



## 20th Anniversary of the CFS Foundation

Over the last 20 years, the CFS Foundation has been proud to play a crucial role in supporting CFS volunteers when they were impacted as a result of their volunteering with almost \$4m in assistance having been provided to CFS volunteers and their families to aid their recovery after numerous devastating bushfires and events.

In just the last 2 years, South Australia has experienced some of the worst bushfires in our history with 7 major fires killing 3 people, destroying hundreds of homes, structures and vehicles plus thousands of livestock!

The heroism of CFS volunteers fighting these blazes helped save more than 1500 properties. They provided a significant economic benefit to South Australia by protecting homes, businesses and jobs, as they do every year.

The media tend to report what was lost and what was damaged, but the better story is how much didn't get lost or didn't get damaged through the efforts of our CFS volunteer firefighters.

They don't like being described as heroes but are ordinary people achieving extraordinary things and we are proud to be here to support them when needed.

As we approach the festive season, we thank each and every one of you for your support to our CFS volunteers through the CFS Foundation and we wish you and your family a safe and happy summer.

Gloria Berni  
Chief Executive Officer



## VISIT TO KANGAROO ISLAND

CEO, Gloria Berni joined forces with the local Parndana CFS brigade to take part in the Parndana Show on Saturday 13 November. Gloria enjoyed the opportunity to connect with the local CFS volunteers and catch up with the volunteers who were previously supported by the Foundation.

Despite the cold and windy weather, the show had a great turnout with many families visiting the stand to collect information on bushfire awareness and safety plus learn more about the CFS Foundation.

*Thank you to our Sponsors for supplying a variety of merchandise which was given away at the event.*



## CFS ROAD CRASH RESCUE TRAINING TRAILER

We are pleased to announce RAA's sponsorship of the CFS Road Crash Rescue (RCR) Training trailer. The synergy between Road Crash Rescue training and Road Safety was an obvious choice for the RAA.

For the coming 12 months the trailer will display the RAA Logo and safety message as it is towed across the state delivering training to our regional CFS volunteers.

Thanks to the RAA, our CFS volunteers will continue to receive high quality training in the local area through the support of State and Regional Training Officers and highly competent volunteer trainers and assessors and those who help to deliver these Road Crash Rescue courses.

In excess of 300 personnel have been trained and or re-accredited this financial year which is a commendable effort.

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## MOVE TO THE EMERGENCY SERVICES HEADQUARTERS

December sees the CFS Foundation move into the new South Australian Emergency Services Headquarters, located at 33 Richmond Road, Keswick.

The purpose-built facility will see the headquarters for the Country Fire Service (CFS), Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS), State Emergency Service (SES), and the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission (SAFECOM) co-located for the first time.

The facility has been designed to withstand natural disasters, such as earthquakes and flood events with provisions for backup power, water as well as wastewater storage and means our Emergency Services Sector (ESS) personnel will be better prepared for catastrophic events like bushfires, floods and storms.

The new headquarters and State Control Centre is a much-needed facility for the Emergency Services Sector and will provide enhanced technology for staff and volunteers in their incredibly important roles.



## OTR App - An easy way to support the CFS Foundation

Download the OTR App and select CFS Foundation as the charity of your choice and remember to scan the barcode on the app for each transaction you make at OTR... Such an easy way to support us.

*Pictured are CFS volunteers from Burnside CFS who kindly gave up their time to spread the word at the opening of OTR Linden Park.*

## Trauma Teddies

The CFS Foundation has been providing these 'Trauma Teddy Koalas' to CFS brigades to have on their trucks to give out to children who need comforting after a car accident or other tragic event for several years.

*Previously, the cost of these Teddies was funded by a generous donation from 'Cops for Kids' however, we are now seeking another sponsor. If you interested in becoming our next Trauma Teddy sponsor, please contact us for more information.*



**Bushfire Season has commenced so please make your Tax Deductible Donation today to support our incredible CFS volunteers.**

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