

Whats happening...

It has been business as usual here at the Association as we continue to support our Members during the COVID-19 Pandemic. With restrictions easing, we are looking forward to getting back to face to face training as I am sure our volunteers are aswell. With that in mind, we should not become complacent & should continue to practice good hygiene and social distancing —We all have a responsibility to help keep ourselves and others safe and if you are feeling unwell please stay home and away from others.

COVID 19 Support

Since the start of the COVID 19 pandemic the Volunteers Association has continued and implemented the following support mechanisms which remain in place;

Welfare Fund Support – Applications to the SES Volunteers Association Welfare Fund can be made 24/7 online or contact the SESVA for assistance

Care Packages – The Volunteers Association care packages of essential food etc. were a massive success during the drought and bushfires. We continue to make these available to members who request them

Drought and Fire Support Packages – Although most feel the drought has passed, the ongoing effects remain for many of our rural members. These packages remain available, please contact us for assistance.

Hygiene Packs – The public rush for these products left many members, and SES Units/vehicles without sanitary and hygiene products. The SES Volunteers Association has sent out a huge amount of product but, like all of Australia, experiences difficulty obtaining resupply. **These items have been prioritised and rationed to frontline response units first and then to personal members and their families after this.** The SESVA prepares as much as it can for these instances and at time of writing we still have supplies.

Masks/Toilet Paper/Hand Towel etc. – We have received a lot of requests for these items and much the same as the sanitary items, we still have supplies but demand is exceeding our ability to restock. If you need some please contact us ASAP.

Advocacy – We have advocated and made representation for a unit regarding possible risk due to substantial toilet facilities. We will continue to advocate and represent any unit or member who identifies risk associated with COVID 19 and place these items as the highest priority.

Hospital Visits – While hospital visits are still suspended, flower orders are back up and running. Cards remain available from the SESVA at any time to be sent to any members requiring them. We will continue to monitor the advice provided by medical experts.

Mental Health Support – Private and confidential care is arranged for members across the state to access health professionals when requested. Please contact us for further details.



For any other support you may require please contact us immediately.

Stay safe in your volunteering!

Business As Usual. The SESVA, its Board of Directors and Office remain available for your support. Plans have been put into place with best practices regarding how our services can remain available whilst keeping everyone safe.

Feedback

If you have any feedback or suggestions for the NSW SES Volunteers Association please email us at office@nswsesva.org.au

The Volunteer Magazine

The June edition of *The Volunteer* magazine has now been distributed to all the Units and a personal copy along with a Thankyou letter and certificate of appreciation was sent to all those that contributed to our biggest edition so far!

We encourage all the units and zones to share the amazing work you all do and welcome all submissions.

If you would like to submit an article for the September edition, please send information and images in via email to editor@nswsesva.org.au

We have seen some fantastic work coming from the units on social media and are excited to share and promote these in our next edition.

If you have any questions or need assistance with your submission please contact Carlee at the VA (Carlee.maccoll@nswsesva.org.au)



Please note we are happy to assist with writing and editing the articles for you.

EAT.SLEEP.RESPOND

Our Eat Sleep Respond range is flying out the door—not only are our members wearing our range but also those from other emergency services. Due to the popularity, we have been working on new merchandise and we are excited to be releasing new designs in the near future—watch this space!

Our beanies, hoodies and gloves are perfect for this chilly weather and can be purchased online at www.nswsesva.org.au

We are on Instagram—check out our page eatsleeprespond and don't forget to Tag us wearing your ESR gear.



Mental Health First Aid

With the popularity and demand for our MHFA Courses we have increased the number of trainers which will enable us to run more courses and cover more areas to reach our members.

Courses have continued to run online during the pandemic and will continue until we are given the ok to return to face to face training.

Our online booking portal and events website is nearly complete and as soon as it is ready to launch, we will be advertising it through our website and socials media platforms.

All mental health training enquiries should be sent through to mhcoordinator@nswsesva.org.au

If you know of any courses in the mental health space that can be delivered remotely please contact us. Watch this space.

2021 Calendar

Don't forget we are still taking submissions for The NSW SESVA 2021 Calendar - Please send in your high resolution pictures to office@nswsesva.org.au.

Once submissions close in October, the images will be uploaded to Facebook and our members will vote and decide which images get published.



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