

Volunteers

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Volunteers Supporting Volunteers

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From the Board....

We would like to be saying that it has been a quiet period for both the NSW SES and the Association, but unfortunately this is not the case.

Following the redundancy of 16 staff positions, following a 12 month 'transformation period', members have approached the Association with concerns about the management and culture of the NSW SES and the impact these job losses will have.

While there was a commitment from the Service that there would be 'no impact on volunteers', reports were made to the Association that volunteers were being advised to seek answers to questions elsewhere. In effect, following the announcement of the removed positions, members were immediately seeing an impact to the services that are in place to assist their roles in helping and supporting their community.

As part of this Newsletter, we are releasing our Member Satisfaction Survey. It's just 5 questions to get an understanding of how the members of the NSW SES are feeling at this point in time. We will collate the anonymous responses and present them to Commissioner York on members behalf.

Both the President, volunteer representative and Commander representative for the VJCC met with the Senior Leadership Team this week. The concerns of the members were tabled at this meeting with the Acting Commissioner, and the Association will take this up with incoming Commissioner York when she takes up in office.

For our rural members, it remains a challenge with severe drought conditions and we are continuing with drought support where we can. If you need assistance, please contact the Association on 1300 073 782.

As always, if you have any feedback, please let us know. You can ring the office or send us an email at office@nswsesva.org.au

Look after yourself and each other.

*Enjoy and stay safe in
your volunteering!*

What's been happening in the Volunteers Association?

Member Benefits

The Member Benefits Facebook Group has been launched! You can access it from our facebook page- <https://www.facebook.com/NswSesVolunteersAssociation/> make sure you answer the questions and agree to the rules of the page to be accepted.

Our Member Benefits Coordinator, Adam Jones (Marrickville Unit), has been busy looking at different organisations to bring on board.

So if you have a suggestion or would like to help Adam out drop him a line at memberbenefits@nswsesva.org.au



Member Satisfaction Project

The satisfaction survey can be accessed via:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/33VL5KC>

Please share this link with your fellow members.

2020 NSW SESVA Calendars

If you have a high quality resolution image of your Unit or Members and would like to feature in the 2020 Calendar please send Images to office@nswsesva.org.au

Place your order for the 2020 calendar by emailing the office before the 31/10/2019.

Reminder, AGM 28th November 2019

Don't forget our AGM is the 28th November 2019 at 6pm. You can telephone in from anywhere to be a part of it.

As per last year, let us know your questions in writing prior to 14th November 2019 so we can provide an immediate response on the night.

Ambassadors & Coordinators Group

We have also started a group for Ambassadors and Coordinators via our Facebook page. If you are in one of these roles, please jump on and join the group!

Welfare and Grants

A reminder that welfare and grant applications can be found online if needed. Please note incorrect or incomplete forms can not be processed.

<https://www.nswsesva.org.au/auth/welfare-funds.html>
<https://www.nswsesva.org.au/grants-program.html>

Flowers being ordered for members need to be processed via the online form by the requesting member-
<https://www.nswsesva.org.au/general-support.html>

We will be working through availability for training in these roles and the group is designed to start talking about what members want, any issues they have and how we can support them better.

Christmas is coming

With Christmas just around the corner we are gathering items to put into some hampers for some of our members doing it a bit tough, or we have helped out through the year. If you know some companies that can donate, or you know of a volunteer who would benefit, or their kids, please let us know.

Mental Health First Aid courses

We have had a very large response for more of our Mental Health First Aid courses, run by the SESVA through our Mental Health Co-Ordinator Selina.

She is doing a wonderful job with five more courses ready to go. We are awaiting the SES to come back to us, but keep an eye out in your zone and on our Facebook page for the next course. We are making them free of charge.



Comedy for a Cause
Featuring comedians from Sydney & Melbourne International Comedy Festivals
SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER
DOORS: 7pm / SHOW: 8pm (18+)
comedyforacause.net/SES
Canterbury Leagues Club
26 Bridge Road, Belmore
BOOK ONLINE
BOOK NOW! \$45
In Support of:
NSW SES
Volunteers Association

Join us for a night of laughter at our **Comedy for a Cause Fundraiser**

The night will include a live comedy show featuring Headliner Comedians & an MC, with lucky door prizes & auctions throughout the night while enjoying Mezze in the Terrace Room at Canterbury Leagues Club (a licensed premises)

Limited tickets available so book now to secure a seat!

Have feedback?

All feedback is welcome - You can contact us through our office email - office@nswsesva.org.au or Facebook page www.facebook.com/NswSesVolunteersAssociation