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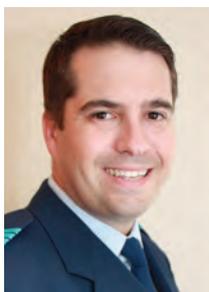
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AIES is pleased to announce the following emergency service people became members of the Institute between September and November 2010.

Australian Red Cross (ARC)	Corporate Affiliate	VIC
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Wendy Welgus	ARC	VIC
Michael Wogung	SES	NSW

## PROFILE

**Paul Kelly, MAIES**



Paul Kelly has been a member of the Queensland Division of the AIES since 2002, holding positions on the Divisional Board since

2005. In 2006, Mr Kelly commenced in the planning team for the National

Conference held on the Gold Coast and then in subsequent roles as Committee Member, Divisional Treasurer and is currently the Divisional Registrar.

Mr Kelly is currently employed as a Queensland Sergeant of Police and is attached to the State Traffic Support Branch - Roadside Drug Testing Unit as a Senior Traffic Officer, a position that sees him constantly travelling the state.

A qualified Land Search and Rescue Coordinator for the Police, Mr Kelly also has 14 years service with the State Emergency Service (SES). He is currently

a Deputy Group Leader and is heavily involved in regional training within the Brisbane Region. His SES roles have seen him involved in Tropical Cyclone Larry as the Local Disaster Management Group liaison and with the Gap Storms that devastated North Brisbane as the initial Incident Controller and subsequent co-ordination roles throughout the event.

Mr Kelly is also the Vice President of the Australian Section of the International Police Association and a member of the Australian Institute of Policing.

## EDITOR'S REPORT

**Kristi High**

The emergency services have shown its charitable side over the past few months. In this issue of *National Emergency Response*, Victoria's police, fire and ambulance professionals have taken part in two major fundraising events. The Eureka Challenge was held in November and the Emergency Services Challenge race attracted 100 participants from Australia and New Zealand. A team of 12 fire officers set out on a 15,000km ride across the country to raise funds for

prostate cancer to raise money for the EJ Whitten Foundation.

Three South Australian AIES members are to be congratulated on their Certified Emergency Managers achievement, while the SA Metropolitan Fire Brigade was named state employer of the year for its support of employees also serving in the defence forces.

AIES President Alan Marshall asks have we done enough to prepare for upcoming major events and the fire season and immediate past-President John Rice shares his presentation to the recent Combined Emergency Services

Seminar on Australia's national rescue coordination centre, giving a detailed account of the Wild Eyes rescue mission off the Western Australian coast.

The AIES is very pleased to report that membership increased during 2010 and we hope this continues into the New Year.

Thank you for your wonderful contributions to the journal and I look forward to receiving your thoughts, opinions and stories for the April edition.



# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Alan Marshall, FAIES

National President

Major events period and the fire season are upon us with the preparations and planning in place for the next few months but, have we done enough? The systems, structure and safety, including the implementation of those procedures, rests with effective team work. Obstacles to personnel effectively communicating meaningful information have implications for their ability to develop a shared model with others in the incident control team. The functional importance of the team work and the shared understanding of systems enable teams to continue to coordinate their activities. Management personnel in key areas are important for the system to function but, have you exercised the process within the procedures and can you step up your replacements for an ongoing extended emergency operation? When visiting the overriding systems that emergency services use, is your safety managed, and do you have confidence that your procedures and team communications fit the system?

## SYSTEMS

The Australasian Inter-Service Incident Management System (AIIMS) is underpinned by three key principles. These include: management by objectives, whereby all personnel involved in an incident work from a common set of objectives and complementary Incident Action Plans for achieving those objectives; functional management, which includes utilisation of four specific functions - control, planning, operations, and logistics within an Incident Management Team tasked with managing the incident; and span of control, which means that within incident control structures, as an incident escalates, a supervising officer's span of control should not exceed five reporting groups.

Immediate establishment of control by the first responding unit provides the initial foundation of an incident management structure and determines the Incident Controller for an emergency.

The Incident Controller's first contact with the supporting agencies, as part of their incident appreciation and assessment, represents the first formation of the Emergency Management Team (EMT) to manage other issues (eg traffic not directly related to the incident).

Membership within the EMT is dependent upon the type of emergency, its relative size and complexity, and availability of key personnel from various organisations. The function of the EMT is to support and inform the Incident Controller in determining and implementing appropriate incident management strategies for the event. It is not consensus, but rather collaborative, decision making with the primary intent of unity of purpose and effort. Control of the incident through approval of incident objectives and strategies, remain the responsibility of the Incident Controller. There must only be one set of incident objectives. Individual agencies' aims must align with the incident objectives and strategies that are the responsibility of the Incident Controller.

There are many instances of teams comprised of highly motivated individuals working in dynamic environments failing to perform as effective teams simply because of poor communication and the inadequate use of emergency management systems. Successful emergency incident management organising is highly dependent on effective teamwork and inter-team communication, coordination and control using an all hazards arrangement under the AIIMS system. The quality of message sending and receiving of information is extremely important.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

The prime responsibility for protection of life, property and the environment rests with the states and territories. However, the Australian Government is committed to supporting states and territories in developing their capacity for dealing with emergencies and disasters. The Commonwealth will provide physical assistance to requesting states or



territories when they cannot reasonably cope during an emergency. Under the Constitution, the Government is allocated responsibility for external affairs matters including the provision of humanitarian assistance for emergency and refugee relief overseas including sea search and rescue to large areas off our mainland.

## EXERCISE AND TRAINING

Exercises are for managers and should not be confused with drills, which are for practising skills that are mainly physical and have already been learned by rote. If you are a manager responsible for an organisation's emergency preparedness program, there is no better way to ensure all concerned that your organisation is ready to meet a major emergency than to exercise. There are two principal reasons for exercising - team training in emergency management and improving the emergency management plan. If choosing a full-scale field exercise, safety becomes a much larger consideration with participants beyond the local area and control. Safety officers will require training prior to the exercise with instructions to stop and correct any situation that threatens injury or property damage. Pre-exercise safety procedures must be communicated to everyone involved. The conduct of the exercise may require an Emergency Control Centre and involves the management exercise team in selecting the objectives. ●



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# AUSTRALASIAN AGENCIES TO BENEFIT FROM US RESPONDER KNOWLEDGE BASE



Tait Communications Marketing Manager Anthony Blyth

Interoperable radio communications took a huge leap forward when the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the first test laboratories to participate in the APCO P25 Compliance Assessment Program (P25 CAP).

**P**25 is a digital radio technology standard that is defined by the international Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO). The technology is compatible with many analogue radio systems and can provide equivalent coverage with increased audio clarity and high level encryption.

Several public safety agencies are using this technology in Australian capital cities, and its use will continue to grow as more agencies upgrade their systems and expand the use of the digital technology outside of urban areas. A significant benefit for agencies that choose the P25 standard is interoperability.

When multiple agencies respond to an incident such as a natural disaster, selection of the right P25 equipment can provide the ability for them to communicate with each other if required. This is also one of the reasons why the Australian Communications and Media Authority is striving to create common use of UHF radio spectrum for public safety agencies.

The P25 CAP assures buyers of P25 Phase 1 equipment that radios and networks from participating manufacturers will work seamlessly with each other and conform to the technology's standards. Up until this time, P25 buyers have had to rely on the goodwill of manufacturers to participate in voluntary interoperability testing.

Tait Radio Communications is among the four radio manufacturers to be named and the only one to have a recognised laboratory outside the United States of America. Other radio manufacturers include Motorola, EF Johnson and Harris. From its global headquarters in New Zealand, Tait is establishing itself as one of the leading P25 manufacturers, offering a comprehensive range of P25 digital solutions including portables, mobiles and base stations for conventional, trunked and simulcast systems.

"The P25 CAP is more proof that Phase 1 P25 is a good long-term investment because it is supported by multiple manufacturers working together to improve the technology," Marketing Manager Asia Pacific Anthony Blyth said.

"Public safety and government agencies can collaborate effectively and taxpayers' dollars are saved because freedom to choose is maintained in a multi-vendor environment."

The P25 CAP is a partnership of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the P25 radio industry, and the emergency response community.

A requirement of the P25 CAP participants is the development of Supplier's Declaration of Compliance (SDoC), which includes information on what product is tested, and the scope of the testing.

"The burgeoning uptake in P25 digital radio around the globe means that these standards being developed are effectively setting the benchmark not just for users in the United States. Any organisation investing in P25 will be able to request these SDoCs to ensure they are getting interoperable equipment," Mr Blyth said.

The SDoCs are available on request, or can be viewed anytime on the DHS Responder Knowledge Base website [www.rkb.us](http://www.rkb.us) ●

## ABOUT TAIT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Tait Radio Communications is a global leader in designing and delivering radio solutions which are the right fit for a variety of industries including public safety agencies, government services, and utilities and urban transport providers. Across the world, users of Tait products and services are better able to protect themselves and the public, be more responsive and more efficient.

While several corporate functions are based in Christchurch, New Zealand, the company prides itself on its international customer base and global support network. The company works with a network of sales/ support offices, dealers, system integrators and consultants that spans the globe.

# AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL RESCUE COORDINATION CENTRE

## ACTIVATION AND OPERATION

A presentation to the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Combined Emergency Services Melbourne by John Rice FAIES, Senior Search and Rescue Officer, Rescue Coordination Centre Australia, Emergency Response Division, Australian Maritime Safety Authority



In order to give you an understanding of the operation and activation of Australia's national search and rescue centre, also known as Australian Search and Rescue (AusSAR) or Rescue Coordination Centre (RCC) Australia, it is necessary to quickly review the establishment of the Australian Search and Rescue System as a whole.

Worldwide responsibility for direction of aviation and maritime search and rescue has been vested in two organisations that operate under charter to the United Nations - the International Civil Aviation Organisation and International Maritime Organisation. Both of these organisations coordinate member states' efforts to provide search and rescue services. Australia is a member state and actively participates in the operation of both organisations.

Under the global approach to the provision of search and rescue services, the world has been divided into search and

rescue regions, responsibility for which has been allocated to various member states.

RCC Australia, a business unit of the Emergency Response Division inside the Australian Maritime Safety Authority, is responsible for the Australian Search and Rescue Region.

This region comprises an area that extends from a line south of the Indonesia/Papua New Guinea archipelago from 75 degrees east, about half way across the Indian Ocean to 163 degrees east, half way to New Zealand, and then to the South Pole.

The Australian area of responsibility is 52.8 million square kilometres or about one tenth of the earth's surface and is a massive area when compared to other parts of the world.

Australia's southern maritime boundary finishes at the permanent ice cap of the Antarctic continent while our



aviation responsibility goes all the way to the South Pole.

The actual Australian Antarctic Territory covers an area that is greater than the area designated as our search and rescue region and as such has necessitated the establishment of specific protocols involving the various stakeholder countries.

While RCC Australia has responsibility for the majority of the Australian Antarctic Territory we have little by way of actual expertise in the special requirements of the area and to this end we rely heavily on the expertise, personnel and equipment of the Australian Antarctic Division.

The Australian Search and Rescue Region shares a common border with nine countries not including the various stake holders operating in Antarctica.

The size of our area of responsibility, and especially that section of the Indian and Southern Oceans to the south west, presents a particular problem due to the distances involved from mainland airports and shipping routes. The dotted line indicated in this slide indicates the limit of range of operation of aircraft such as Australian Defence Force P3 Orion and C130 Hercules.

*The Australian national search and rescue system as it is today has evolved over a number of years and has been formed on the requirements of the relevant International Conventions on Aviation and Maritime Search and Rescue to which Australia is party.*

I will discuss what we have done to overcome this difficulty when I talk about how we went about the rescue of Abby Sunderland who was attempting to become the youngest person to sail solo around the world in her yacht Wild Eyes later in this presentation.

The Australian national search and rescue system as it is today has evolved over a number of years and has been formed on the requirements of the relevant International Conventions on Aviation and Maritime Search and Rescue to which Australia is party.

Australia, in acceding to these international conventions, noted that the implementation of the Treaty throughout Australia would be affected by the Commonwealth, State and Territory authorities having regard to their respective

constitutional powers and arrangements concerning the exercise of their legislative, executive and judicial powers.

As a result Australia's national search and rescue responsibilities have been allocated to the Australian Maritime Safety Authority and the Australian Defence Force at the Commonwealth level and the relevant police organisations at the State and Territory level.

This National/State/Territory approach to search and rescue was formalised when the Commonwealth, State and Territory Ministers responsible for search and rescue in Australia signed an Intergovernmental Agreement on National Search and Rescue Arrangements that came into force on 30 June 2004.

The Agreement formalised cooperative arrangements between



## Search and Rescue Operation for Yacht "Wild Eyes"



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SAR authorities and replaced the 1977 arrangement on maritime SAR.

The Intergovernmental Agreement confirmed that the National Search and Rescue Council was to be the main body responsible for overseeing and providing direction for Australian SAR operations including the management of the National Search and Rescue Plan. The Agreement also decreed that members of the Council were to be the Australian Maritime Safety Authority, the Australian Defence Force and each state/territory police organisation.

The National Search and Rescue Manual and the National Land Search Operations Manual are the standard reference documents used by all Australian Search and Rescue Authorities and promulgate the agreed methods of coordination through which search and rescue operations are conducted. These manuals are supplemented by various legal, informative and instructional documents used within and between organisations concerned with search and rescue and are each consistent with the relevant international conventions to which Australia is a party.

The National Search and Rescue Council publishes, and manages, documents that are made freely available on the council's website.

The National Search and Rescue Plan is reproduced as Appendix B of the

National Search and Rescue manual.

The National Search and Rescue Plan hinges on a cooperative relationship between the three search and rescue authorities where the best placed authority will assume responsibility for the mission and each will provide assistance to others on request.

Coordination responsibility can also be transferred between SAR Authorities by mutual agreement.

The only exception to this is land search and rescue that always remains the responsibility of the Police, although RCC Australia and the Australian Defence Force can provide assistance if requested.

The National SAR Plan outlines the areas in which each SAR authority has responsibility.

For RCC Australia this responsibility relates to registered aircraft and manned space vehicles, SOLAS class shipping (300 gross registered tonnes or more), all distress beacon detections until the nature and location of the distress has been identified, and vessels and aircraft as agreed between RCC Australia and the Police.

The Australian Defence Force looks after its own forces and those of visiting military.

State and territory police have responsibility for fishing vessels, small craft in shore, missing people, non-military vessels in port, unregistered

aircraft and the provision of land search assistance to RCC Australia and, if requested, the Australian Defence Force.

RCC Australia, located in Canberra, is staffed by two 12-hour shift teams each day.

All current operational search and rescue staff are second career people from various career backgrounds that include:

- Air Traffic Control
- Helicopter and Fixed-Wing Pilots
- Air Safety Investigation
- Airline Operations
- Merchant Navy
- Commercial fishing
- US, UK and Italian Coast Guard
- Royal Australian Air Force
- Royal Australian Navy
- Australian Army Aviation and
- Police Officers

At any one time the centre is staffed by a minimum of two aviation and two maritime search and rescue specialists.

RCC Australia conducts searches, rescues and provides medical assistance and, when necessary, medical evacuations of people from ships at sea.

It also operates the Australian Mission control Centre, which manages the Australian segment of the International Cospas-Sarsat distress beacon detection system.

This system is responsible for the detection of 406 MHz Emergency



Position Indication Radio Beacons (EPIRB), Emergency Locator Transmitters (ELT) and Personal Locator Beacons (PLB) anywhere within the Australian search and rescue region.

Also provided is a nodal service to countries of the south west pacific as well as New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Indonesia.

RCC Australia also manages the Australian Ship Reporting system known as AusREP.

AusREP provides a positive SAR watch to ships within the Australian search and rescue region while at the same time providing the Australian search and rescue system with intelligence information on the location of shipping that can be used as maritime search and rescue assets.

AusREP intelligence also assists when we are required to undertake medical evacuations of sick or injured seaman from ships at sea.

## *The Australian national search and rescue system as it is today has evolved over a number of years and has been formed on the requirements of the relevant International Conventions on Aviation and Maritime Search and Rescue to which Australia is party.*

RCC Australia is a coordination centre only and does not own any operational search or rescue resources. We do however have commercial arrangements with a number of organisations to provide us with this capability. This includes our principal aviation search and rescue aircraft, the Dornier 328, operated by Aerorescue from bases in Darwin, Perth, Melbourne, Brisbane and Cairns.

The Dornier aircraft can perform visual and electronic search, drop survival equipment over land or sea, day and night, and act as on-scene coordinator and communication relay when involved in supporting large scale wide area searches.

The aircraft are available 24/7 and airborne at 30 minutes notice during daylight hours and 60 minutes at night for SAR priority tasking.

In addition to the Aerorescue Dornier aircraft standing arrangements with a number of organisations for the provision of search and rescue assets as the need arises have been developed.

These organisations, primarily consisting of general aviation and SAR/EMS operators, are provided with dedicated

search and rescue equipment for deployment during SAR operations.

When necessary, assets of opportunity, not specifically dedicated to SAR operations, are sought to have the required search and/or rescue capability. RCC Australia maintains extensive databases containing details of aircraft, airports and landing areas, coastal trading ships, and ships at sea.

That seafarers should go to the aid of their fellow mariners who find themselves in distress has been enshrined in the tradition of the sea and various international treaties such as the International Conventions on Maritime Search and Rescue and Safety of Life at Sea.

Members of the merchant and professional fishing fleet are often found to be the only assets available to perform rescues at sea any distance from the coast and are regularly called on by the Rescue Coordination Centre.

The National SAR plan that provides the mechanism for one SAR Authority to seek assistance from another is also relied upon.

For inshore operations the Water Police, Volunteer Marine Rescue and private pleasure craft are utilised.

Local emergency services personnel, coordinated by the Police, provide support to RCC Australia for ground based search and/or rescue that may be required during our operations.

As a coordinating agency RCC relies totally on the ability to receive advice of distress incidents and communicate effectively and efficiently with the worldwide SAR System.

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority has developed an in-house and purpose built multi-user incident management and communication system for use in the Rescue Coordination Centre.

Known as NEXUS, the system provides the SAR Officer with a single search planning and communication tool that brings together a wide range of individual applications to perform such things as comprehensive mathematical drift modelling, medical time frame for survival

information, presentation of operational information in an easy to use multi layered GIS system and an ability for the SAR Officer to communicate internally and externally via INMARSAT B, C, F and M data, email, FAX, FTP, FTPV, AFTN and the Defence Integrated Communication System Network from the one application.

The main NEXUS interface presents the SAR Officer with a single menu driven control panel.

NEXUS has been under continual development and refinement over the last 12 years with regular system upgrades driven by changes in communication and computing systems technologies.

NEXUS data inputs come via direct satellite and terrestrial feeds from SAR aircraft, external applications and agencies such as the Bureau of Meteorology and CSIRO to name two.

Craft Tracking using Automatic Identification System or AIS feeds from ships around the Australian Coast and AusREP information is fed into the NEXUS data layers providing the SAR Officer with an almost real time picture of the location of ships throughout the Australian Search and Rescue Region.

The need to communicate with other SAR Authorities and resources during live SAR missions has been addressed in the development of NEXUS online.

NEXUS online allows the SAR Officer to share operational information with selected external operational personnel via a secure web based application accessible from any web browser.

As our operational activity can occur in many remote areas of our search and rescue region, NEXUS combines operational real time information on the location and status of search and rescue units with planned information to give the SAR Officer a high level of confidence in the conduct the mission.

To highlight the operational capability of the National Rescue Centre an overview of one of the more high profile operations conducted this year was Wild Eyes.

On 23 January 2010, 16 year old Abby Sunderland, on her quest to become the youngest person to circumnavigate the world solo, departed California USA aboard her Ocean 40 racing sailboat called Wild Eyes.

Wild Eyes was dismasted on 10 June, while sailing in heavy seas and high winds in a remote area of the south west Indian Ocean approximately 2000nm or 3200 km from the West Australian coast.



At 3:03am Eastern Standard Time (EST), the Rescue Coordination Centre in Canberra received a report from the Cospas-Sarsat ground segment in Lahore, Pakistan, of the detection of two of her three EPIRB distress beacons.

At 3:15am, 12 minutes later, EST RCC Australia received further advice from RCC Alameda, USA, of the detection of the distress beacons.

Communications could not be established with the Wild Eyes to confirm her safety or the nature of distress and assistance required and this became a high priority for the Rescue Centre.

Coordination for this incident was initially undertaken by the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) La Reunion, a French island with a population of about 800,000, 1565 nm to the north west of Abby's position. Although close to the boundary with Australia, it was determined the initial reported distress position was within their search and rescue region and they were better positioned to manage the incident.

In consultation with MRCC La Reunion, and due to the proximity of the distress position to the Australian Search and Rescue Region, RCC Australia continued attempts to identify an aircraft capable of reaching the distress position.

MRCC La Reunion located three ships operating in the southern Indian Ocean and they responded to a request to proceed to the distress position.

The distress beacons' positions were continually monitored and when they crossed into the Australian search and rescue region coordination was transferred from MRCC La Reunion to RCC Australia.

Due to the distance from shore the RCC had difficulty locating an aircraft with the suitable range and endurance to transit to the location of the distress

beacons, locate Wild Eyes and establish the nature of distress.

A QANTAS A330 passenger jet was eventually chartered and tasked to conduct an air search. Assistance was provided by the West Australia Water Police, appointed as the on-scene coordinator, and Western Australia Fire and Emergency Service Authority (FESA) trained air search observers, who accompanied the aircraft on the air search tasking.

Abby and Wild Eyes were located by the search crew onboard the A330 at 3:30pm EST on the 11 June approximately 3200 kilometres from Perth and her safety was confirmed by handheld VHF radio as the passenger jet circled above her.

Wild Eyes had been dismasted, lost her rigging and all communications with the exception of her handheld radio and three 406 MHz GPS EPIRBs, two of which she had manually activated.

Abby was in good health and spirits and was advised that a rescue response was underway. She was advised that rescue may take some days to get to her because she was so far from the major shipping routes and so far from shore. She was requested to prepare to abandon her yacht on the arrival of the rescue ships.

The QANTAS A330 did not have sufficient fuel reserves to remain overhead for any great period of time, and once the status of Wild Eyes was established, it was necessary for the aircraft to return to Perth and leave Wild Eyes adrift and out of communications.

The RCC continued to track Wild Eyes using the EPIRB positions reported through the Cospas-Sarsat System. During the course of the mission the two beacons were detected and reported to RCC Australia 336 times.

As the A330 was not available for a second sortie, the RCC identified and chartered a second aircraft, a Global

Express passenger jet with the required range and endurance, for tasking during the rescue phase of the mission.

The Global Express aircraft was then located in Bali, Indonesia, and was tasked to transit to Perth and collect the Police and FESA personnel.

Of the three ships responding to Wild Eye's position the closest was the French commercial fishing vessel the Ile de la Reunion. The Global Express was tasked to transit to the latest EPIRB position, locate and establish communication with Wild Eyes and the Ile de la Reunion, and remain overhead until Abby's transfer to the Ile de la Reunion was complete.

The Ile de la Reunion arrived at 7:44pm EST on 12 June and Abby was rescued by the fishing vessel's captain onboard one of the ship's inflatable boats.

Abby was taken to Kerguelen Island approximately 570 nm to the south west of the rescue position, where she was transferred to the French fisheries patrol vessel Osiris that returned her to Reunion a further 1800nm away for her repatriation back to the United States.

Wild Eyes was left adrift and was last reported on 25 August drifting east in the Southern Ocean 700nm (1303km) south of Albany West Australia.

As is the case with all emergency service organisations, the majority of the incidents in which we are involved don't get the publicity or the notoriety as the rescue of Abby Sunderland.

Australia's national search and rescue centre RCC Australia is very busy and handles in excess of 7500 incidents every year. Luckily not all these incidents become full blow operational SAR missions.

The lives that are saved through our operations are testament to the Australian National SAR System and the cooperative working relationship between the three SAR Authorities. ●



# SA TRIO ACHIEVE CEM HONOURS

Three South Australian AIES members became Certified Emergency Managers recently, the highest professional achievement honour under the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM).

**B**rian Mattner, David Mack and Chris Ainsworth undertook the IAEM accreditation process during the year to become a Certified Emergency Manager (CEM).

The creation of the CEM professional development program was developed under the auspice of the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The IAEM administers the program for the profession through a Commission of 25 respected professionals in the field of emergency management.

During accreditation, applicants are required to provide an extensive credentials package covering:

- Emergency Management Experience
- Emergency Management Education
- Training (Emergency Management and leadership)
- Contributions to the profession
- Awards
- Work history
- References
- Special Assignments (deployments/projects)
- Legislative contact
- Course development

Upon completion of the credential package, applicants also submit a management essay on an Emergency Management topic. If the package is assessed as suitable and meets all requirements, the applicant must then sit and pass an examination on emergency management principles and practices. If all of these processes are completed successfully, the member gains accreditation as a CEM.

Mr Mattner, a Senior Sergeant First Class with the South Australia Police for 30 years and South Australia Country Fire Service volunteer for 25 years, drew on his exposures from both services and his experiences working in Emergency Management in PNG. He has been an AIES member since 1995 and is currently a board member for the South



SA AIES members Brian Mattner, Chris Ainsworth and David Mack receive their Certified Emergency Management certificates.

Australia, Northern Territory and Western Australian Division.

South Australia Metropolitan Fire Service District Officer David Mack utilised his extensive 30 year fire service experience, coupled with his overseas deployments to Indonesia as a member of the AUSMAT Team, to provide the necessary evidence for assessment. He is also a member of the AIES, having joined on his returned from the Indonesian Tsunami event in 2005.

Emergency Management educator and Fulbright Scholar Chris Ainsworth gained exposure to the IAEM while engaged as a Planning Officer during Hurricane IKE in Dallas TEXAS in 2008. Chris has been a member of the AIES since 2001 and is a past board member of the SA/NT WA Division.

The CEM designation is the highest honour of professional achievement available from the IAEM, which has an international membership of more than 4,500. Emergency management



SA AIES President Barry Presgrave congratulates David Mack on his CEM honour.

members represent local, state and national governments, private industry and military personnel.

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# GENY AND FLEXIBLE VOLUNTEERING

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The development of this paper forms an important part of the response to this theme and is designed to provide background information regarding young people and volunteering, from which a set of principles for flexible volunteering has been developed. Additionally, evidence of flexible volunteering within St John has been identified and provided.

**T**here is little information regarding principles for flexible volunteering for young people in the field, however the following principles for flexible volunteering have been developed.

### **VALUING DIVERSITY**

Organisations value young people in all their diversity and regardless of their

background, experience and time availability. Organisations have a range of volunteering options available to young people.

### **MEANINGFUL INTERACTIONS**

Young people volunteering their time should feel that their contributions are meaningful and that they are

making a difference. This develops a sense of service and social and personal responsibility.

### **STRENGTHS BASED SKILLS DEVELOPMENT**

Young people are able to build on existing skills, knowledge, competencies and attributes when volunteering. They



are provided with the opportunity to use existing skills and new learnings in practice.

### VALUING YOUNG PEOPLE

The contributions, views and ideas of young people are valued by the organisations that they serve and the actions of the organisations reflect this. This includes recognition of young people's contribution and the ability for young people to influence the decision making processes.

### SOCIAL

Young people have the opportunity to form relationships with others during the course of their volunteering experience, particularly other young people. Volunteering is also made interesting and fun.

### A FAIR GO

Volunteers of all ages are provided with opportunities to participate. Should they require particularly skills for a particular activity, the organisation will make every effort to accommodate the training needs of the volunteer.

### TECHNOLOGICALLY SAVVY

Organisation's methods of communication to young people are relevant. This includes advertising, internal communications, publications and websites for example.

There is a common belief in today's society that young people are inwardly focused and out for themselves. Contrary to this view, research tells us that an increasing number of young people are engaging in some form of volunteering each year (ABS, 2006)<sup>1</sup>.

The literature also tells us that, more and more, the types of volunteering that young people involve themselves in does not fall within typical definitions of volunteering (ie staying with one cause or organisation for long periods) and that there is a need for organisations to get with the times when it comes to recruiting and retaining young members. As such, organisations like St John Ambulance Australia (St John) need to become more innovative in the ways in which they engage young volunteers in order to ensure the ongoing sustainability of its volunteering programs in the future.

In 2009, the Australia Youth Council (AYC) developed its Key Themes and Messages – one of these being Flexible Volunteering

### FLEXIBLE VOLUNTEERING

We see today that young people are

attracted to organisations that can provide flexible and timely opportunities to render meaningful community service.

The Priory Officers, in conjunction with the AYC, should lead a review of existing volunteering programs with the aim of identifying ways to provide more flexible volunteering opportunities and report back to the National Board in June 2009.

### WHAT MOTIVATES YOUNG PEOPLE TO VOLUNTEER

There are a number of factors that motivate young people to volunteer and for everyone it is different. Provided below are some examples of the reasons young people volunteer:

- Because their friends are volunteering
- Because of a school (compulsory) program/requirement
- They believe in the cause (i.e. global warming, youth homelessness) or the volunteering is meaningful
- It provides the opportunity to use existing skills and experience
- It allows them to explore their own strengths and abilities
- They like to helping others less fortunate or in difficult circumstances
- It makes them feel good about themselves
- wanting to meet new people and make new friends
- Loneliness
- External expectations, encouragement or pressure from others (i.e. parents/ care givers)
- Wanting to feel a sense of achievement
- Having a sense of social responsibility
- Thanks from others
- Working in groups with other young people
- Being able to witness the results of their efforts (Schondel & Boehm, 2000)<sup>5, 2, 6</sup>.

By providing volunteering opportunities to young people, organisations are making a conscious decision to assist young people develop the skills and competencies that will benefit them well into adulthood<sup>7</sup>.

Also, this decision will help in ensuring the sustainability of organisation's that rely on volunteers the future<sup>7</sup>.

### BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

We know that volunteering benefits organisations and the community.

Volunteering also has benefits for the young people who give their time, as it is a

powerful youth development tool<sup>7</sup>. Below are some of the benefits for young people:

- It can be enjoyable, interesting and/or exciting
- There can be a sense of satisfaction in helping others
- Volunteering provides professional development opportunities
- It can improve career/job opportunities (often a route to paid employment)
- Improved communication skills
- Increased resilience
- Feeling valued and needed
- Feeling a sense of belonging
- Learning about the world and its problems
- Young people can use their existing skills and attributes, while also learning new skills Improved self confidence
- Meeting new people and making new friends
- Appreciation and acknowledgment for the part that they play
- Increased involvement in their communities<sup>5, 6</sup>.

### THINGS THAT STOP YOUNG PEOPLE FROM VOLUNTEERING

Many factors however, can drive volunteers away. Examples are:

- Poor organisation
- Poor supervision and support
- Closed decision making processes (i.e. volunteers do not have a say in the decisions that affect them)<sup>4</sup>.

Organisations can also avoid the following factors that are specific to recruiting and retaining young volunteers:

- Adults talking at or down to young people
- Inflexibility
- Giving young people the tasks that no one else wants to do
- Non-youth friendly training processes (ie classroom style training only)
- Not providing timely responses to enquiries about volunteering
- Being turned away because of age
- Poor previous experiences of volunteering
- Inappropriate advertising that makes young people feel guilty)
- Young people feeling silenced and not like their have voice
- A lack of appropriate volunteer role models
- Placing too much responsibility on young people
- Working in isolation
- Not being trusted
- Not acknowledging the role young people play<sup>7, 4, 2</sup>.

As a society, until we can recognise that young people are valuable contributors to the volunteering community and society as a whole, and that to engage young volunteers we need to change our practices and attitudes, we will keep losing golden opportunities to engage young volunteers<sup>8</sup>. Much of the research points to young volunteers being the volunteers of the future, with volunteering at a young age a strong predictor of adult volunteering<sup>7</sup>. Positive experiences of volunteering as a young person will increase this likelihood of volunteering in adult life<sup>8</sup>.

However, this message is still promoting volunteering as an activity for older Australians, and volunteering practices (and age demographics) in the Australian community continue to reflect this view. We need to recognise that young volunteers are willing and wanting to volunteer now and our practices simply do not fit in with the increasingly time poor lives of young people<sup>8</sup>. As such, we need to find ways to increase flexibility so that we can tap into this valuable and unique resource. It is clear that the very concept of volunteering needs to expand in its scope.

### THE NEED FOR FLEXIBLE VOLUNTEERING OPTIONS

Current literature on Generation Y suggests that patterns of volunteering for young people can be somewhat different than for those of older age groups<sup>2</sup>. In Australia, young volunteers are more likely to participate in one-off or short-term volunteering opportunities rather ongoing or long-term experiences<sup>8</sup>. Despite this knowledge, research shows that young people are still far less likely than older Australians to volunteer, which is concerning and begs the question, what are we doing about it?<sup>2</sup>.

So what do we know about Generation Y volunteers? Research by Ferrier and others provides some indicators that Generation Y:

- Are time poor – they juggle many commitments, from school to part time work
- Are often from a higher socio-economic background
- Have higher self esteem and a stronger sense of self concept
- Are more likely to be from rural areas
- Are women
- Are more likely to be full time students
- Are more likely to volunteer if there are job/career related benefits

- Are people with a disability
  - Are often not asked to volunteer<sup>2, 5</sup>
- In St John Ambulance Australia, 55 percent of our volunteer base is aged under the age of 25 years. We therefore strongly rely on our young volunteers to deliver the services that St John provides to those in sickness and distress.

In a time of high risk (ie where young people have a heightened awareness of terrorism, natural and manmade disasters due to increased media exposure and access to high speed internet), there is evidence to suggest that young people align closely with emergency management sector, with organisations increasingly likely to employ Generation Y paid and volunteer staff<sup>9</sup>. This is a unique opportunity for St John to capitalise on this sympathy and boost its young volunteer base.

Wajs-Chaczko suggests that Generation Y has a very different experience of the world than previous generations (such as the Baby Boomers). Gen Y is an information seeking generation that is always switched on. They heavily rely on technology to communicate, and on social networking websites, such as Facebook, for the immediate delivery of information<sup>9</sup>. This has influence in respect of how we attract and retain young volunteers. To get with the times, so to speak, organisations need to utilise technology effectively to address the need for immediacy that Generation Y is characterised by.

One method of flexible volunteering that is becoming increasingly common is corporate volunteering. Corporate volunteering involves for-profit organisations providing their staff members to contribute services

Most states have examples of flexibility in various programs. St John Ambulance NSW's flexible programs include University Divisions, the Program to Aid Literacy (PALs) and Immunisation Programs, and the State Operations Group. For details on other state programs, see the full paper.

### UNIVERSITY DIVISIONS

NSW has three university divisions which base their meeting dates/programs around the university semester dates, taking into account holidays, exam periods, mid semester breaks and major assessment times. This allows members who are attending the corresponding university to attend regular meetings and continue their training/learning at times that suit their university schedule. This also benefits the divisions as it increases the level of participation by members.

### PALS PROGRAM

The Program to Aid Literacy is a flexible program offered by Community Care for volunteers to help primary school children with their literacy. The program is flexible as volunteers can choose a time (from options) that suits them to visit a school and work through a literacy program with a school child. Volunteers can commit for a term or more as it suits them. Training is minimal – a weekend workshop that does not require re-certification or refreshment.

### IMMUNISATION PROGRAM

Community Care also offers volunteers a chance to take part in the NSW Health Immunisation program for primary school children. Immunisation dates are set for schools all around NSW and volunteers can choose the dates and locations that suit them to help out. There is no set commitment required for the program. Training is minimal – one workshop that does not require re-certification or refreshment.

### STATE OPERATIONS GROUP NSW

In NSW, there has been a re-development of the existing State Operations Group. The aim of the re-development was to develop sustainable State Operations Group in NSW. The program is multifaceted and has led to the complete re-organisation of the existing team, development of new roles and lastly, development of flexible options which allow people outside the organisation and outside the team to operate in specialist operation roles while maintaining their existing positions within the organisation.



to the community without charge – corporate social responsibility<sup>7</sup>. This is another powerful resource that St John Ambulance could tap into, and particularly targeting the young workforce.

Another important consideration is the use of advertising. Generation Y pays attention to advertisements, however they are tough customers. Research suggests that young people do not appreciate campaigns that make them feel guilty and make problems look so large that no one can make a difference<sup>2</sup>. Microsoft also suggests that advertising needs

to target both young people and their parents/caregivers as parent/caregivers (generally) have a great deal of influence in the lives of young people. Additionally, the use of social media will also play an important role, as we now need to meet young people on their own turf.

What appears to be needed is innovative campaigns (accessing an array of different media) that communicates to young people that they will be making a difference in giving up their time. Communication coupled with technology is the key to accessing and attracting Gen Y.

## SUMMARY

In order to capitalise on both St John Ambulance's current young volunteers and to recruit new volunteers interested in giving to the community, the organisation needs to ensure that our practices and programs are flexible and adaptive to the needs of Generation Y. This includes developing flexible, short-term volunteering opportunities to fit the needs of a busy target group as well as utilising technology and innovation in communicating with this population. In the next section, a set of Flexible Volunteering Principles are provided. ●

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# EMERGENCY SERVICES' RACE TO THE TOP



## Over 100 fire, police and ambulance professionals join the Emergency Services Challenge to race 88 flights of stairs as part of the Eureka Climb in Melbourne.

The Eureka Climb, the race to the top of Melbourne's tallest residential tower was held for the third consecutive year in November, and incorporated the Emergency Services Challenge.

The Emergency Services challenge is open to anyone involved in emergency services work to compete in teams of four.

This year, the challenge featured over 100 fire-fighters, police and ambulance representatives as well as theatre nurses. A team of eight fire-fighters from New Zealand also crossed the Tasman to try and beat the Aussies.

Ambulance Victoria was well represented with paramedics and ambulance personnel coming from Bendigo, Swan Hill and Yarrawonga as well as across Melbourne.

Victoria Police didn't let the side down with representatives from across Melbourne competing fiercely on the day.

Fire-fighter Scott McGraw put on a unique show by first competing in the elite race then competed, in full fire fighting gear and breathing apparatus, in the Emergency Services Challenge.

Team MFB 09 was the overall winner, in a hotly contested event. The team consisted of Fire Fighters Leon McGaw, Adam Broad, Andrew Picker and Daniel Gunn.

The winners of the Emergency Services Challenge said it was more competitive this year for the emergency services as there seemed to be more competitors.

"Our team were all from the South Melbourne fire station, and we have been training hard for 3 months leading up to the event," Mr McGraw said.

"We take the event seriously and were proud to win.

"But more importantly were proud of our Aviation and New Zealand colleagues who joined the 34 MFB fire-

fighters and contributed to a successful day for Whitelion and Interplast."

This annual event is one of the highest vertical races in the world. The Eureka Stair Climb challenged participants with 88 levels, 1,642 stairs and 300m of vertical elevation.

Competitors participated in teams of four or as individuals with just under 1,300 participants walking running or climbing the stairs to the top.

The climb caters to all fitness levels with categories available for walkers and climbers and elite athletes. The race also included the Celebrity Challenge.

Event Manager Ben King said the climb was quickly becoming an annual

as the focal point for competitors and spectators.

For the first time the event featured an invitation-only Elite Race to kick off the day and encourage the type of international exposure that occurs with events such as the Empire State Building Run-Up.

The fastest male was Stuart McTaggart, Australia's mountain running champion who broke the race record and set a new time of 8 minutes 30 seconds.

The fastest female, rower Alice McNamara from the Victorian Institute of Sport, recorded a time of 10 minutes 29 seconds.

*The support from the Emergency Service community is amazing and the sky's the limit in terms of how many people will enter over the coming years.*

and iconic Melbourne event.

"Three years ago when we started Eureka Climb we were unsure how stair climbing as a concept would be accepted," he said.

"The first year we had around 300 people so to have almost 1,300 people compete the challenge is incredible.

"The support from the Emergency Service community is amazing and the sky's the limit in terms of how many people will enter over the coming years."

The event fundraised over \$170,000 in donations for disadvantaged young people at home and abroad for the charity partners – Whitelion & Interplast Australia and New Zealand. The event's motto is 'climbing higher to re-build young lives'.

The half-day event involved entertainment and festivities alongside the race with the Eureka Tower

Mr McTaggart and Ms McNamara won a five night stay in New York City.

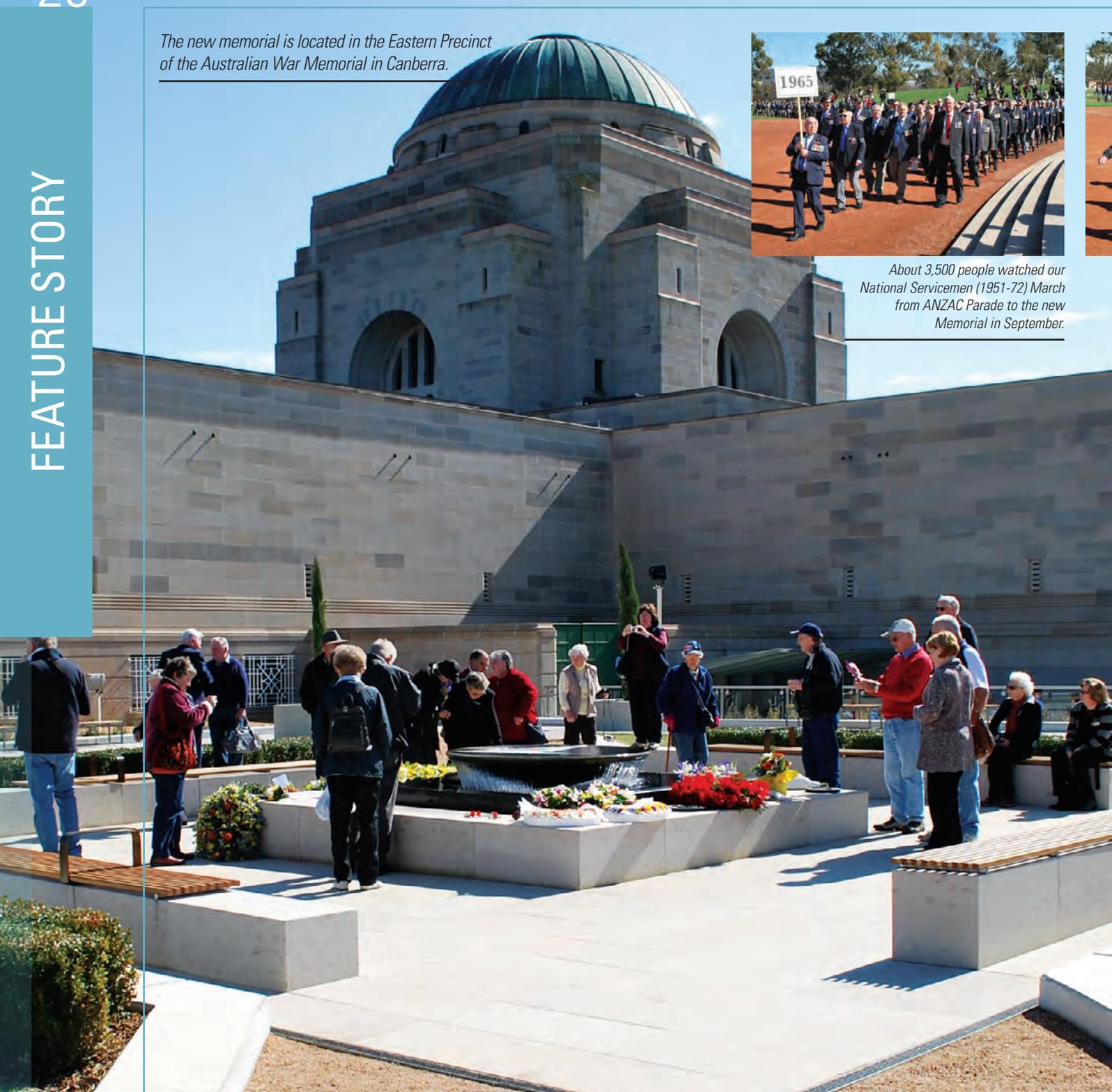
The celebrity challenge, hosted by Michael Klim featured fellow-swimmer Grant Hackett, Drew Ginn (triple Olympic gold medallist), Tiffany Cherry (Fox Sports presenter), Sophie Edington (Olympic swimmer), Marieke Guehrer (Olympic swimmer), Commonwealth Games rowers, Victorian Institute of Sport athletes, James Tobin (Ch 7 weather presenter), Grace McClure (personal trainer and Mind/Body Medicine Therapist), other Olympians and Commonwealth Games athletes, AFL players and media personalities. Congratulations to Ms Cherry for winning the race for the second consecutive year.

Event Ambassador Michael Klim said, "it was great to be involved again in a unique challenge which supports two worthy and smaller charities." ●

*The new memorial is located in the Eastern Precinct of the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.*



*About 3,500 people watched our National Servicemen (1951-72) March from ANZAC Parade to the new Memorial in September.*



# THE GREAT NASHO MUSTER

**Barry Presgrave** OAM, JP, LFAIES

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*This new memorial recognises the sacrifice and service of those who served as National Servicemen from 1951 to 1972.*



Many thousands of young men went from teenagers to becoming servicemen in the Armed Forces of Australia under the National Service schemes during 1951-1972. Many loved the challenge, some hated it and mothers cried when their young sons left home.

On 8 September 2010, more than 4,000 National Servicemen, along with family members, gathered in the national capital of Canberra. On this special occasion, their service to the nation was recognised with the dedication of a National Service Memorial in the eastern precinct of the Australian War Memorial, by the Governor General of Australia Quentin Bryce.

Many years of planning and fundraising by the National Council of the National Servicemen's Association of Australia (NSAA) saw \$600,000 raised to build a low fountain mounted

on a sandstone plinth to match the adjoining War Memorial building.

Donations from the Federal and State government, members of NSAA, individuals like media magnate Kerry Stokes, and others from within the community saw the funds raised in just three years, and the memorial completed on schedule.

At the ceremony, the Governor General dedicated the memorial to the men who contributed to the defence of Australia as Nashos, particularly the 212 who lost their lives in the Borneo and Vietnam conflicts.

Ms Bryce described the memorial as a monument to those men who

she described as true patriots. She said, "they knew that with civil and personal rights came responsibilities to the nation - the obligation to serve capably with dignity and loyalty."

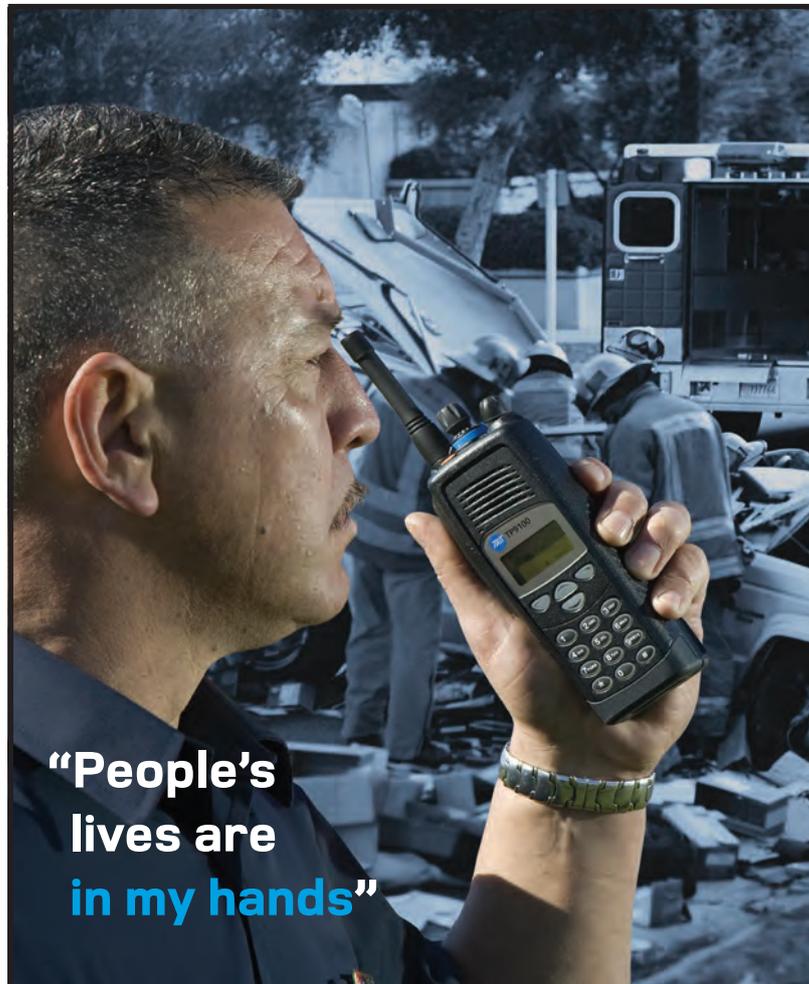
National Service was a government initiative that divided the nation when it was introduced in 1951, and remained so for the next 21 years. Almost 287,000 young men were called up for compulsory training in the army, navy and air force. All served in Australia and many went on to serve in conflicts in Borneo, Vietnam, Malaysia and Papua New Guinea. ●

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# IN BRIEF



SES volunteers from around Australia celebrated National SES Week recently.

Activities around the country during 7-14 November gave the community an opportunity to thank SES volunteers for the work that they do.

This week is also a time when the emergency services celebrate the dedication, commitment and achievements of its volunteers.

Events peaked on Wednesday 10 November with WOW Day - Wear Orange Wednesday.

People from across Australia wore orange, the official colour worn by SES volunteers, to show their appreciation of the men and women who make a vital contribution to the community when disasters strike.



The Australian Government has launched an online computer game designed to teach primary school children the importance and appropriate use of the Triple Zero emergency number.

The Triple Zero Kids' Challenge game provides a fun and challenging way for young people to learn about the Triple Zero number and a range of other important safety lessons.

Animated characters Kate and Pete come across emergencies at home, at friends' and relatives' houses, and while on holiday. Children are able to guide the characters through the scenarios.

The game can be accessed via the internet at [www.triplezero.gov.au](http://www.triplezero.gov.au).



Attorney-General for Australia  
THE HON ROBERT MCCLELLAND MP

Seventeen international defence students from China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Tonga have graduated from the Australian Emergency Management Institute's disaster management course.

During the course, held in Mt Macedon over two weeks, students learned about disaster response coordination in Australia and shared experiences from their own countries.

The Australian Government is committed to improving emergency management arrangements and building community resilience to withstand the impacts and effects of natural disasters and emergencies.

"Disaster resilience in Australia and in our region is a high priority for the Government," Attorney-General Robert McClelland said.

"The provision of disaster management is an important contribution that Australia makes in building the resilience capability of our regional neighbours."

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# MFS AWARDED FOR SUPPORTING DEFENCE RESERVISTS

The South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) has been recognised as the State Employer of the Year for supporting its employees who serve as Navy, Army and Air Force Reservists.

The MFS received two awards in November from the Defence Reserves Support Council South Australia - State Award Employer of the Year and Government SA Employer Support Award.

MFS Chief Officer Grant Lupton said the MFS was honoured to receive the awards.

"The MFS is committed to team work and helping others," he said.

"As an employer, the MFS is proud of our staff who pursue opportunities that further serve the community, such as the Navy, Army and Air Force Reserves.

"We believe staff benefit greatly from their role as Defence Reservists. It provides them an opportunity to

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Chair of the South Australian Committee of the Defence Reserves Support Council Dr Pamela Schulz said the awards were a way of thanking employers of Reservists for their contribution to Australian Defence Force (ADF) capability.

"Without their support, our ability to meet ADF requirements would be considerably reduced," she said.

"In fact, these employers are also serving the nation in their own way."

MFS Station Officer Peter Reynolds said the MFS was a supportive employer, enabling him to undertake three recent overseas deployments to the Middle East and Timor-Leste.

"I enjoy a balance between full time work as a firefighter and being a part-time member of the ADF, and am thankful to my employer for allowing me the flexibility to be a Reservist," he said.

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# ADF TOGETHER, UNITED

Exercise Bersama Padu, which means together united in Bahasa Malaysia, was a three week exercise between the Australian Army, Navy and Air Force personnel, together with armed forces from Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore and the United Kingdom. It is designed to enhance regional security in the area.

*Above: At the front of the landing craft, Private Heidenreich and Private Uldrikas from The Five Powers Rifle Company practice a dawn beach landings from HMAS Tobruk's landing craft at Tioman Island, Malaysia during Exercise Bersama Padu 2010.*

The exercise, part of the Five Power Defence Arrangement (FPDA), took place from 11-29 October at various locations across the Malaysian Peninsula as well as the South China Sea.

HMA Ships Success, Tobruk, Toowoomba, and Arunta; Australian Clearance Dive Team One from HMAS Waterhen Sydney; eight F/A-18s from No 3 Squadron RAAF Williamtown NSW; an Australian Army platoon from RMAF Butterworth; and around 60 support staff from across the ADF participated in the exercise.



*Top: The Five Powers Rifle Company climb back on board HMAS Tobruk after a beach landing Exercise at Tioman Island, Malaysia. Private Sinclair climbs the cargo net alongside a Malaysian soldier.*

*Above: The Five Powers Rifle Company practice beach landings from HMAS Tobruk's landing craft on Tioman Island, Malaysia during Exercise Bersama Padu 2010.*

Chief of Joint Operations Lieutenant General Mark Evans said the FPDA countries shared a common interest in the security and stability of the region, and the exercise aimed to enhance the interoperability of the combined air, ground and naval forces of member nations.

"The FPDA was established 39 years ago and continues to be an integral part of the regional security architecture because of its ability to adapt to the changing security environment," he said.

"The FPDA serves as a useful forum for an exchange of views among the

Defence Ministers and senior defence officials of its member states.

"Involving an Army platoon in this year's exercise will give the Australian Defence Force a more inclusive approach to exercising with partner nations by extending interoperability opportunities."

This was the first time a ship-to-shore landing had been included in a FPDA Field Training Exercise with an Australian Army platoon joining a Malaysian Army platoon in the exercise, using naval ships to lodge these forces ashore.

The Commander of the Australian Contingent Wing Commander Kenneth

Robinson said BP10 built on previous FPDA exercises and continued to develop and implement procedures that would cultivate ties between partner nations.

"BP10 is an important training exercise for all three arms of the ADF," he said.

"For the RAAF, it allows us to practise our flying skills in an unfamiliar and challenging environment.

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# FIRIES' PEDAL FOR PROSTATE

On 31 October 2010, the MFB Cycling Club set out on a 15,000km journey across the country to raise awareness, and funds, for prostate cancer.

From the Victorian Governor's Melbourne city residence, the team of 12 Pedal 4 Prostate riders and a dedicated support team began their 24 hour a day, non-stop relay ride around Australia.

The 25 day ride travelled predominantly along Highway 1, encouraging people across Australia to discuss prostate cancer and raise men's

awareness of the risks and symptoms of a disease that kills about 3,300 men each year.

All funds raised go to the EJ Whitten Foundation, established in memory of AFL legend EJ Whitten in 1995.

The Melbourne Fire Brigade (MFB) Cycling Club was created in 1996 as a means of encouraging MFB employees to maintain fitness, socialise and raise money for charity.

For a day-by-day account of the event, or to make a donations visit [www.pedal4prostate.com](http://www.pedal4prostate.com)

## PROSTATE CANCER FACTS:

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- One in nine men in Australia develop prostate cancer in their lifetime
- Each day 54 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer
- Leading a sedentary lifestyle, being overweight or obese, smoking, consuming high or risky levels of alcohol and maintaining a poor diet are all suspected risk factors in developing cancer



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