



CFS FOUNDATION

Supporting Volunteer Firefighters

Welcome to the CFS Foundation

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Welcome, to the second 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.

This week has seen Catastrophic fire conditions in eastern Australian with our local CFS fire brigades being deployed to assist. Port Lincoln also experienced a major fire which saw people lose their homes and vast area of property destroyed.

This will no doubt be a dangerous summer, so lets ensure we are fire ready and available to support our CFS Volunteers.

SHOUT OUT to our CFS Volunteers!!!

'SHOUT OUT' sponsored by **Statewide Super** is an initiative held in the month of November to say **THANKYOU** to our 14,500 SA CFS Volunteers. This is the ideal time to encourage your networks to hold a fundraising events to support the CFS Volunteers in their time of great need. We would like to extend a big Thankyou to **WEST END COMMUNITY FUND** for kick starting SHOUT OUT with a \$5,000 donation plus they are dollar matching all fundraising efforts.



SLAPE SAUSAGES – Buy Slape BBQ sausages from Foodland for your sausage sizzle in November and they will donate a % of product sold to the foundation. Look out for the sticker on the packs in Foodland stores.



BEYOND BANK – Regional Beyond Bank branches will have Tap and Go machines for the next 3 months, supporting the CFS Foundation instore. Hit the Tap and Go machine and make your donation count this bushfire season.

SHOUT OUT LAUNCH

On Friday 1st November we **launched SHOUT OUT in Victoria Square**. The launch event provided a complimentary breakfast for locals and encouraged them to host their own fundraising event. Slape & Son's provided a sausage sizzle, Fleurieu Milk Company donated iced coffees and Vilis supplied yellow donuts.

We would like to extend our thanks to everybody who supported the SHOUT OUT launch including Statewide Super, Beyond Bank, West End Community Fund, Slape & Sons Sausages, Fleurieu Milk Company and Vilis's Bakery. Along with a huge thanks to Roseworthy CFS Brigade and Para Group CFS for attending our event with their appliances and Jim from TTG brigade for cooking the BBQ.



A SHOUT OUT to a fellow CFS Volunteer and big supporter of the CFS Foundation **Tony Modra** and **Kym Koster** for attending this morning! We also would like to thank our ambassador **Brenton Ragless** for coming down to say hi.





Our major fundraiser was The Advertiser Foundation "Famous Faces Lunch" hosted by Angela Condous, with the event raising \$50,000.

The lunch was held at the Adelaide Hilton Hotel with Mark Soderstrom as emcee in August. There were many Famous Faces in the crowd including Tim Ginever, Dom Cassisi, Wayne Phillips, Ben Hook, Andrew Jarman and many more making this the BEST luncheon yet!



Beautiful table set up on the day

We had Rachel Ireland as our guest speaker who took us on the heartbreaking journey about her experience of losing their family home in the 2015 Pinery Fires, while her CFS Volunteer husband was out fighting the fire and defending other peoples property. Rachel was available to sign copies of her book on the day and funds raised from her book sales so far have raised close to \$500.00

We would also like to take this opportunity to extend a big **THANKYOU** to all the people who purchased tables, attended the event, donated goods and services and who donated auction items. We received outstanding support of our wine wall.



Rachel signing copies of her book



Mystery bottle prizes

We had a generous 282 bottles of wine donated with some worth hundreds of dollars. It goes without saying, guests were very happy with their purchase. This alone raised \$6,500

We would like to advise that next year's Famous Faces lunch will be held on **Friday 19th June 2020** so secure your tickets now.



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HOW YOU CAN HELP

There are a number of ways that you can support the CFS Foundation without making a direct donation while supporting us all the same...

OTR – Download their OTR Give APP, select CFS Foundation as your chosen charity and they will donate 1 cent for every \$2 you spend instore. Plus when you sign up you will get yourself a FREE COFFEE. To date, we have received close to \$4000.



BEYOND BANK – Open a Community Reward Account (CRA Account) with Beyond Bank and nominate the CFS Foundation as your charity of choice and they will reward both of us! close to \$4000.



BOOK SALES – 'From the Ashes of Eden' walks you through the journey one family endured after experiencing total loss during the Pinery Bushfire in 2015. \$1.00 from the sale of every paperback book is donated to the CFS Foundation.



RED ALERT CALLA LILY – Purchase your RED ALERT calla lily this December from your local Bunnings stores with \$1.00 from every plant donated to the CFS Foundation. It's the perfect Christmas gift idea for the hard to buy for person.



BENEFICIARY UPDATE

CFS volunteer Brad Dennis was working at Pinery and was called to assist in fighting a fire at his neighbors property.

While Brad was putting out the fire, wind conditions changed and he got caught in the flames. Brad drenched himself with water and ran through the fire. Unfortunately, his neighbour remained in the ute and tragically perished in the blaze.



Brad sustained 53% burns to his body and 48% was full thickness. He spent 10 and a 1/2 months in Adelaide undergoing intensive rehabilitation and had multiple follow up procedures.

Brad set a goal for himself when he got to the Hampstead rehabilitation centre that he would be home by November to help with the family's harvest. With a lot of hard work, support from family, his girlfriend and friends, fantastic specialists and staff in the burn's unit at the RAH, therapists and support from the CFS Foundation, Brad achieved his goal.

Nearly 4 years after his accident Brad is doing really well and is currently working on the family farm at Baroota and is still an active member of the Port Germein CFS.

BEQUEST PROGRAM



Bequest flyers have now been produced and our Bequest program will be rolled out across the state shortly. A bequest to the CFS Foundation 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 via email admin@cfsfoundation.org.au or by phoning 1300 270 278.

Mark Sutton Board Member and CFS Volunteer— # CFSproud



As I commence my appointment to the CFS Foundation it provides an opportunity to reflect on my experiences as a volunteer fire fighter. Interestingly it was more by accident than design that I became a fire fighter; I was about twenty years ago whilst as a South Australian Police Officer stationed in Oodnadatta in the far north of the State when a call came in that a house was on fire. Oodnadatta is a very small town, so when the local CFS brigade turned up and there wasn't many on the truck, I jumped on the branch and headed into the house and put wet stuff on hot stuff, cause that's what fire fighters do, right?.

Well we put the fire out and no one was hurt, but it dawned on me that perhaps heading into a burning house without training and equipment was not necessarily the smartest thing to do, so I joined the CFS; the rest as they say, is history.

I have long since left SAPOL, but I have continued my association with the CFS. I am now a Deputy Group Officer in Flinders Group in the northern Flinders Ranges. My days of putting wet stuff on hot stuff are getting fewer and I now find myself more heavily involved in incident management side of things supporting the those volunteers at the 'coal face'.

My story is not a lot different to that of all volunteers; we do it for our communities, the communities that we live, work and play in. We don't do it for gratitude, we don't do it for accolades, we do it because we want to.

I am very honoured to be appointed to the CFS Foundation Board and hope that I can make a small contribution, on behalf of CFS Volunteers, to the wonderful and valuable work that the Foundation does.



PLEASE HELP ...

Our CFS Volunteer firefighters are risking their lives to protect our communities.

Show your support for these brave Volunteers by donating to the CFS Foundation and help those who look after you!

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