Road fires near Port Lincoln on 13 January 2009.



## Tulka praises prompt response

Tulka Progress Association would like to thank CFS volunteers for your immediate response to the Proper Bay fire.

Your caring and concern for others is always appreciated.

Thank you from the Tulka Community.

**Kaye Paterson**  
Secretary - Tulka Progress Association.

## Hats off to the CFS

Hats off to all of the CFS in SA for their contribution to the Victorian Fires.

You all do a great job here and interstate.

No job is too small or too big for you all.

Great work.

**Pat Wake.**

## Professionalism and determination praised

I am writing to pass on a BIG "THANK YOU" to all volunteers, but particularly CFS volunteers, for your successful efforts on the day of the Proper Bay Fire.

This is not the first time we have benefited from your dedication, professionalism and selfless determination and we just wanted to let you know that we truly appreciate your efforts.

Some people choose to be part of their community, others for various

reasons choose not to, and then there are some other people, like yourselves, who choose to contribute to not only your own community, but to the community of others.

You choose to make a commitment, to train regularly, to undertake extra duties, to forgo employments and wages, to leave the comfort of your homes and the safety of your families to do your very, very best to protect others from bushfires when sometimes the very people you have gone to protect haven't even begun to protect themselves.

As it turned out, we were not directly impacted by this fire, but had it not been for all your planning, prevention and training and Mother Nature's whim, the outcome could have been a lot more serious.

We only need to look at what has happened in Victoria to know how different things could have been...

For your time, generosity and passion we say a sincere thank you!

**Therese Pedler and her family**  
at Tulka.

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A barren landscape in the aftermath of the Victorian bushfires.

Photo: Shane Smith, Naracoorte



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# THANK YOU CFS

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Euan,  
STRATFORD GROUP WISH TO  
THANK YOU AND YOUR FIRE SERVICE  
FOR THE ASSISTANCE YOUR  
VOLUNTEERS GAVE US DURING THE  
CHURCHILL - CALLIGNEE FIRES  
YOUR VOLUNTEERS MAKING  
STRATFORD - PERRY BRIDGE AND  
MEERLIEU TANKERS ALLOWED OUR  
GROUP PEOPLE A WELL DESERVED  
REST.  
THANKS AGAIN.  
STRATFORD GROUP.  
*W. J. Smith*

## Thanks from Stratford Group

"Euan,

Stratford Group wish to thank you and your fire service  
for the assistance your volunteers gave us during the  
Churchill, Callignee fires.

Your volunteers manning Stratford, Perry Bridge and  
Meerlieu tankers allowed our group people a well  
deserved rest.

Thanks again, Stratford Group."



Look what your  
VANDALS DID TO  
OUR TANKER  
Ken.

"Look what your vandals  
did to our tanker. Ken."  
(Ken Baxter)



# OBITUARIES

## John Molineux, Brigade Captain, Tintinara CFS 6 August 1940 – 4 May 2008

**S**ydney 'John' Molineux joined the CFS in November 1971 as a founding member of the Tarlee CFS. In 1980 he moved to Culburra and transferred to Tintinara CFS where he became Captain. During this time he was also a member of Emergency Services at Coonalpyn.

He also served a period of time as Deputy Group Officer and later as Deputy Two Group Officer.

John served the community and beyond being available to assist in

fires, floods and accident rescue. He also flew to Sydney in January 1993 to assist in the fires there and was available to go on strike teams in many areas.

He was awarded a National Medal and later also received the Gold Long Service Award for 35 years of service just days before he lost his battle to cancer.

He passed away on 4 May 2008 which happened to be International Firefighters Day.

## Malcolm McDonald, Lieutenant, Port Vincent CFS 1953 – 2008

**S**teve Cornwall from Port Vincent advises of the sudden passing of Malcolm McDonald, Port Vincent Lieutenant, who passed away recently as a result of a suspected heart attack.

Malcolm, 55, joined the Kimba EFS/CFS in October 1975 where he rose to the rank of Brigade Captain.

Malcolm and his wife Wendy moved to Port Vincent in the late nineties to take over the General Store and transferred to the Port Vincent Brigade.

In 2006 Malcolm was awarded Life Membership of the CFS.

Due to his work and dedication to the CFS, Malcolm will be sadly missed by the whole town.

## Kerry Liddell, Forreston CFS 29 June 1946 – 30 November 2008

**R**ay Brownbill and Andrew Plush have advised of the sad passing of Kerry Liddell of Forreston CFS Brigade.

Kerry passed away on Sunday morning 30 November after a couple of years fighting cancer.

Kerry was still a member of Forreston where he was a founding member and also a life member of the brigade.

Ray recalls that he presented his bar for the National Medal to him at his home back in May.

He was captain on several occasions back in the eighties, and has carried out many roles including training, equipment and logistics in the Brigade.

In the late nineties he became the Gumeracha Group SAVFBA representative through to the early 2000s.

Kerry went on many strike teams, intrastate as well as interstate.

He was a person that enjoyed life and he always had a story or joke to tell, and always had his listeners in fits of laughter.

Ray tells us that Kerry was his neighbour and they enjoyed many chats over a cuppa.

He was a mentor to the newer members of the brigade and also to brigades in our group.

Kerry Liddell will be sadly missed.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Julie and Kerry's family.

## Leon Trevor Klose, Birdwood CFS 12 April 1941 – 5 November 2008

**L**eon Klose, born on 12 April 1941 at Lobethal, was the eldest of four sons of Reg and Mona Klose who were storekeepers in Birdwood.

His baptism, confirmation, marriage and funeral services were all celebrated in the Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Birdwood.

After leaving school, he spent his early adult life working on farms milking cows, at first by hand and then later with a machine.

Later, he worked on a local potato farm followed by driving a milk pick-up truck for AMSCOL at Mount Torrens.

After AMSCOL ceased milk collecting, he was employed by the Highways Department (Birdwood Depot) with his last employment being with his brother Graham as a furniture removalist.

Leon served with distinction with the Birdwood CFS for approximately 20 years. During that time he was presented with the Bronze Long

Service Award. He attended training regularly and was a keen firefighter.

He was particularly active in fund raising projects, such as car parking for the Bay to Birdwood Vintage Car Run and selling raffle tickets. He enjoyed the camaraderie of members and felt proud of being actively involved in the local community.

Leon enjoyed his sport; he liked attending the trots, he played a bit of football and a lot of table tennis, he was a time keeper for the Birdwood Football Club, served on the Board of Management of the Birdwood Park Association and Birdwood Table Tennis Club.

Leon was first diagnosed with lung cancer in 2001 and underwent extensive chemotherapy and radiotherapy treatment, but after six years of respite, he was readmitted to hospital in September 2008.

Leon is survived by his wife of 42 years, Shirley, two sons, one daughter and three grandchildren.



Kerry Liddell (right) with his family after an awards presentation last year.



# REGISTER NOW FOR THE SAPES GAMES 2009

By: Allan Vilcins, Games Executive Officer

The organising committee of the South Australia Police and Emergency Services (SAPES) Games invites you to compete in the fifth SAPES Games to be held in Adelaide from 1-10 May 2009.

Amongst those eligible to compete in this event are employees of the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission with a minimum age requirement of 18 years and volunteers who have been with their agency for at least 12 months.

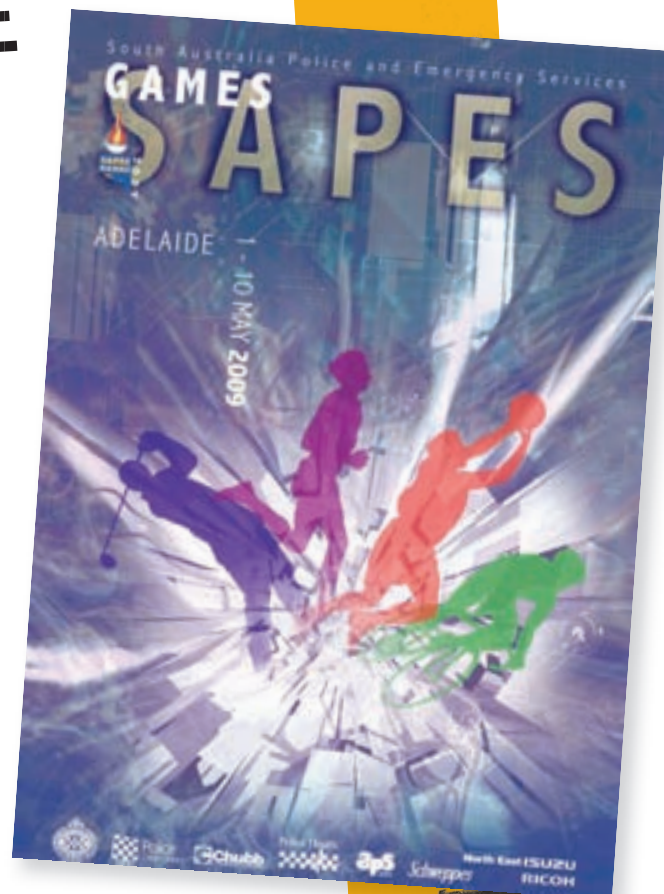
The theme for this year's event is 'United in Competition' emphasising an opportunity for around 25 emergency service organisations to unite in a fun and competitive environment, regardless of sporting ability or respective roles within each agency.

With the aim of promoting a healthy lifestyle and fostering teamwork and cooperation among friends and colleagues, the SAPES Games encourage participants to unite and 'have a go!'

The SAPES Games will showcase over 40 sports, which will compliment the sports on offer in readiness for the 2009 World Police & Fire Games in Vancouver, Canada.

The South Australia Police and Emergency Services Games organisers wish all competitors a memorable and enjoyable experience.

For more information and to register log on to the SAPES website at [www.sapes.com.au](http://www.sapes.com.au)



# GOVERNMENT APPOINTS BUSHFIRE TASKFORCE

A specialist taskforce, comprising of experts in various fields, has been selected to analyse key issues arising from the Victorian bushfires.

Minister for Emergency Services, Michael Wright, announced last month the members of the taskforce and the work they will undertake.

"This specialist team will aim to bring South Australia to a new level of bushfire preparedness, analyse key issues arising from Victoria's bushfire, and look into immediate, medium and longer term actions required to improve bushfire management practices and strategies in South

Australia," Minister Wright said.

"The devastating fires that occurred in Victoria will be remembered as one of the darkest days in Australian history. As a Government, it is important we take steps to do all we can to prevent a similar incident occurring here in South Australia.

"South Australia is by no means impervious to a bushfire of the magnitude and the devastation that occurred in Victoria. Climate change and drought are frequently altering the nature, ferocity and duration of bushfires," Minister Wright said.

The taskforce will be headed by CFS Chief Officer, Euan Ferguson and will include the following members:

- Department of Environment and Heritage Chief Executive, Allan Holmes.
- SAFECOM Chief Executive, David Place.
- MFS Chief Officer, Grant Lupton.
- Cabinet Office Deputy Chief Executive, Tanya Smith.
- State Recovery Office Director, Ronnie Faggotter.
- South Australian Police Assistant Commissioner, Bronwyn Killmier.
- Deputy Chief Executive - Department of Planning and Local Government, John Hanlon.

The taskforce will consult with other agencies and report back to State Cabinet.



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**\*SPECIALS & NEW PRODUCTS\***

## HOT PRICES ON HELMETS

- A.S. APPROVED- Structure & Rural Helmets with High Impact Visors as STD
- RURAL - STD BF1 \$ 115.00 ea Plus G.S.T. (STD Colours)
- RURAL - DV1 \$ 125.00 ea Plus G.S.T. (STD Colours)
- RURAL/BOXER - Special \$ 120.00 ea Plus G.S.T. (STD Colours)
- STRUCTURAL FROM \$ 265.00 ea Plus G.S.T. (STD Colours)

## \*NEW- B.A. MAT

- Holds 12 x Cylinders !!
- Prevents Rolling
- 1 x Person set up
- 525Gsm (Rip Stop) P.V.C.
- Ability to place cylinders on uneven ground
- Dimensions: 182cm x 94cm
- Custom Sizes Available !!



## Hooligan Tools

- New metal cutting claw
- Sharpened metal cutter
- 1" (2.5 cm) stress proof bar
- Genuine, Made U.S.A.



## PARATECH

## TAIPAN & OLIVER FIRE BOOTS

### Oliver Footwear

- 25-396 - Oliver - 10" high - Pull on Turnout Boot - \$195.00 ea + G.S.T.
- 25-395 - Oliver - 8" high - Lace up Hi-Cut Boot - \$195.00 ea + G.S.T.

### Taipan Footwear

- 5080 - Taipan - Elastic Sided fire Boot - RunOut \$ 90.00 ea + G.S.T.
- 5074 - Taipan - Front Zipper (Low Cut) Rural - \$145.00 ea + G.S.T.
- 5072 - Taipan - Front Zipper - Structure fire - \$169.00 ea + G.S.T.
- 5095 - Taipan - Side Zipper - Structure fire - \$170.00 ea + G.S.T.
- 5076 - Taipan - Front Zipper (Waterproof) Boot - \$189.00 ea + G.S.T.



## \*NEW - WolfpackGear !!

### U.S.A.R. Gear, Radio & Hydration Packs



- Load Bearing Harness.
- First of its kind.
- Rapidly reconfigured system.
- Covered pockets.
- Radio Pocket.
- Waterproof zipper.

Also Available, Radio Chest Harnesses, USAR 72 Hr Back Packs & Much Much More !!

## OIL EATER / ABSORBANT

- E.P.A. Approved
- 100% Organic
- Large 65Lt Bag
- Absorbs Chemical, Fuels & Oils
- Fire Retardant properties !
- Can be re-used !



## NEW TFT Nozzles !!

- Select Flow & Automatic
- Foam Nozzles
- Monitors & More !!



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that are available.

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