



MOURNING THE LOSS OF A VERY SPECIAL CFS VOLUNTEER

This edition of our newsletter reflects on the life and loss of much loved mother and dedicated CFS volunteer Louise Hincks, who was killed fighting a bushfire near Coles in the South East on 21 January this year.

Hot and windy conditions sparked the bushfire in the South East which burnt out of control until hundreds of volunteer firefighters from around the state contained the blaze.

Rest In Peace Louise



Louise was one of the volunteer firefighters and in an unforeseen incident, tragically lost her life during this bushfire. Louise was a committed CFS volunteer for 28 years and a beloved member of the Happy Valley CFS brigade where her daughters are also cadets. She was formerly a staff member of SAFECOM where she delivered mental health programs across the state to fellow CFS volunteers. Her loss has been felt across many areas of the Country Fire Service family.

In the same incident, another volunteer was seriously injured but thankfully is recovering.

The CFS Foundation proudly offered immediate financial assistance to both families to give them some peace of mind following the tragic accident. In close collaboration with the CFSVA and SAFECOM, we are working together to ensure Louise's family is cared for and supported.

Louise's commitment to the Country Fire Service has been acknowledged at the South Australia Volunteer Fire Fighters Museum memorial and in Canberra at the National Emergency Services Memorial.

Louise will forever live in our heart and memories.

Rest in Peace Louise.

ADELAIDE UNITED MEMORIAL GAME FOR *Louise Hincks*

The CFS Foundation in conjunction with Adelaide United Football Club hosted a memorial game for fallen CFS volunteer Louise Hincks who was a mad reds supporter. We would like to extend our genuine thanks and appreciation to everyone involved in making the night such a success.

The event was a touching tribute to Louise and her family and a welcomed night of fun for many CFS volunteers who had been deeply affected by losing Louise.

We extend a big thankyou to the management and staff of Adelaide United Football Club who so generously donated tickets for CFS volunteers and allowed us to fundraise on the night. Sincere thanks to Happy Valley CFS Station brigade who attended the game with a CFS appliance and the wonderful organisations who donated products for our raffle – Foodland Supermarkets, RAA, Watkins Cellar Door, Choo Roo Chilli Sauce, Mondees Honey and Applewood Distillery.

A special thank you to Tony Brown (Louise's brother) for initiating the idea and for supporting Louise's daughters throughout the day. Tony also gave a very touching and heart-warming speech at half time about Louise's love for volunteering with the CFS and Adelaide United.

A very sincere thank you to everyone involved!



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WALK FOR A VETERAN FUNDRAISER

Walk for a Veteran Inc. is an annual walk which raises awareness about the physical and mental health issues that affect many military and emergency services personnel and their families.

Funds raised from the 2022 event were distributed to numerous charities and the CFS Foundation was honoured to be one of the recipients.

\$15,000 was donated to the CFS Foundation which will go towards supporting our CFS volunteer mental health program.



Pictured: Organiser of 'Walk for a Veteran' Chad McLaren presenting a certificate to CFS Foundation CEO Gloria Berni

SOUTH EAST FIELD DAYS AT LUCINDALE

After a 2 year hiatus due to Covid, the South East community was excited about the triumphant return of the South East Field Days in March 2022. The weather was perfect and drew a bumper crowd which ensured a spectacular event.

It was another ideal opportunity for CFS Foundation CEO Gloria Berni and Board Member Andrew Lawson to connect with the volunteers from the South East region and raise awareness of the Foundation's work. The CFS marquee was popular with families wanting more information on fire safety and the kids loved the giveaways from our sponsors including money boxes and stubby holders from PCU.

Once again, it was wonderful to meet some of the volunteers who were assisted by the Foundation over the last couple of years and to hear stories of their recovery.



Pictured: The staff and volunteers from CFS Region 4 along with CFS volunteers from other regions who came along to assist!



Pictured: Gloria Berni and Andrew Lawson

NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDAL PRESENTATIONS

Earlier this year, numerous CFS volunteers from around the regions were recognised for their heroic efforts during the Black Summer bushfires, with National Emergency Medals presented by the Governor-General David Hurley.

Unfortunately, 85 homes were lost which was devastating for those affected, however, we also recognise the "hundreds of properties saved, maybe thousands, and dozens of lives were saved by the proactive work that was done" said Mark Jones QFSM, Chief Officer SA Country Fire Service.

We are so proud of all our CFS volunteers and it was certainly extra special to have members personally recognised for their outstanding efforts during the catastrophic 2019/2020 Black Summer bushfires.



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