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CFS Foundation



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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Dear CFS Foundation Supporters,

The year up to 30 June 2018 has been a year of consolidation and ensuring the Volunteer Support Fund (VSF) is healthy and funds are readily available to support our Country Fire Service volunteer fire-fighters in the event financial support is needed.

There was no major fire event during 2017/2018 financial year therefore, fortunately, we were not required to provide any significant draw-down of funds (good news, no one was badly hurt or worse).

As at 30 June 2018, we held nearly \$1.5m in the VSF and held adequate cash at bank to manage the Foundation on a day-to-day basis. William Buck (financial advisors) provides advice in relation to our VSF investments to optimize returns on the fund. William Buck provides advice at a significant fee reduction and we thank them for its support.

Whilst there were no very large fire events, we are aware the summer of 2017/2018 was very busy for volunteers, handling numerous fires all over the state. We are also aware that road crash incidents never abate (unfortunately) and require nearly weekly attendance by our volunteers.

The services our volunteers provide to the community are wonderful and irreplaceable.

Community activities like Shout Out have recognized the great work of volunteers and we thank the Shout Out supporters in 2018 and look forward to Shout Out 2019.

Fundraising efforts in support of the Foundation by community groups has grown during the year and we encourage ongoing and growing activities like payroll giving, service club events and so on – every dollar contributed to the VSF is important.

We would like to thank all donors and sponsors, particularly major sponsors SA Power Networks, ElectraNet and The Advertiser Foundation.

In addition, thanks to the Board (who volunteer their time) for the governance it provides and fundraising efforts. Thanks also to the administration team.

We value the 24/7 efforts of our volunteers and thank those who also found time to assist the Foundation at fundraising events during the year.

In closing, the purpose of the CFS Foundation is very simple:

“taking care of those who take care of us”

Thanks.

Kind regards,

Rob

Rob Snowdon
Chairman



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Vince Monterola - Patron

“For more than 50 years I have served in EFS/CFS, as a fire-fighter, Station Officer, Brigade Captain, Group Officer, Deputy Board Chairman, Chief Executive and other roles. Over all that time, rather than becoming blasé about the service and commitment of our volunteers I have become increasingly impressed by their selflessness and their professionalism.

I have seen the sacrifices they have made and the suffering they have endured; family, vocation, leisure time, have all been neglected at times because community demands for safety from fire and other emergencies were given priority. Because I hold our volunteers in such high regard and know the dangers they often face I have been keen to support them through the Foundation since it began almost 20 years ago. To have been invited to serve as Patron is a great honour and I look forward to further serving these worthy men and women.”

Nathan van Berlo - Ambassador

“It’s a great honour to be involved with such a wonderful and proud organisation and I encourage people to donate so we can provide support to CFS volunteers and their families when they most need it”.

Phil Smyth - Ambassador

“When I was asked to support the CFS volunteer fire-fighters, I was honoured to do so. I’ve met a few of the guys and girls, and the fact the CFS Foundation is supporting them in the event they get hurt, has my full support. We are blessed that nearly 14,000 volunteers put themselves at risk on a daily basis, and I hope the community appreciates their efforts.”



Ambassadors Nathan van Berlo (left) & Phil Smyth (right), pictured with Para Reserve volunteer firefighters

Dom Cassisi - Ambassador

“It’s an honour to support the CFS Foundation and the state’s brave CFS volunteers. Those guys put themselves on the line, risk their lives and make enormous sacrifices to keep the community safe, purely out of goodwill. They deserve as much support as they can get so this foundation is a fantastic way to give something back to them, so I’m delighted to be involved”.

Brenton Ragless - Media Ambassador

“My interest in the CFS began at the age of five when I tagged along with dad to the Eden Hills Brigade, and on finishing school in 1993 I followed in his footsteps to become an active volunteer firefighter. Over the years I’ve also been a full-time CFS spokesman, supported many CFS Volunteers Association projects, and joined the Cherry Gardens Brigade to provide ground support for air operations. I’m delighted and privileged to be a CFS Foundation Ambassador and hope that you’ll join me in supporting your local heroes”.

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A YEAR IN REVIEW

Major Sponsors

SA Power Networks

SA Power Networks support has continued this year with a significant donation of \$100,000 on the 11th of January 2018 for the Volunteer Support Fund (pictured right).

ElectraNet

ElectraNet's has not only donated to the Volunteer Support Fund, but also provided funds that were made available for fellowships as well as the purchase of 6 defibrillators.



SAPN CEO Rob Stobbe presenting cheque to CFS Foundation Chairman Rob Snowdon and CEO Mark Howells

Additional monetary donations

We also acknowledge and thank our other supporters Australian Gas Networks, The Wood Foundation, RedArc and Stewart Heaton Clothing for donations towards to Volunteer Support Fund. William Buck and The University of Adelaide also contributed via our workplace giving program.

Donated Equipment

The CFS Foundation donated defibrillators to the Blackwood, Macclesfield, Minlaton, Sedan and Terowie CFS brigades.

“On behalf of the Brigade Captain, Mr Ross Haustorfer, and each of the members, please accept our most sincere thanks and appreciation for the kind efforts made by all members of the Foundation in making this essential emergency device available to us, and to every member of the community whose life may saved by this device in the future.” Chris Parry, CFS Volunteer - Terowie CFS Brigade



The CFS Foundation donated a defibrillator to the Terowie CFS Brigade in September 2017

Beneficiaries

Steve Dyer is a CFS Volunteer who was injured whilst firefighting in the South East of the State and the Foundation provided some assistance in May 2018 to him and his family during his recovery.



Events

On Wednesday 16th August 2017 at Hilton Hotel Adelaide, The Advertiser Foundation hosted a 'Famous Male Faces' Luncheon.

Sporting legends such as Tony Modra and Graham Cornes, as well as other well-known personalities including David Koch and Paolo Sebastian, attended in their best attire, and their generous donations resulted in \$40,763.11 for the CFS Foundation.

Tin Rattle Days

The CFS Foundation and various brigade members took part in two Tin raffle days at The Port Adelaide Football Club on 23rd of July and 13th of August 2017, raising a total of \$3474.45 (pictured right).

Lotteries

Lotteries 5 & 6 ran throughout this year with cash prizes as well as a vehicle generously subsidized by Mitsubishi.



Other fundraisers

Throughout the year, the CFS Foundation was fortunate to have multiple organization's host fundraising initiatives for the Volunteer Support Fund. This included an Australian Day BBQ from Rotary Clubs, a mechanic donating all labour costs for a day in commemoration of the Ash Wednesday bushfires, as well as the Brothers Keepers hosting a photo hunt charity ride.

New initiatives

'Shout Out', the first state-wide campaign to thank CFS volunteer firefighters was launched on Friday May 25th. Participating businesses and schools were to wear yellow, just like our volunteers, to show their appreciation for all their dedication and service to our community, over the 2017/2018 Fire Danger Season.

This year saw the trial of the CFS Foundation's first app with the purpose of providing discounted offers to CFS volunteers. The trial took place across nine brigades - Salisbury, Tea Tree Gully, One Tree Hill, Dalkeith, Clare, Morphett Vale, Happy Valley, Seaford and Stirling. Permanency of the app to be determined in the new financial year.



CFS Foundation Patron Vince Monterola and CEO Mark Howells getting in the 'SHOUT OUT' spirit



As our CFS volunteers are attending constant call outs for road crash incidents, the Trauma Teddy campaign was launched to in an effort to raise funds for the purchase of these Teddy's to be given to victims of incidents by the CFS volunteers.

This campaign meant that local brigades don't have to do additional fundraising for these items, outside of their normal volunteering hours (pictured left).

Special mention

The CFS Foundation would like to acknowledge Summer Reynolds, who opted to forgo presents for her 8th birthday, asking her friends in lieu of a gift, to donate to the CFS Foundation.

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