



The Country Fire Service Volunteer Association

“Representing the interests of CFS members”

CFSVA GENERAL MEETING 27/08/2019

REGION 1 Headquarters Mount Barker 7.30pm

ATTENDEES: Adrian Muldoon, Chris Lambert, Colin Chomel , Damon Wagner, Dean Mortimer, Garth Morgan, Geoff Braddock, Graeme Hinckley, Ivan Hosking, John Ats, Kerry White, Avril Davis, Robert Sadler, Nathan Watts, Richard Hirstle, Robert Sadleir, Shirley Chomel, Vicki Littler, , Frank Regan, Kate Howard, Robert Medhurst, Avril Davis for Henry Davis. Jeff Clarke and Sonia St Alban from State CFSVA.

APOLOGIES: Henry Davis and Kelly Hansberry.

Conflicts of interest – NIL

FUTURE GAZING PRESENTATION: Prior to the start of the Meeting - Special guest Tom Stephens Defence Science and Technology, with a presentation on his advanced research work on a Survivable Communications and Autonomous Delivery Service using Drone technology. This system very suited to maintaining communications in rugged terrain and adverse conditions such as smoke. Very appropriate for the Mount Lofty Regions.

Tom was invited and introduced by Garth Morgan who had spent 35 years in the research development area.

1	<p>PREVIOUS MINUTES of the meeting held 18th June 2019 were sent via e-mail to all prior to the meeting.</p> <p>MOTION: that the previous minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record. Moved by Ivan Hosking sec Chris Lambert <i>MOTION ACCEPTED</i></p>
2	<p>TREASURER REPORT (Shirley Chomel) TREASURER REPORT (Shirley Chomel) Opening Balance (1/7/2018) \$5210.99 Income Subscriptions from Region CFS Groups\$480 Bank Interest\$8.40 Transfer of funds from closed Police Credit Union Account \$6092.73</p> <p>Balance \$1179.68 Expenditure Nil Closing balance as 30/06/2019 \$1179.68</p> <p>Recent costs for approval to pay out \$492.61 dollars for Flyers and Flowers for John Gilbert's passing - Approved</p> <p>MOTION: That the treasurers report be accepted as a true and accurate report. Proposed, Chris Lambert - Seconded: Garth Morgan - <i>ACCEPTED</i></p>
3	<p>MUSEUM REPORT by Colin Chomel</p> <p>Memorial service held in April was well attended with the variety concert at night also well attended. The building site is all ready for the start of the building with all council approval and contractors ready to start. All the essential services connected. Two federal grants have been received to complete the main building. Builder appointed and hoping to be finished by Christmas.</p>

	<p>Latest news as of last week:</p> <p>The Tea Tree Gully old Ford fire appliance was handed to the Museum with a cheque to cover the restoration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Birdwood Motor Museum has donated the old Land Rover Gumeracha Command Car to the Museum.
4	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>Dean Mortimer raised interest regarding feedback on the recent follow up communications survey. How the CFS communicates with the volunteers. Interested in both the results and how the results will be communicated with members. No one present had heard or been given any findings. Plea that if this becomes available please pass it on.</p>
5	<p>STATE CFSVA MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION</p> <p>Richard welcomed Jeff Clark and Sonia St Albans to update members about the Minister's Open letter, meetings and other correspondence with the minister and briefing all members about what has happened and the future in working with the new chief.</p> <p>The CFSVA reinstated their desire to work with the Minister and the new chief directly and not in the media or the public arena and pointed out the restriction of use of the portal by the CFSVA and the need to get more direct contact with our members.</p> <p>MOTION: That this Branch of the CFSVA expresses its unreserved support for Sonia St Albans, her work and her experience, and the work of the management of the CFSVA in this matter.</p> <p>Proposed: Garth Morgan, Seconded Shirley Chomel</p> <p>MOTION ACCEPTED</p> <p>Our thanks to both Jeff Clark and Sonia St Albans for taking the time to provide this detailed briefing and address questions raised by members in an open and candid manner.</p>

8	COMMUNICATIONS (what are the main issues to be related back to brigades via the Reps?) Richard stressed the need for all Brigade Reps to get members contact details particularly with the recent moderator issues regarding not sending important information from the CFSVA through the Portal. As a preference this would be their personal e-mail address and not just via CFS portal.
11	Next Meeting is the AGM confirmed as the 19th November 2019 at 7.30pm Meeting closed 21:30