

South West Region Volunteer Forum



South West Region hosted its third Volunteer Forum last month at Deakin University in Warrnambool.

Volunteers from across the Region came together on the eve of National Volunteer Week to share their thoughts and experiences with their fellow CFA members with the theme of 'Honour the past, Celebrate the present,

DCO Rohan Luke addresses participants at the successful South West Region Volunteer Forum last month.

Embrace the future.'

Deputy Chief Officer **Rohan Luke** who was Master of Ceremonies took the 70 attendees through an overview of the information and expertise available to tap into on the day. Subject matter experts from across CFA,

covering a large variety of volunteering initiatives were kept busy showing off their wares and answering questions from volunteers.

The guest speaker **Rachael Robertson** entertained the group with her amazing experiences leading an expedition

National Medals awarded

Heywood Fire Brigade has recently celebrated the service of volunteers in the community.

Following an amazing speech from volunteer of the year **Steve Hogan**, CFA Acting Assistant Chief Fire Officer **Geoff McGill** spoke about the significance of the National Medal and what it

signifies.

He then made National Medal and clasp presentations to the following Heywood Fire Brigade members. Recipients were:

Anthony Gray, Tania Gray, Mark Saunders, Peter Sutton,

Bob Watson (all National Medal and first clasp), **Darren Hoggan, Rickey Hoggan, Adrian Jones,** (all National Medal and second clasp) and **Ken Holland** (National Medal and third clasp).

Each of the members were congratulated on their service to CFA and extremely humbled to be recognised in this way.

65 YEARS FOR ICON

Warburton Fire Brigade icon Barry Marshall has been presented with a 65 year service medal signifying his wonderful contribution to his brigade, the local community and CFA.

Joining the brigade in 1956, Barry has been a key member ever since.

He was first elected to office as 1st Lieutenant in 1973 and five years later became Captain. He was a brilliant leader and much progress was made under his Captaincy which spanned 22 years. He also served as a DGO of the former Upper Yarra Group. Such is his standing Barry is still President of the brigade.

In 2000, Barry was awarded the fire services highest honour, the Australian Fire Service Medal.

When speaking about the major historical bushfires of the region, Barry considers Warburton as fortunate in escaping major destruction, particularly during Black Saturday.

During his service with Warburton Brigade Barry was heavily involved in the construction of a new fire station and the current building utilised by the brigade. The station houses Warburton Salvage, which is named in his honour. He was a key driver in acquiring the unit for the brigade and community.

In recalling his service Barry paid tribute to his family for their unwavering support throughout his service.

He still enjoys the camaraderie of CFA knowing he can walk into any brigade across the state and share a mutual respect amongst fellow firefighters, and even though he has served 65 years can still contribute.

Captain **Hazel Clothier** was full of praise for Barry's lifetime service with the brigade. "I think it's very humbling for the whole brigade to see such dedication and commitment and it was a delight to be able to share that with him and his family and acknowledge all that he's given to this community and the continuation of support given to us all."

According to Captain Hazel his experience and the knowledge he has is immeasurable in helping the brigade.

"He's always been in Warburton, he knows this township and the land and the fires that have been here before. He knows the way the weather and fire behaves in this valley, whilst the majority of us at the brigade are probably still newcomers to the area. Being able to have that living history here is immeasurable."

Warburton Fire Brigade icon President Barry Marshall (third from right) was presented with a 65 year service medal signifying a life-long commitment to the brigade and local community. Also pictured with their 5 year certificates, were from left: Ron McIntosh, Rojas Rogelio, CFA Commander Andrew Booth (who made the presentations), Warburton Fire Brigade's youngest firefighter at 17 years Jasper Nielsen, and Sarah Wilcox.



SERVICE AWARDS

10 YEARS

- Lieutenant S. Hobbs Woodend
- Lieutenant J. Stables Springfield
- Firefighter A. Hopkins Montrose
- Firefighter M. Unsworth Montrose
- Firefighter J. Padbury Yackandandah
- Firefighter D. Arne Yackandandah
- Firefighter P. Callaghan Woodend
- Firefighter J. McKinnon Woodend
- Firefighter D. Ponsonby Narre Warren
- Firefighter F. Kuljurgics Dartmouth
- Firefighter P. Nido Dartmouth
- Firefighter J. Maskus Springfield
- Firefighter A. Stables Springfield
- Firefighter J. White Mt Evelyn
- Firefighter B. Symes Lockwood
- Firefighter J. Thompson Lockwood
- Firefighter C. Waight Lockwood
- Firefighter A. Celestina French Island
- Firefighter W. Woodward French Island
- Firefighter D. Visser French Island
- Member C. Daniel Woodend
- Member A. Price Woodend
- Member M. Rudd Cobram
- Member X. Waters Cobram
- Member R. Crawford Victoria Valley
- Member M. Liddle Taradale
- Member J. Phillips Taradale
- Member K. Holland Mt Evelyn
- Member S. Mallett Mt Evelyn

30 YEARS

- Lieutenant R. Thornton Springfield
- Firefighter W. Unthank Warburton
- Firefighter A. Ferguson Yackandandah
- Firefighter A. Jones Narre Warren
- Firefighter A. Bundock Narre Warren
- Firefighter T. Carter Narre Warren
- Firefighter J. Clarke Springfield
- Firefighter S. Deakins Mt Evelyn
- Firefighter T. Easy French Island
- Member A. Pose Mt Evelyn
- Member D. Cockroft Springfield
- Member G. Lyan Mt Wallace
- Member M. Blankley-Lyall Mt Wallace
- Member J. Conquest Narre Warren
- Member S. Painter Narre Warren
- Member G. Molloy French Island
- Member P. Molloy French Island

35 YEARS

- Lieutenant B. Burger Victoria Valley
- Firefighter S. McCall Montrose
- Firefighter R. Cole Montrose
- Firefighter D. Heather Lockwood
- Firefighter R. Sibbing Mt Evelyn
- Firefighter D. Brown Yackandandah
- Firefighter M. Cousins Springfield
- Member E. Scanlan Springfield
- Member R. Carr Narre Warren

40 YEARS

- Firefighter D. Muir Woodend
- Firefighter P. Crawford Victoria Valley
- Firefighter P. Carew Montrose
- Firefighter Mark Ryan Montrose
- Firefighter G. Rees Montrose
- Firefighter B. Bickford Lockwood
- Member I. Jackson Cobram
- Member C. Booth Narre Warren
- Member J. Thompson French Island
- Member J. Cox French Island
- Member R. Scott French Island

45 YEARS

- Captain J. Tatt Lockwood
- Firefighter D. Fry Victoria Valley
- Firefighter Mick Ryan Montrose
- Firefighter G. Neil Yackandandah

50 YEARS

- Firefighter R. Earney Montrose
- Firefighter K. Mitchell Mt Evelyn
- Firefighter R. Thompson French Island
- Member J. Keating Woodend
- Member A. Baker Victoria Valley

55 YEARS

- Lieutenant J. McIntyre Victoria Valley
- Member R. Maltby Taradale

60 YEARS

- Member N. Bickerdyke Woodend

65 YEARS

- President B. Marshall Warburton

70 YEARS

- Member W. Cook Ullina

CFA LIFE MEMBERS

- Captain J. Tatt Lockwood
- Firefighter R. Earney Montrose
- Firefighter Mick Ryan Montrose
- Firefighter P. Carew Montrose
- Firefighter Mark Ryan Montrose
- Firefighter G. Rees Montrose
- Firefighter S. McCall Montrose
- Firefighter R. Cole Montrose
- Firefighter G. Neil Yackandandah
- Member R. Carr Narre Warren
- Member C. Booth Narre Warren
- Member W. Cook Ullina
- Member R. Maltby Taradale

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD
Ex-Firefighter M. Perrott Mornington

15 YEARS

- Secretary B. Smith Yackandandah
- Secretary A. Van Huffel Woodend
- Firefighter S. Gordon Mornington
- Firefighter E. Van Meurs Warburton
- Firefighter A. Dodd Woodend
- Firefighter G. Wells Woodend
- Firefighter C. Lello Yackandandah
- Firefighter C. Ramsay Yackandandah
- Firefighter R. Paine Taradale
- Firefighter A. Douglas Narre Warren
- Firefighter A. Poulter Narre Warren
- Firefighter B. Bartels Narre Warren
- Firefighter L. Coggan Dartmouth
- Firefighter R. Belyus Mt Evelyn
- Firefighter M. Mallett Mt Evelyn
- Firefighter A. Smith Mt Evelyn
- Firefighter C. Smith Mt Evelyn
- Member B. Connor Cobram
- Member S. Mallett Mt Evelyn

20 YEARS

- Captain J. Dower Dartmouth
- Lieutenant K. Stuart Dartmouth
- Lieutenant D. Hutchings Lockwood
- Lieutenant R. Marsh Lockwood
- Firefighter T. Wallace Springfield
- Firefighter D. Kraan Narre Warren
- Firefighter C. McKern Yackandandah
- Firefighter D. Larkin Yackandandah
- Firefighter G. Young Yackandandah
- Firefighter N. Burbidge Yackandandah
- Firefighter R. Crawford Victoria Valley
- Firefighter C. Stewart Dartmouth
- Firefighter G. Sharp Mt Evelyn
- Firefighter B. Brighton Dartmouth
- Firefighter G. Price French Island
- Firefighter T. Martin French Island
- Firefighter C. Harper French Island
- Member A. Hilder Cobram
- Member I. Showler Cobram
- Member P. French Cobram
- Member A. Warnock Woodend
- Member M. Baptist Narre Warren
- Member L. Martin French Island

25 YEARS

- Captain M. Licciardo Mornington
- Firefighter R. Ireland Warburton
- Firefighter I. Brown Yackandandah
- Firefighter P. Hardy Narre Warren
- Firefighter A. Scales Dartmouth
- Firefighter S. Hoctor-Turner Springfield
- Firefighter G. Marshall Springfield
- Firefighter G. Aird French Island
- Firefighter M. Ralph French Island
- Firefighter J. Skinner French Island
- Firefighter J. Keane Lockwood
- Firefighter M. Holloway Lockwood
- Member J. Hosking Lockwood
- Member S. Payne Victoria Valley
- Member Y. Kernan Springfield
- Member D. Cox French Island

VFBV BOARD VACANCIES

Invitation to ALL CFA Volunteers to apply

Closing date for written applications is 30 July 2021

VFBV advances the interests of all Victorian fire brigade volunteers and advocates on their behalf to CFA and other key stakeholders. The VFBV Board drives policy development based on volunteer input and is involved in management of issues of central importance to all CFA volunteers.

Vacancies for four Board Members will arise when the terms of Samantha Rothman, Libby Hay, Jan Cleary and David Sidebottom expire on 1 October 2021; all members are eligible for re-appointment.

The term of appointment will be to 1 October 2023 (two years) and applications are invited from interested volunteers to be considered for these vacancies.

The role of a VFBV Board Member involves contributing to VFBV direction, policy determination and monitoring the performance and governance of the Association. Also actively contributing to policy discussion at Board Meetings, networking with others about policies and issues management, and not only making decisions but being prepared to actively advocate for the benefit of all CFA volunteers and ultimately the Victorian community.

A Board Member Role Statement including the key selection criteria is available from the VFBV office or from the VFBV website.

This is an honorary position; no honorarium is paid.

If you are motivated by the prospect of making a difference for CFA volunteers, then send your written application addressing the key selection criteria in the role statement, plus an outline of your CFA/VFBV activity including the names of two referees.

Applications must be lodged with VFBV by **Friday 30 July 2021** to:
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