



CFS FOUNDATION
Supporting Volunteer Firefighters

Welcome to the CFS Foundation Newsletter

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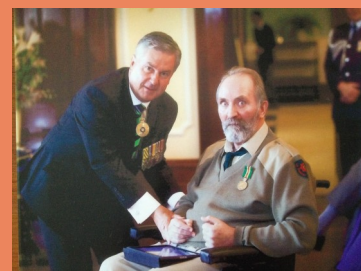


Welcome, to the first edition of the CFS Foundation Newsletter. We are excited to invite you to take a read and find out what the Foundation has been up to and what we are doing to support our incredible CFS Volunteers.

The CFS Foundation was formed in 2001. Its purpose is to provide immediate financial support to CFS volunteers and their families in the event of death, injury, or loss of property while engaging in their community service. The CFS Foundation relies entirely on donations, fundraising efforts by the public and corporate sponsors. To date, the CFS Foundation has provided more than a quarter of a million dollars in financial assistance to CFS Volunteers and their families since inception.

A LEGACY THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

Peter Edgecumbe, a former CFS volunteer with the Tantanoola brigade left a generous bequest in his Will for the CFS Foundation. Peter was a valued CFS volunteer and showed commitment to his fellow volunteers, group and region. With Peter's extensive volunteer and management experience, Peter was called to participate in a number of deployments. Due to medical conditions, Peter retired from all CFS operations and sadly passed away in 2016. Peter remembered a number of charities when he formulated his will and the CFS Foundation was lucky enough to be one of them. Leaving a gift in your will is a wonderful way to provide ongoing support to the CFS Foundation and help the thousands of CFS volunteers that risk their lives every day to save others.



A bequest can make a real difference to the individuals and their families who have suffered through death, injury, loss or damage of their own property whilst in the line of service. Supporters interested in leaving a legacy to the CFS Foundation can request a copy of our special bequest booklet or have a confidential discussion with Alysha on 1300 270 278.

MEET THE NEW CFS FOUNDATION TEAM

The CFS Foundation has been revitalised with the appointment of 2 Co-Chief Executive Officers, Caroline Duncanson and Gloria Berni. Both Caroline and Gloria have a broad range of experience from operational, project and consulting roles in the Not for Profit and Media Industries. Their main focus is on ensuring the Foundation does the most possible for the 14,500 selfless CFS Volunteers in South Australia.



EOFY DONATION

It's not too late! If you haven't had a chance to make a donation this year, please take a minute to do it now. Visit our website to make your donation.

DONATE NOW



TRAUMA TEDDY ROLL OUT

Thanks to a generous donation of \$12,500 from *Cops for Kids*, the CFS Foundation has been able to purchase CFS Trauma Teddies to distribute to South Australian RCR (road crash rescue) brigades. These CFS Trauma



Teddies are issued out by CFS Volunteers on the scene to children who are involved in motor vehicle accidents to provide comfort. To date, we have issued out Trauma Teddies to almost 70 Road



Crash Rescue brigades across South Australia.

FUNDRAISING



BUNNINGS BBQ — Thanks to the staff from our sponsors SA Power Networks and ElectraNet for helping cook the sausage sizzle at the Grand Opening of Bunnings Edwardstown.

BIRTHDAY GIFT — For Jack's 8th Birthday he requested his party guests donate funds in order to buy Trauma Teddies for his local brigade—Hindmarsh Valley. Jack raised enough money to purchase 13 Trauma Teddies. Well done Jack!



BEYOND BANK—Open a Community Rewards account with Beyond Bank and nominate the CFS Foundation as your chosen charity at ZERO cost to you.

OTR—By downloading the app and selecting the CFS Foundation as your nominated charity OTR will give us 1c for every \$2 you spend instore and 1c for every 2L of fuel you purchase.

COMBINED FIRE—Cash payments for Extinguisher Level 1 & 2 Testing will be placed directly in the CFS donation tin at \$6.50 each maximum of 3.



BENEFICIARY UPDATE

David and Rachel's story—The 25th of November 2015 was a devastating day for the Ireland family. David, Rachel and their 4 children lost their beloved family home in the Pinery fires. David was a CFS Volunteer with the Hamley Bridge Brigade, and in a cruel twist of fate the fire that he was helping fight, ended up taking their family home.

The CFS Foundation provided support and financial assistance to help Rachel and David begin to rebuild their home.



Above: The family home the day after the fire
Below: The newly built home on the same property



SAVE THE DATE—2019

The Advertiser Foundation FAMOUS FACES LUNCH—9th August

4X4 Eagleview 4 Wheel Driving adventure—29th & 30th June

City to Bay Fun Run—15th September

SIREN DAY—Month of November 2019



DOWN TO DUTY - Jim Sandford shares his experience as a CFS Volunteer



Ever wondered what it is like to awake sharply to the sound of a shrill response pager message in the middle of the night, jump out of bed, dress quickly and drive to the CFS station, don appropriate PPE and respond to an incident, which may last a short time or be of prolonged duration! All this whilst the clock is ticking, as there are set parameters for response times (can't dawdle) which if response times are not met means another CFS Brigade and other Members will be responded and have their nights sleep disturbed.

Apart from wondering what you might be met with at the incident, which can range from a fatality at a motor vehicle accident or a major structure fire to a minor grass fire and having to deal with this, your mind turns to your own day ahead either as an employee or self employed person and just how much of an impact will this incident response have on all that!

One of the biggest issues faced by volunteers in this instance will be where they have also disturbed their partners and possibly their children's nights sleep and how will this have gone down with the rest of the family when the volunteer returns home! On a lighter note, it always amusing to see the various states of dress (or undress) that people roll up to the station in when awoken late at night, particularly if they have forgotten their false teeth or other personal items – many a laugh has been had regarding various night attire.