Emergency Services Reform Office

Newsletter

Welcome to the latest edition of the ESRO newsletter. We trust you all had a good Easter.

Thank you to all the people that continue to provide feedback to the ESRO team, in particular about suggestions for the newsletter. One of the most recent suggestions we received was to explain the role of the Reference Group and provide an update on its composition.

The Reference Group is made up of representatives from the associations and unions that represent members (paid and volunteer) within the sector. Members of the Reference Group are:

SES Volunteers Association Susan Caracoussis and Warren Hicks CFS Volunteers Association Sonia St Alban and Andy Wood United Fire Fighters Union Greg Northcott and Max Adlam Public Service Association Kerrin Martin and Daniel Wasyluk Youth Representatives Scott Kennedy (CFS YAC) and Hayley Thompson (SES) Volunteer Marine Rescue Alan Cormack and Darryl Wright

The Reference Group is chaired by David Place, Chief Executive of SAFECOM and Chair of the SAFECOM Board.

The Reference Group is an advisory group. Its role is to:

- Provide advice to the Minister for Emergency Services and the Emergency Services Reform Office (ESRO – Project Team);
- Assist with the facilitation of information between the project team and the wider sector members and;
- Identify issues/risks and raise these with the Minister and the Project Team.

The Reference Group finalised their Terms of Reference at the last meeting held on 31st March. Once the minutes of the meeting have been endorsed, the Terms of Reference will be published on the SAFECOM website.

Communication

In our last newsletter, to acknowledge feedback from the Volunteer Association members at the Reference Group meeting regarding the frequency of the newsletter, we advised that we would only be sending the newsletter to volunteers that registered to be on the ESRO mailing list. The Reference Group discussion did not refer to the frequency of any other forms of communication or consultation mechanisms being too frequent or not frequent enough. Documents such as the next round of expressions of interest for working groups will continue to be sent to all volunteers.

Newsletters will continue to be published weekly and are available on the SAFECOM website. We also ask that station/brigade/unit/flotilla members who do receive the newsletter, pass on key information to other members.

If you would like to be added to the ESRO mailing list, please email us at esro@sa.gov.au or contact us via our contact details below.

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Sector Reform Updates and Information

For more in information, just click the link on the SAFECOM home page: <u>www.safecom.sa.qov.au</u>

Upcoming Dates

- 21 April 2015 Site visit Victor Harbor MFS
- 21 April 2015—Site visit—VMR Victor Harbor
- 21 April 2015 Site visit South Coast SES, Mundoo and Victor Harbor CFS Groups
- 29 April 2015 Site visit Edinburgh SES
- 29 April 2015 Site visit Elizabeth MFS
- 2 May 2015 Reference Group Meeting
- TBC Site visit Angle Park Training Centre

Please keep your feedback, comments and questions coming in. We are contactable at:

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