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Bob Maul, FAIES

General Secretary/Registrar

AIES is pleased to announce the following emergency service people became members of the Institute between March and May 2011.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Alan Marshall, FAIES

National President

The AIES held its Annual General Meeting in Adelaide on 18 April 2011.

AGM Highlights

- For the third consecutive year, the membership fee structure will remain the same for at least the next 12 months.
- A sub-committee was formed to fully review the constitution and will report to the National Council bi monthly.
- The contractual arrangement with the publishing company that produces the *National Emergency Response Journal* on the Institute's behalf is to be reviewed and finalised in the next few months. Countrywide Media is now Countrywide Austral and discussions with this newly formed company will include an expansion into social media. A media pack is also being discussed for use by the AIES.
- The AIES Young Volunteer's Award will again be held in 2011/12. The award, sponsored by the Emergency Response Division of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority aims to reward one person for "outstanding and ongoing contribution and commitment to the community through his or her membership of the Emergency services as a volunteer".
- The award for the best article published in the *National Emergency Response Journal* was held over for 12 months.
- An award system structure and recognition of our membership has been released by National Council. This will be acted on through the Divisional structure to National Council, which will support a full submission through to the Australian System of Awards.
- A code of professional conduct of AIES was adopted by the National Council with accepted minor changes. It will be published for notification to all members and is included in this Journal on page 2.

Other items raised at the Annual General Meeting are as follows.

INSTITUTION REVIEW

Administrative arrangements were completed to lower the eligibility age for full membership of the Institute from 21 years to 18 years and to remove the qualification period for full time and volunteer members. The various motions were put to the AGM meeting with some minor amendments as discussed and noted on the night. At that meeting, the following was subsequently passed on the numbers present as the accepted motion for the age and emergency service recognition: clause 8 part 1 (c) sub parts (i) and (ii) to read (i) be a career emergency or voluntary emergency officer and (ii) shall be assistant to an emergency officer, and shall if the applicant is an employee, produce with the application for admission a certificate or such other reference of his/her employment as may from time to time be required by the National Council.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

The inaugural award for excellence was presented to National Registrar Robert Maul in recognition of his loyalty, devotion and outstanding service to the Australian Institute of Emergency Services over many years. Robert's service of over 34 years started as a member of the NSW Division, through to president of NSW Division and onto National Council as Registrar. This excellent, continuous service was recognised by all in attendance at the AGM, with a plaque presented by the National President. Vice President South Australia Peter Schar was elevated to a Fellow of the Institute.



AIES YOUNG VOLUNTEER'S AWARD

Congratulations to the 2010/11 winner of the AIES Young Volunteer's Award Thomas Walsh from One Tree Hill Country Fire Service in South Australia. Mr Walsh is a very dedicated and a delightful young man who is more than deserving of this year's award. Presented with his award at the AGM, Mr Walsh was given 12 months' honorary membership of the Australian Institute of Emergency Services.

GUEST SPEAKER

The National Vice President of the AIES John Rice Adv Dip PS (SAR), FAIES, gave an excellent presentation followed by discussion on the operations and function of the Australian National Search and Rescue Centre, RCC Australia, a business unit of the Emergency Response Division of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority on sea and land emergencies.

SUMMARY

With annual subscriptions remaining at 2008 levels, we encourage all Divisions and their committees to support the membership base by remaining connected. By doing so, we encourage all members to contribute articles to the NER Journal. ●



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Greg Davies

Secretary The Police Association Victoria

The Police Association Victoria launched a television and radio campaign in March, dismissing the State Government's response to police pay claims as a circus.

In the television advertisements, Victorian Premier Ted Baillieu is depicted as a ring master and the Deputy Premier and Police Minister Peter Ryan as his assistant. Treasurer Kim Wells and Finance Minister Robert Clark are shown as other characters in this circus.

The advertising campaign, *Don't Play with Police Pay*, criticises the government for baiting the electorate with promises of 1,700 extra police. Post election, the Government then announced a police pay policy that would cut salaries in real terms, putting the achievement of this solemn election promise at serious risk.

So much also for the Premier's other solemn pre-election promise to ease cost of living pressures.

Secretary of The Police Association Victoria

Greg Davies said the government policy on pay could make the election promise on numbers almost impossible to achieve.

"The message from the ads is to stop playing with public safety," Mr Davies said.

"The essence of a circus clown is comedy and melancholy.

"The government response to the police claim would be hilarious if it were not so serious.

"And, if they stick to this policy it will be a bad outcome for the community because more police will leave, more police will be de-motivated, and Victoria will go backwards on public safety."

Mr Davies said that before the election, Premier Baillieu told police he would support inflation rises plus productivity increases.

Now the government is offering 2.5 per cent per annum (less than inflation) contingent on a raft of conditions.

The police claim is for an average rise of 4.5 per cent per annum.

Mr Davies said Victoria:

- Spends less per capita on police than any other state or territory (and has done for the past seven years)
- Has fewer police per 100,000 people than any other state or territory
- Has attracted the lowest rate of increase in police spending than any other state or territory for several years.

"Any clown can see the lack of justice in that," Mr Davies said.

Mr Davies said if the present stand-off persisted, police were headed towards industrial action.

"Police are sick of jumping through hoops for Spring Street only to get a pie in the face," he said.

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AFP TACKLES THE LEAGUE



AFP Media and Production team members talk to Brisbane Broncos Corey Parker.

By Dom **Byrne**

Editor, Australian Federal Police, Platypus Magazine

An AFP initiative to educate National Rugby League players about the pitfalls of using illicit drugs and unsecured social media sites is generating interest from other sporting codes.



The New Zealand Warriors during a Toyota Cup clash with the Sydney Bulldogs.

In 2007, the AFP approached executives at the National Rugby League (NRL) about running an education session with players about the ramifications of using illicit drugs. Based on an earlier pilot program the AFP ran with the Canberra Raiders, the initiative has expanded and has been delivered to all 16 NRL clubs.

Since that time, the project has evolved to include the AFP's High Tech Crime Operations (HTCO) team who deliver modules on the pitfalls and ramifications of using electronic and social media, such as Twitter and Facebook.

And, it's not just the NRL who are interested in the AFP program, the Australian Football League and Cricket Australia are keen for similar ones.

The social media presentation has been delivered by the AFP to a variety of other sporting codes and groups including rugby union, Swimming



From left, National Rugby League Welfare Group Manager Nigel Vagana, Brisbane Broncos player Corey Parker and AFP High Tech Crime Operations project officer Melissa Sevil and former National Coordinator Child Protection Operations Brad Shallies in Brisbane.

Australia, Hockey ACT, Tennis Australia and various sports commissions.

To date, more than 450 first grade players have received the training, but the focus is now on educating rookie players in November and December before the Under 20s NRL Toyota Cup competition starts each year. Before the start of the 2011 season, the social media education session will have reached both first grade and 220 Toyota Cup players.

Former AFP Manager Corporate Communications David Sharpe was the driver behind the Canberra Raiders pilot program and said the arrangement between the AFP and NRL is a win-win for both sides.

"These players are seen as role models and the potential influence that they can have on the public also benefits community policing," he said.

"This initiative is a new way of approaching crime prevention. The community benefits from public figures such as NRL players delivering key messages to target audiences. The NRL also benefits as this form of education is delivering strong messages to their players and assists in their development as young men and potential role models.

As part of the NRL Education and Welfare program, it is compulsory that all Toyota Cup and NRL players attend the AFP social media and illicit drugs presentations.

Presented by AFP Federal Agent Nigel Ryan, the drug education session gives the raw facts about illicit drugs in a very confronting manner. The legal, social, psychological and physiological aspects are the focus of the presentation, while the social media component looks at safe social networking, mobile phones, 'sexting' and reputation management.

Former rugby league player and NRL Welfare Group Manager Nigel Vagana oversees the delivery of the sessions in addition to providing players information on cultural awareness, behaviour towards women and alcohol consumption.

He said working with the AFP had added credibility to his program.

"The sessions are not only relevant but presented in a very raw and uncensored manner, which the players not only appreciate but relate to. They are being developed and presented by people who are at the forefront in these areas in terms of information, education and technology," Mr Vagana said.

"The fact that the presenters can speak from first-hand experience adds significant weight to the workshops and the players' awareness and understanding of these issues."

Federal Agent Ryan said that that was the impact he had hoped to achieve, and Mr Vagana confirms that it is working.



National Rugby League Chief Executive David Gallop.



National Rugby League Welfare Group Manager Nigel Vagana.

"If a player walks away from the presentation not deterred from involving himself in any illicit drug activity, then nothing will deter that player," Mr Vagana said.

NRL Chief Executive David Gallop is satisfied his organisation's pairing with the AFP on illicit drug education has been crucial for the success of its internal education initiatives.

"The AFP has made a very important contribution and one that we are very appreciative of. They have been supportive from a long time back, through former Commissioner Mick Keelty and also through Federal Agents David Sharpe and Nigel Ryan and High Tech Crime Operations Coordinator Crime Prevention and Missing Persons Dr Jenny Cartwright," he said.

"Not only have they seen the potential to make change in the community through the influence of sporting role models, they have taken a personal and passionate approach to educating our players."

He was equally impressed with the addition of the social media module, delivered by HTCO Crime Prevention project officer Melissa Sevil since 2009.

"I sat in one of the first social media sessions delivered at the Toyota Cup rookie camp and was so impressed with the content and delivery of the message that I insisted it be delivered to a much wider audience within the NRL," Mr Gallop said.

Drawing upon their considerable experience in delivering cyber safety and security presentations to community members, the HTCO team has developed a comprehensive social media presentation.

It covers the important information which technology consumers need to be aware of, as well as information for people in the public spotlight on how they can manage their online reputations and privacy.

A recent social media incident involving former Canberra Raiders player Joel Monaghan last November has brought this issue into the spotlight.

"After the Monaghan incident I started including a brief video of his apology and accompanying news item as part of the presentation," Ms Sevil said.



The Canberra Raiders take on the Wests Tigers in an under 20s Toyota Cup game.

"Reactions from the players indicate that seeing how it has affected a player known to many of them shows them that it can really happen and adds that human element to the session."

"I think it shows them that they do need to be more careful as one silly mistake can ruin an entire career."

And David Gallop has no doubt that players are now responding to such strong messages.

"That doesn't mean that there won't be issues in the future. But the pitfalls out there are real and our players have big public profiles. What we can be sure of is that our players are better prepared than ever before," he said. ●

ELECTRONIC AND SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENTATION OUTLINE

Safe social networking

Emphasises the importance of using privacy settings when on sites such as Facebook and Twitter. Players using unsecure social networking are often shown pictures of their wives and girlfriends that have been easily collected from their personal sites.

'Think before you post'

This module shows players that once images, posts, texts or comments are shared, they are virtually impossible to take off the net, sometimes with severe consequences.

Mobile phones

Outlines the vulnerabilities associated with using smart phones and mobiles, including taking and sending pictures and using modes of transmission including Bluetooth. Often, players are shown how easy it is to be tracked via unsecure Bluetooth connections.

Child abuse images

Alerts young players to the potential pitfalls of dating and texting a person under the age of 18. Players can unwittingly be involved in child pornography-related offences when they send 'sext' messages.

Reputation management

Reminds players that they need to ensure they manage their interactions with fans and the community appropriately to protect their personal and club reputations.



IMAGE: NRLPic5: The New Zealand Warriors during a Toyota Cup clash with the Sydney Bulldogs.

QUICK ACTIONS, LONG CONSEQUENCES

The AFP social media education session is comprehensive and designed to be confronting for professional athletes.

Many of the players are similar in age to presenter HTOCO project officer Ms Sevil, which allows them to better relate knowing that they're not being educated by someone who may not even use the applications being discussed.

"Players in every session have shown respect and paid attention to the presentation, even those who thought the session didn't apply to them at the beginning leave with new knowledge and an improved perspective on their obligations," she said.

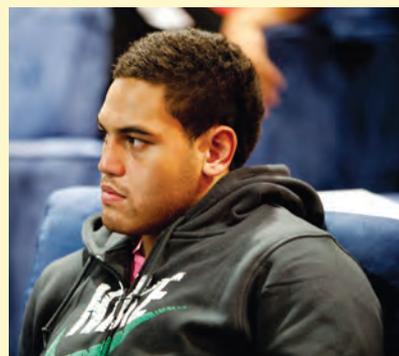
"Engaging with and educating athletes and public figures on the responsible use of digital technologies is an opportunity to reach a broader

audience with the crucial messages around cyber safety and security."

Often players will ask questions after the session and not in front of their teammates, or will speak to their welfare manager said Ms Sevil. Club and coaching representatives tend to ask questions on dealing with the wider ramifications of misusing social media, while players generally ask questions related to personal issues.

"Many of these players have children or young relatives who they are now able to better guide in the safe use of technology, and model these behaviours themselves," she said.

"Engaging with these sporting codes in the future may also allow the AFP to reach the millions of Australians who watch sport on television with important information on how they can stay safe online."



A Toyota Cup player during the electronic and social media presentation.

The feedback from an NRL club after one session sums up the impact the AFP is having on players.

"After the session yesterday I overheard one of the players on the phone asking for a photo to be taken down, and rumour has it that a few of the boys were straight on the laptops after you left."



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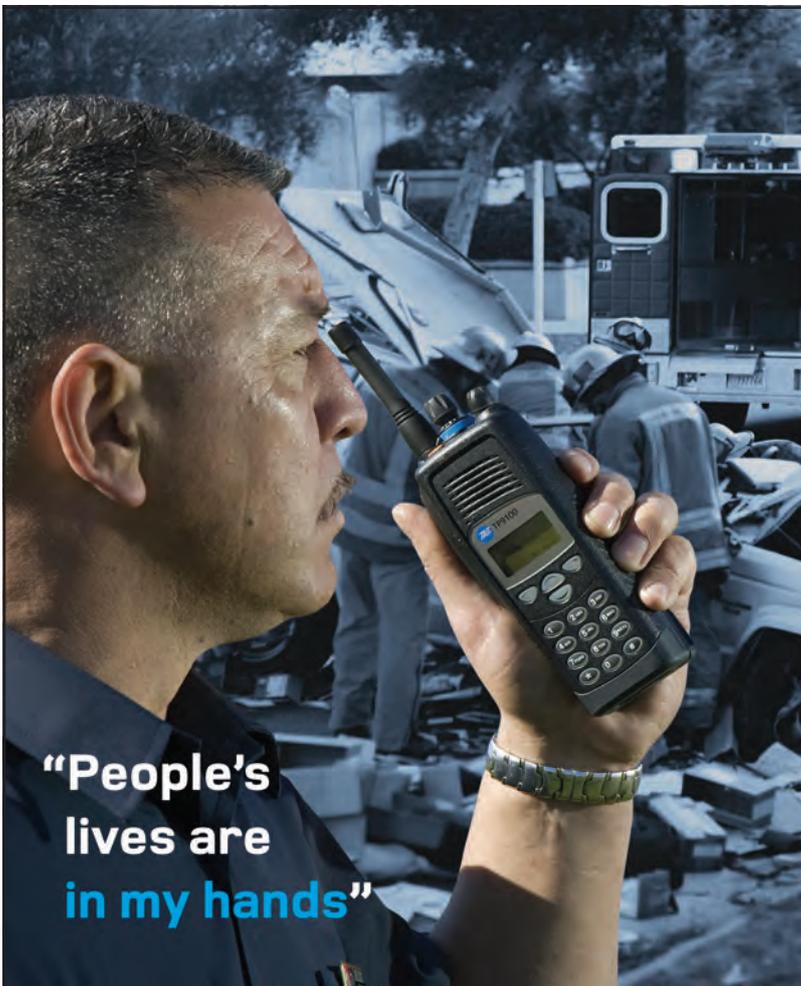
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Mr McMurtie has been an active member of St John Ambulance for the past 50 years and brings a wealth of experience to the position. His years both in St John and the Ambulance Services within Australia have given Mr McMurtie the vast knowledge required to lead the volunteer arm of the organisation into the future.

Mr McMurtie's wealth of experience comes from a number of sources. Among them are Member State Council and Deputy Commissioner of St John Ambulance Australia (Qld); Member National Council of the Australian Resuscitation Council; Past President and Foundation Member Combined Emergency Services Seminar Committee; and other senior management and volunteer roles.

GOOD FRIDAY, GREAT FIREFIGHTERS



Firefighters and staff from the Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB) and the Country Fire Authority (CFA) joined forces to help raise funds for The Royal Children's Hospital 2011 Good Friday Appeal.



Around 75 firefighters from across Victoria took part in a 24 hour MFB/CFA City of Melbourne Relay.

This year is MFB's 52nd year supporting the Good Friday appeal. In addition to the run, MFB firefighters, staff, retired firefighters, family and friends collected donations.

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YOUNG VOLLIE CREDITS HIS BEST MATES

SA Country Fire Service One Tree Hill Brigade member Thomas Walsh was presented with the 2010/11 Australian Institute of Emergency Services Young Volunteer's Award at the Institute's Annual General Meeting recently.

AIES President Allan Marshall (L) and National Vice President John Rice (R) congratulate 2010/11 Young Volunteer Award recipient Thomas Walsh from the SA Country Fire Service.



Melissa Veal

According to the CFS, despite holding a full time job, Mr Walsh has always maintained one of the highest attendance records to incident callouts from his Brigade. With his trade as an electrician, Mr Walsh spends countless hours rewiring truck lighting systems and trailers and adding lights and power points within the station, and is always willing to get out his toolbox for whatever requires work.

Mr Walsh's maturity in his volunteering and decision making has also allowed him to take on a leadership role, being voted to Brigade Lieutenant in 2009 – a role that has almost exclusively been taken by members with a significantly higher number of years in both firefighting experience and age.

Such extraordinary dedication to the CFS prompted Brigade Captain Dave Cockburn to nominate him for the award.

"Thomas is an extremely valuable member who contributes to all areas of Brigade life," Mr Cockburn said.

"He is a credit to himself and his family with the manner in which he conducts his volunteer work."

Mr Walsh's love for firefighting began at a young age when he saw his first fire truck. From that moment on he was hooked and throughout his childhood he lived and breathed the thought of firefighting – never failing to tune in to Fireman Sam on television.

Three weeks before his 17th birthday, Mr Walsh joined the One Tree Hill CFS Brigade. He was an enthusiastic member of the Brigade and was excited when receiving his first call out to an incident, getting dressed into his boots

in his lounge room before setting off for his first CFS adventure.

Unfortunately, his enthusiasm was curbed slightly when he turned up to the station to find that all the trucks had left – from that point on realising he wasn't the only enthusiastic brigade member and that if he wasn't fast he would miss out.

Since joining the CFS, Mr Walsh has been involved in many life changing experiences including a deployment to Victoria where he helped provide emotional support to the victims of the devastating Black Saturday bushfires (February 2009).

He was also involved in a Kangaroo Island deployment where he was caught in a burn-over.

Mr Walsh said that this moment changed his life forever as he then fully realised the seriousness of being a CFS volunteer.



He hopes to teach future volunteers about the many benefits of volunteering, along with the risks involved.

Mr Walsh thanked the AIES for their generous award.

"I am extremely grateful for this award and I hope that the Institute can continue presenting a young volunteer with this accolade as it gives people something to strive for," he said.

"I would also like to thank my family for putting up with all the late night callouts and all my mates at the One Tree Hill brigade - they are my best mates.

"Thank you also to Dave for nominating me for this award as it means so much."

As part of the award prize, Mr Walsh will embark on a journey of the seas on the sail training ship *Young Endeavour* where he will further develop skills in teamwork, leadership and communication. He also receives 12 months honorary membership to the AIES. ●



Australian Government

Australian Maritime Safety Authority

The AIES Young Volunteer Award will again be offered in 2011/12.

Sponsored by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority, Emergency Response Division, this award recognises one young person for 'outstanding and ongoing contributions and commitment to the community through his or her membership of the emergency services as a volunteer'.

Nominations can be sent to the Registrar of each Division by 3 February 2012.

The Award Committee will consider all nominations, make a final judgement and recommendation on the successful nominee, and forward their recommendation for consideration of the National Council before the 30 March 2012.

Visit www.aies.net.au for all award details and conditions. The award nomination form and brochure can be downloaded from the website.

Please forward any questions to ACT Division Registrar Philip Gaden at volunteeraward@aies.net.au

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HERVEY BAY SHOWS COMMUNITY SPIRIT

In February, Hervey Bay answered a call that started on Facebook calling for donations to assist in the recovery efforts of Yasi-affected communities in northern Queensland.

Within hours, Managing Director of Jobsmart Robert Garland donated a chainsaw to Black River RFB, Rotary Sunrise Club pledged a chainsaw each to Black River, Saunders Beach, Rangewood and Lime Hills Elliot rural fire brigades and the owner of Pialba Mower Centre Doug Lankowski supplied spare chains and lubricants.

Black River RFB First Officer Warren Kelly said the generosity displayed was typical of the Aussie Mateship seen over and over again in the face of adversity, brought on by mother nature earlier this year.

Mr Kelly, who was deployed to the Rockhampton floods in January, was also impressed with the speed at which these community-minded businesses and organisations acted in providing such resources into these cyclone devastated areas. ●



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GOVERNMENT NEWS

From the office of the Attorney General of Australia

DISCUSSIONS ON NATIONAL BROADBAND FOR POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Attorney-General Robert McClelland and Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy Stephen Conroy met in May with State and Territory public safety agencies and representatives of the telecommunications industry to discuss the development of a national mobile broadband capability for police and emergency services.

The Government is continuing to talk with public safety agencies about their requirements for a reliable and resilient mobile broadband capability.

A number of options are being considered to provide this key capability and agencies put forward a range of constructive views.

Today's discussions centred around the possible 'earmarking' of spectrum from the 800 MHz band for potential use by public safety agencies to build their mobile broadband capability.

The Australian Communications and Media Authority is currently working on replanning space in this band and will work with public safety agencies to identify appropriate spectrum requirements to meet their operational needs.

A Steering Committee, co-chaired by the Attorney-General's Department and the Department for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy with senior representatives from public safety agencies, will undertake further work with a view to reporting to the next meeting of the Standing Council on Police and Emergency Services.

The Government will continue to work with public safety agencies and state and territory governments to find the best possible solution to support the critical work of our police and emergency services.

NEW HIGH-TECH ARMoured RESCUE VEHICLE FOR THE ACT

A new high-tech Armoured Rescue Vehicle (ARV) has been given to the ACT Government to help police deal with dangerous situations such as hostage incidents or acts of terrorism.

The vehicle was built in the United States by a leading international manufacturer at a cost of approximately \$400,000.



"These types of vehicles are amongst the best of their type in the world," Attorney-General Robert McClelland said.

"These ARVs are used in dozens of countries as part of high risk policing activities. They are designed to be bulletproof and blastproof and are specifically manufactured to protect police in very hostile situations, or help with the safe rescue of hostages or injured personnel.

"The vehicle will also provide additional counter-terrorism capability.

"The purchase of the Armoured Rescue Vehicles was agreed to by members of the National Counter-Terrorism Committee, which includes representatives of each Australian state and territory and the Commonwealth."

The vehicle will be used by the Australian Federal Police's ACT Policing Unit.

ACT Chief Police Officer Roman Quaedvlieg accepted the vehicle from the Australian Government.

This vehicle is one of three recently purchased, the other two vehicles are being handed over to South Australia and the Northern Territory in the coming weeks.

While the vehicle will provide an additional counter-terrorism capability, the purchase does not reflect any change to the current National Terrorism Public Alert level which remains at medium.

NEW WILDFIRE ARSON INVESTIGATION TRAINING

A new specialist arson investigation training pilot for police and fire agencies to help them catch bushfire arsonists commenced in April.

The week-long Wildfire Arson Investigation Management training program at the Australian Emergency Management Institute in Victoria welcomed participants from almost every State and Territory police and rural fire fighting organisations, as well as the New Zealand Fire Service.



"This training is an excellent initiative designed to help Australian fire and police agencies address the threat of bushfire arson to the Australian community," Attorney-General Robert McClelland said.

"Up to half of all bushfires in Australia are suspected of being deliberately lit or start in suspicious circumstances and, as we have all seen, the consequences can be devastating.

"Based on best practice and adapted from North America, the training focuses on building the skills police and fire agency wildfire investigators need to gather arson related intelligence and lead investigations conducted by a multi-agency team.

"The primary objective is to help agencies catch more arsonists and contribute to successful prosecutions.

"The course is part of the ongoing commitment of the Australian, State and Territory Governments to work together to combat bushfire arson.

"With this year's disaster season over, we can concentrate on continuing to improve the skills of our emergency management personnel."

The development of the course – led by the ACT Emergency Services Agency – is a key priority in the National Work Plan to Reduce Bushfire Arson developed by the National Emergency Management Committee.

The pilot is fully funded by the Australian Government through the National Emergency Management Projects.

"I commend the efforts of national fire and police agency arson experts, as well as international fire experts from North America and New Zealand, in leading the review and delivery of the investigation course which will greatly benefit the many communities under threat from bushfire each summer," Mr McClelland said. ●



CELEBRATING NATIONAL VOLUNTEER'S WEEK

National Volunteer's Week was celebrated across the nation from 9 May – 15 May 2011. This annual celebration recognises and pays tribute to more than 5 million Australians who donate their time to assist local communities each year.



Left: NSW SES volunteer Matthew Stone.

Above: The NSW State Emergency Service is made up almost entirely of volunteers, with 226 Units located across the state comprising approximately 10,000 volunteer members.

NSW SES Parramatta Unit Deputy Local Controller Matthew Stone tells why he loves offering his time to help communities in need.

What made you decide join the SES?

I always wanted to do something for others and give to the community but it is one of those things that with the turmoil of younger years seems to get pushed aside. With greater stability in my life, and the support of my wonderful wife Jacqui, I was able to finally join the SES and do something that I always wanted to.

What is your role in the SES?

My current role is one of the two Deputy Local Controllers of the Parramatta Unit. I am directly responsible for Rescue which is everything relating to teams in the field and our readiness as a unit to respond whenever required both within our local area and across Australia.

I also perform the role of Team Leader, Duty Officer and Level 3 Swiftwater Technician as required. The training and support provided by the SES is first class and ensures we have the skills and resources to perform our many varied tasks. Along with the support of a small team, I additionally coordinate the training plans within the unit, along with some community events as they arise. Each of these roles offers their own challenges and rewards.

As a team leader or team member you get to see first-hand the response of the community when we knock on their door. By working in a command or operations role you get to see the sense of accomplishment on the faces of the

teams at the end of the day. I also act as a trainer and assessor for specific skills both within the unit and across our region, and wherever possible work with region headquarters to test new strategies and equipment, and work towards improving the overall standard of our operations. Our expertise and capabilities are always growing and it is great to work with a large group of dynamic individuals, both volunteers and staff, and achieve the advancement that I see every week.

Have there been any memorable moments for you volunteering with the SES?

There have been very happy times as a resident breaks down in tears after our team arrives to offer assistance, to those moments where you are faced with tragic and challenging conditions like Cardwell in Far North QLD after Cyclone Yasi.

The thing that always stands out to me, though, is the members of the SES.

NSW cadets James Petty (Rural Fire Service) and Jasmyne Lee (State Emergency Service) have won Cadet of the Year Awards, which were presented by NSW Minister for Police and Emergency Services Michael Gallacher during National Volunteers Week.

"One of the aims of the RFS and SES Cadet Programs is to inspire young people to take up volunteering," Minister Gallacher said.

The RFS and SES Cadet of the Year awards are open to students who have completed the relevant Secondary School Cadet Program.

"The RFS Cadet Program has proven a great success since its launch six years ago to develop an interest in the NSW RFS and its traditions," Minister Gallacher said.

"RFS Cadets gain a foundation in fire fighting knowledge and participate in practical exercises, team building and safety training.

"The SES Cadet Program has also

been a great success and is now in its third year of operation, giving volunteers an understanding of role during flood and storm events."

Mr Petty completed the Secondary Schools Cadet Program as a Year 8 student with an exceptional degree of energy and commitment, showing a great deal of initiative and passion for the RFS's work throughout the course.

While completing the SES Cadet Program, Ms Lee became known for her abilities to mentor, encourage and support her peers and demonstrated a high level of leadership skills throughout her studies.

More than 3000 cadets have graduated from the RFS Cadet Program some of whom have gone on to become dedicated volunteer fire fighters with their local brigades.

The SES has had 703 cadets graduate from its Cadet Program over the past three years, with 23 joining an SES unit.

They vary in age and background and some join saying that they know they won't be able to perform all the tasks but they just really want a chance to give to the community even if it means just holding a ladder rather than getting up on a roof. As a trainer I am able to stand back with the other trainers and watch as these members regularly overcome difficult challenges and their own personal fears to achieve results they never knew they could. I am very proud of the accomplishments and commitment of the SES members and the support of region and state staff, and that is always what I remember first when someone asks me about the SES.

What SES operations and events have you been involved in?

Besides the weekly requests for assistance I have also been involved in several operations over the years, most recently as the Team Leader for the recovery effort in Cardwell after Cyclone Yasi as well as the search for Keisha. I've been Team Leader for several flood boat events and have been involved in several land and forensic searches across the state. I have also performed a role as SES Liaison Officer for other combat agencies in some of these activities.

How do you balance your family, work and volunteering commitments?

It's definitely a balance and something

that is always first in my mind with any SES requirement. I am the very proud Dad of my two girls Tiarna 8, and Holly 5. My Family always has to come first; work comes next because it is what pays the bills and the SES fit in after that. My family feels the same as me about my role in the SES. We hope the need does not arise too often but when it does then that is the time when I can give the most to community. I am also lucky to have a great employer who is willing to work with me to ensure that there is a balance to the time I can take off. All up, it just works but I know that the SES has a very strong and large group of members who will always achieve something extraordinary. ●



'The Spirit of CFA' by Jamie Cooper.

CAPTURING THE SPIRIT OF CFA

An evocative print capturing the essence of CFA's volunteering spirit was presented to Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria (VFBV) - the CFA volunteers' representative association - to mark National Volunteer Week.

CFA CEO Mick Bourke joined VFBV CEO Andrew Ford to acknowledge the great contribution of the state's 59,000 volunteers, who protect country Victoria and more than half of Melbourne's suburbs.

"This print is a powerful symbol of the contribution CFA volunteers make to keep their communities safe. National Volunteer Week is an important opportunity to recognise their professionalism and dedication," Mr Bourke said.

VFBV CEO Andrew Ford accepted the Spirit of CFA print on behalf of all CFA volunteers.

"The outstanding commitment of CFA volunteers deserves recognition," Mr Ford said.

"Every day they selflessly dedicate

themselves to protecting life and property. Every Victorian owes them a debt of gratitude."

The painting, created by Australian artist Jamie Cooper, traces the CFA story from its origins to the modern day and celebrates the CFA volunteer's qualities of leadership, teamwork and dedication to the community.

The *Spirit of CFA* limited edition art print is available for purchase through www.memorabiliaonline.com.au or 1800 889 992. Proceeds go to leadership training for volunteers.

SWIFT VOLUNTEER RESPONSE TO FLOODS

By St John Ambulance (NSW)



COMMUNITY SERVICE ADVICE FOR FLOOD HIT AREAS

St John Ambulance (NSW) worked together with St John National Office, St John (QLD) and the First Aid Services volunteers on the ground to prepare a media kit with first aid information to help those affected in the flood hit areas.

The kit contained a series of three media releases which were sent out over a week. The topics of the releases were:

- First aid tips on treating the common injuries sustained in a flood environment such as cuts and lacerations, sprains and strains.
- Preventative measures to minimise injuries during clean up and recovery work.
- First aid tips when amenities fail such as loss of power and contaminated water.



A total of 210 St John Ambulance volunteers provided on-ground support to flood victims in Queensland earlier this year.

Following a request from St John (QLD) for additional support and resources, volunteers were deployed from ACT, NSW, SA, TAS, VIC and WA.

The volunteers assisted the community by providing first aid at relief centres and clean up locations.

About 25 volunteers from NSW were deployed in three teams. Volunteers were also deployed to centres in Victoria as the flood crisis in the state continued.

The first NSW team flew to Brisbane and Ipswich on 13 January with Virgin Blue at no cost. The team comprising of First Responders, healthcare professionals, communication specialists and incident command staff joined 50 St John volunteers from Queensland who were already on site.

The volunteers worked 12 hour shifts before rotating. About 100 casualties were seen on day one and included treating minor cuts and scrapes through to providing advice to the elderly on taking their medication at relief centres.

Mobile teams were dispatched to various sites where clean up operations were underway. At these sites, volunteers provided first aid care to house owners, other volunteers, military personnel and workers. The types of injuries treated included infections from dirty wounds, and trauma injuries.

The second deployment from NSW was dispatched on 16 January, which included five patient retrieval vehicles, three incident controllers and 10 clinical members to provide additional first aid support to the Ambulance Service and St John (QLD) through the recovery phase. A further four vehicles were dispatched to Queensland in response to the medical needs in affected areas.

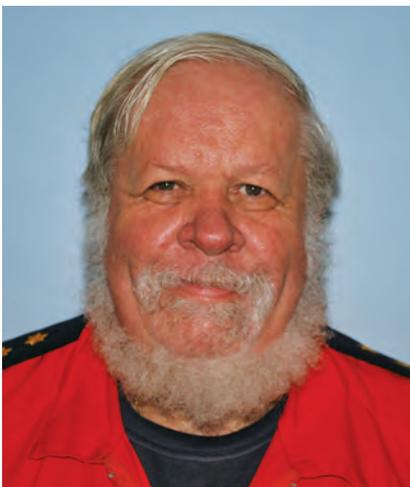
The quick response to the Queensland emergency would not have been possible without the hard work and effort of those in the front line and those behind the scenes providing administration, communications, support, training and first aid. ●

FLOODED BY THE MEDIA

Diary of a media flood



When the Richmond Tweed SES Region was threatened by the same rain storm that decimated Queensland in January 2011, there was early deployment of 31 volunteers from all parts of NSW to fulfil specialist roles. One of these was my deployment as media officer from Canada Bay to Regional Headquarters at Lismore. This is an account of the media response for the duration of that deployment from Sunday 9 - Thursday 13 January.



By Bill Hoyles **MAIES**

Sunday 9 January 2011 was arrival day. At 11am I arrived at Regional Headquarters and had an opportunity to gain local knowledge of the area, the river systems, the previous history of flooding, the current situation, the likely forecast, local media, on site essentials (ie desk, phone, lunch room) and accommodation.

Deployment to a new area can be challenging, especially when it occurs at short notice. The role of a volunteer Media Officer is to liaise with the television crews and reporters at a local level, provide information and adhere to SES media policy in so doing. It is important to establish at the earliest opportunity in an Object Oriented Analysis Advanced (OOAA) deployment

just who will do what with which media, when and where.

In the case of Richmond Tweed, the daytime Operations Controller, a local, decided quite properly that he would handle ABC radio the designated emergency channel and that he would also front the cameras for any TV interviews.

My role as volunteer Media Officer would be to set up the ABC radio and TV interviews, and handle any other radio and newspaper requests.

On Monday 10 January I commenced active duty at 7am as Media Officer with the first phone call for a background briefing being received from local radio ten minutes later. Our internal daily briefings were scheduled for each



Lismore, NSW, January 2011.

morning around 7.30am and a situation report was prepared for 9am.

That first phone call preceded the daily briefing and sit-rep, and saw my first use of the phrase, "sorry I am not able to answer that at this time but I will find out and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Do you have a deadline?" This was to become my mantra in my first hours as OOAA media officer with the request always noted followed up and a call-back made with the requested information.

A log of media calls was kept with contact names and numbers noted as well as the nature of the query. Of course, as the deployment progressed, certain media contacts became familiar, a relationship with some reporters was established, and local knowledge improved to the point where the mantra was needed less frequently.

On the first day there were 30 media contacts between 7am – 7pm, with some reporters making up to five calls per day. These came from radio stations ABC and 2LM/ZZZ, television stations Channel 7, Channel 9, NBN and newspapers including the Northern Star and the Courier.

The outcome was several live interviews on ABC Radio and three TV interviews with Prime, NBN and Channel 7. Each of the interviews was arranged by the Media Officer and conducted by the daytime Operations Controller.

As the flood threat progressed, the media interest intensified. On the second day there were 43 media contacts between 7.00am and 8.30pm reflecting the extended media hours being requested by the night-time Operations Controller to meet the demand experienced the previous day.

On arrival back in Sydney, dressed in orange, I was offered a place near the front of the taxi queue by a well wisher who thanked me for the job I had been doing.

The same media agencies were in contact again the next day in addition to some newcomers including the West Courier (Sydney), the Australian Newspaper, ABC North Coast, ABC FM Gold Coast, 2SM Sydney, CFM Radio, Grafton Radio and 2GF/FM104.7.

Then the media interest in Richmond Tweed subsided as the threat decreased, Grafton in Nambucca Region was hit and the devastation in Queensland became even more apparent.

On the third day there were only 19 media contacts between 7.00am 3.00pm. These were mostly wrap-up calls from those following the story. The media interest then dried-up completely.

At 3.00pm, the Operations Controller asked me to write a summary of the last few days and send it off to the local newspaper, which was subsequently published as *Dodging a Bullet* in the Northern Star newspaper in Lismore.

Things to remember when deployed out of area:

- Be prepared for the possibility to stay a little longer than planned as conditions can change.
- Spend time to listen to your hosts.
- Remember that you are a guest of the local unit and are representing them in their local community.
- You should always value local knowledge and experience.
- You are there to help, so be active in your assistance.

NATURE OF MEDIA CALLS

During my deployment, the requests received from the media were mostly for information and interviews about the current situation, the likely impact of potential flooding, sites for photographs (preferably of SES Volunteers sandbagging) and media requests to fly on a helicopter for aerial still photos and film footage.

Of these requests, I was able to make arrangements for a Prime TV reporter and cameraman to hitch a lift on an SES chopper performing a resupply, and for an SES member to take aerial still photos for use by the Northern Star newspaper.

Flood bulletins were regularly sent to the media, and when it became apparent that one township needed partial evacuation and some homes would be flooded the media was actively notified in a ring-around by the media officer.

There was one extremely unusual request passed to the media officer – the producer of a German reality TV show *I'm a Celebrity, Get me out of Here* seeking advice on whether to evacuate their 200 cast and crew from a location that was only accessible by crossing three causeways. This was passed to the media officer because it was a TV show making the request. They were advised to self-evacuate.

The most amusing call, however, was from the Inner West Courier in Sydney asking if anyone from the Canada Bay Unit had flown to help with the Queensland floods. I said 'No but I am in Lismore with the NSW floods', and so they interviewed me.

On what was to become the final day of my deployment there was only one media call in the morning, and so I was offered the opportunity to return to my family that afternoon. On my departure I left a summary of the media calls, names and contact phone numbers of reporters at the regional headquarters for the next OOAA media deployment to Lismore – to better facilitate a response to the next media flood.

On arrival back in Sydney, dressed in orange, I was offered a place near the front of the taxi queue by a well wisher who thanked me for the job I had been doing. My thank you letter to him was published in the *Sydney Morning Herald*. ●

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NEW BLOOD BANK FOR DEFENCE TROOPS

A walk-in blood bank is up and running at the multi-national base, Tarin Kot, in Afghanistan to allow Australian defence personnel to give fresh blood for use during trauma situations.

Opened on 10 April 2011, the blood bank saw more than 150 personnel sign up to begin the screening process in its first month.

Senior Medical Officer Major Oscar Aldridge said the aim of the walk-in blood bank was to provide more blood than is currently held at the medical facility, and provide fresh blood during a trauma situation.

"While we do hold frozen stocks there is some evidence that, for people who require massive transfusions, fresh warm whole blood is best," Major Aldridge said.

"Stored blood is separated into three different components and when you mix them back together it is still not the same as the fresh product.

"The only way for us to achieve that is through a walk-in blood bank."

Major Aldridge said due to the isolation of base at Tarin Kot the blood bank was critical for supporting troops on the ground.

"When we learn of a medical evacuation and someone is identified with major injuries we will activate the walk-in blood bank," he said.

"That way when they arrive we will have donors already standing by to provide fresh blood for transfusion," he said.

"There's nothing better for massive trauma patients."

Currently the Role Two hospital holds stocks of frozen blood products and while they have a constant demand for blood, when someone needs it they generally need a lot.

"So far every patient that has arrived alive at the Role 2 has left here alive," Major Aldridge said.

"Part of that is due to our ability to give blood transfusions as required and this is something we want to maintain."

Nursing Officer Army Lieutenant Jasmine Poole said any defence member could sign up for the program



An Australian Army Nursing Officer prepares to take blood from an Australian Defence Force member at the new walk-in blood bank.

but would need to be screened for suitability before their blood could be used.

"We start the screening by asking questions which are quite similar to those asked by the Red Cross," Lieutenant Poole said.

"We are trying to identify a low risk population by selecting people who can make a declaration that they are not part of any of the high risk sub groups.

"From there we call back anyone eligible to have a blood test done, and test for HIV, hepatitis and other blood borne diseases.

"On the day when we actually take the blood off people there is a quick test panel that gives us an answer within five minutes to confirm those results are still valid.

"That way we can ensure the blood we use for transfusion in Tarin Kot is just as safe as the blood supply back home in Australia." ●



Australian Army Nursing Officer, Lieutenant Jasmine Poole prepares to take blood from Army Corporal Ellen Greig at the Role Two medical facility.



The National Council of the AIES: (L-R) Darrell Johnson, Barry Presgrave, Steve Anderson, Alan Marshall, John Rice and Robert Maul. Absent: Michael Davis.

ACT

President Scott Milne, ESM, MAIES

The year for the ACT Division has been on top of a busy response period for many members at both the local and national levels.

My thanks must go to Stephen Carter for the great work he has done in arranging the program.

Details of all our meetings and important details for the information of members are posted on the Division's page on the AIES website.

I encourage all members to regularly check the page for updates. Of course details are also emailed to members.

Thank you to Kate Fitzgerald as Division Registrar and to Phil Gaden as Division Treasurer who have done a wonderful job.

I would like to encourage all members to play an active role in 2011/2012.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Outgoing President Steve Anderson

Incoming President David Hulls

Outgoing President Steve Anderson delivered the following report at the Division's AGM held in March.

2010 was a difficult year on a personal level, which led to less time for my responsibilities as President. On a brighter note, those problems

have been on the improve since Christmas, which has re-invigorated my efforts for the forth-coming year. Thank you to those members who sent messages of support.

At the end of May, the AIES will be represented at the National Volunteers Summit in Canberra. There will be 450 Volunteers in Emergency management and also volunteer managers from the Emergency Services sector from all over Australia.

This will be the third summit of its type and this year coincides with the International Year of the Volunteer +10 years. The theme is The future is in our hands – Partnerships · Experiences · Solutions. This year's focus is on the younger generation and social networking tools. Information from this conference will appear in the Spring edition of the Journal.

One of the most exciting items for this year will be one or two country meetings that will take place. Planning has commenced on a joint meeting for the south west of the state and one for the central west. Our new committee will hopefully be taking this on as one of their priorities. Another initiative for our remote members will be that each of our future dinner meetings will be broadcasted on Skype.

Finally, on a serious note, our committee needs your help. The Institute, while remaining strong cannot flourish without the help of its members. Please become involved, all offers of ideas and assistance would be greatly appreciated.

The NSW Division has introduced a period newsletter that will be sent to members and published on the website. The Division encourages members to contribute articles of interest and learning to this newsletter, and to *National Emergency Response Journal*.

QUEENSLAND

President

Queensland has seen its share of incidents and natural disasters since Christmas ranging from little events to big events. Our members throughout Queensland became involved in many ways and support is extended to those members who suffered personal losses during this time. Our thanks also extend to other AIES Divisions for their assistance to Queensland.

Most people involved in a traumatic incident experience some kind of emotional reaction. Although each person's experience is different, there are a number of common responses that are experienced by the majority of those involved. It is reassuring to



know that, even though these feelings can be very unpleasant, they are normal reactions in a normal person to an abnormal event. Further information can be obtained from <http://www.health.qld.gov.au/mentalhealth/>

The QLD Division has introduced a period newsletter that will be sent to members and published on the website. The Division encourages members to contribute articles of interest and learning to this newsletter, and to *National Emergency Response Journal*.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

President Barry Presgrave

The South Australian Division, including membership from both the Northern Territory and Western Australia, is down slightly on the membership due to the transfer of members, death and others who have retired and decided to not renew.

Michelle Tink was welcomed as our new Registrar and Liz Lillecrapp as the newly created position of Treasurer during 2010/11. They both come with a wealth of experience to share the load of managing the Division.

During the past 12 months we have held six Divisional dinner meetings at the Public Schools Club in Adelaide, where attendances increased over the previous year. One of note was the presentation of the SA Young Volunteer Award certificate and AIES membership to Jarred Gilbert from SA Ambulance. About 60 members guests made the night a most memorable one.

VICTORIA

President Alan Marshall, FAIES

Victoria held its AGM on Friday 29 April. The Division currently has 98 financial



(L-R) National Registrar Robert Maul receives the inaugural Recognition of Service Award from AIES President Alan Marshall.

members, including one corporate member, the Red Cross OH&S Unit that joined in 2010-11. We are very proud to acknowledge Rick Head, ESM, MAIES was awarded the Emergency Service Medal at this year's Australia Day Honours.

In accordance with the Articles of Association 1996, Section 86, three existing Divisional Board Members - Alan Marshall, Grant Coultman-Smith and Ian Munro - retired at the Divisional Annual General Meeting, having served the allocated term. Each re-nominated for election to the Victorian Division Board and was successful.

At the Division's AGM, Ian Munro, AFSM, MAIES a Senior Station Officer with 33 years' service with the Metropolitan Fire Service (MFB) and a long serving member of the Institute was introduced as guest speaker.

Mr Munro, a long time convenor for the Combined Emergency Services Seminars, is also involved with the Fire Service Museum and the fire services history and extended an invitation for all AIES to visit the Melbourne CBD based facility.

The talk focused on fire service history and equipment development, starting from the ancient times when fire was worshiped through to famous fires around the world including London and Melbourne.

He covered the development of methods and equipment used by the modern fire fighter to the latest delivery methods and breathing suits.

According to Mr Munro, the most important improvement over time has been an increasing awareness of safety, followed by developments in training, coordination, control, material studies, breathing apparatus, personal protection suits, and the command of that lead edge equipment.

TASMANIA

President Iain Watson, MAIES

The annual Tasmanian Division P J Parssey Award went to Ambulance Tasmania volunteer Greg Whittington.

Mr Whittington has been an ambulance volunteer since 2002. He has gained Level Four Volunteer qualifications and spent 2016 hours on-call since February 2010 (the required number of hours is 264).

He has attended 10 times the number of required training hours (44) and conducted 34 hours of training himself.

In his nomination, Mr Whittington was describes as a remarkable and committed volunteer who offers support, encouragement and direction to the new volunteers, speaking volumes about his character and motivation. His personal characteristics make him a joy to work with and he is an excellent ambassador for Ambulance Tasmania.

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Dave Cockburn, Brigade Captain, One Tree Hill CFS Unit with Barry Presgrave.

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Pictured: Private Clint Vardy participating in the long jump at the Arafura Games.



The Australian Defence Force (ADF) participated in the Arafura Games and Paralympic Championships in Darwin in May. In total the team, from the ADF Paralympic Sports Program, won two medals in the Arafura Games and three in the Oceania Paralympic competition.

The team from the ADF Paralympic Sports Program included: Warrant Officer Class Two Dennis Ramsay (track and field) Private Clint Vardy (swimming and track)

Private Stephen Osborne (competing as part of the Australian Paralympic Powerlifting Team not as part of the ADF Team) Flight Sergeant Tony Benfer (swimming) Sergeant Michael Lyddiard (swimming).

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