

# HOT off the Press

Australian Professional Firefighters Foundation (MFS RFFS Transfield)

## Message from the President

Dear Members, Families and Friends of the APFF,

Thankyou for your continued support of a Foundation of which I am very proud to be President. The difference that is being made to people's lives (e.g. Paul Solly) is the reason why the committee are driven to continue the work they are doing.

Part of the mission statement of the APFF is 'committed to the prevention of burns' and this has become an area of great interest to the committee. At a recent Scania Open Day, where members of the APFF conducted a BBQ (report in the next newsletter), the MFB's Smoke Buster's vehicle made a welcome visit. This fire/burns prevention vehicle is having a significant impact in Victoria and is certainly a direction that the APFF in conjunction with SAMFS should be interested.

The statewide 'Learn or Burn' campaign is now well underway with posters and pamphlets being distributed to all parts of South Australia containing extremely pertinent safety messages. A big thankyou to the Port Lincoln community for Xmas in July, and to all those people that supported the APFF raffle (A special mention must go to David Thomson and his family and friends). These two events funded the 'Learn or Burn' project.

It is very pleasing to know that a subcommittee has been formed for the organising of the 2011 Annual Ball - please be aware of the date, as tickets for this event will sell quickly.

Thanks to S/O Max Eddy for the 'Clear Solar' Solar Power System Promotion and his initiative and encouragement in getting businesses to support us. Anyone else that would like to purchase solar panels or wants to support a business that has supported the APFF, please contact Clear Solar on 1300 425 327.

On a final note, I would like to encourage more members of the APFF to become involved – it is very rewarding, but currently only a few people are doing the workload and greater results could be achieved with more hands on deck.

Greg Crossman, APFF President

## APFF Ball Committee

The APFF committee are pleased to announce that a new ball planning sub-committee has been established. This group will be headed by D/O Peter Mason, ably supported by D/O Eckermann, S/O Tony Cox, F/F Todd Miles and F/F Suzie Leith.

There is still room for other people who would be prepared to assist, if you are interested please feel free to contact one of the people mentioned above. The best way that members of SAMFS can support the ball is to

source raffle and auction items that can be used on the night.

The ball will be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre on **May 28<sup>th</sup> 2011**. This is C Shift's first night shift, so get in quick and arrange the leave required to attend this prestigious function.

Ticket price has been set at \$140, a slight increase from this year, but still extremely good value.



Greg Crossman  
President

P.S. Don't forget to visit our Web page to keep up to date with what the Foundation is doing – [www.apff.org.au](http://www.apff.org.au)



The 2010 APFF Raffle has been drawn and won by ARFF Superintendent Dean Bowden. The raffle was drawn on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of August at the raffle's Major Sponsor – the Gas Light Hotel, Brompton. For everyone who has been a part of assisting with the organising and selling of the tickets, you would know that there were 13 great prizes to be won. Dean was lucky enough to take home \$2000 in cash.

I would like to thank my mother, Gill, who worked tirelessly for the last 12 months to help organise the raffle. As some of you would realise, it is very difficult work trying to get people and businesses to

donate prizes for events such as these. Gill raised over \$1500 on her own, through asking for sponsorship and spending many, many hours of her own time selling \$50 raffle squares at different social events throughout the year – raising the money which went toward the first prize.

On top of that, out of the 2665 tickets that were sold, she managed to sell 1094 of them ON HER OWN! A huge effort!

Mainly through her efforts, we were able to scrape together about \$4000 which will go towards the burns prevention posters for the Adelaide Women's and Children's Hospital.

I would also like to thank my fellow Airport Fireies, although there are only 35 of us, out of the remaining 1571 tickets sold, 1202 were sold from our station – another fairly reasonable effort.

Also a huge thankyou to my wife, Viktoria, who was instrumental in the organisation of almost everything involved over the last year.

Thanks also to all of the donors who made the raffle possible.

David Thomson  
ARFF LFF  
Adelaide Airport.

Footnote: The committee of the APFF would like to extend their gratitude to David and his family for this tremendous effort. The money raised from this raffle will be used for the funding of the state wide 'Learn or Burn' burns prevention program. We would also like to wish David and Viktoria best wishes for the impending birth of their first child in several weeks time. David has been an integral member of the APFF over previous years and has requested to step back for a short while. His involvement has included the 'Million Metre Row' – which was an amazing physical feat and substantial fundraiser.



## Port Lincoln Xmas in July

In recent years, the regional stations have been very supportive to the APFF, including a high ratio of membership and a great response to 'SHAKE THE BOOT' and other fundraisers. The committee of the APFF has decided to implement visits to the country stations and thank these members for their ongoing support. When an invitation was received from the Port Lincoln members to support a Xmas in July fundraiser in their town, an open invitation was extended to all SAMFS personnel to attend. Three members of the committee, President Greg Crossman, Barry Luke and Billy Boyle, decided to take the opportunity and embark on

the 8 hour journey. This proved to be quite an arduous trek as Barry's driving was queried on a continuous basis by his driving instructor brother in law. With the completion of the magnificent new fire station, Barry and Greg accepted the offer to tour the facilities. The third member of the group preferred to go fishing (thankyou to S/F Welsh), the whiting were on the bite and within a couple of hours, the boat returned with the bag limit. The 'Xmas in July' function was held in the Port Lincoln Hotel on the evening of the 24<sup>th</sup> of July and was well supported by the retained fire-fighters, family and friends. The event was extremely well organized; and the food and entertainment were of a very high standard. The APFF would like to

express their extreme gratitude to Diana Williams, Amber and all the staff at the Port Lincoln Hotel. The hotel approached the SAMFS via S/O John Wise and with great support from regional S/O Dave Colliar, the event was a huge success. The APFF would also like to acknowledge the attendance and support from Regional Commander Chris Smith and his wife Val. The weekend proved to be very fruitful for the Foundation, and the hospitality extended to the visitors was outstanding. The end result was that over \$4000 was raised to help fund the Learn or Burn burns prevention campaign. In the ensuing months, other regional stations will hopefully be visited, and if there is a chance to coincide with a local function, please contact an APFF committee member.

## Paul Solly Update

In the last APFF newsletter, we reported on a 24 year old man – Paul – who suffers from intellectual global delays; rheumatism and muscle wasting; and bipolar. He is cared for by a lovely lady by the name of Connie Anderson who is almost 71 years old. She contacted the APFF to ask them to consider Paul's circumstances in order to make it possible for him to attend the National Disabilities 10 Pin Bowling Championship 2010 and the APFF were able to support Paul in this dream.

Paul travelled to the Nationals and ended up winning the Bronze medal!! He was stoked! He wore the medal for 14 days straight, told everyone that he met and it has hands down been the highlight of his life. Connie is still lost for words at the impact that the result has had on Paul, and knows full well what would have happened if it were not for the generosity of the APFF.





The ARFF employs 650 staff at 21 airport fire stations throughout Australia.

At the Adelaide Airport fire service, we have 40 firefighters spread across 4 shifts, and each crew comprises of a Fire Commander, a Station Officer and 6 Leading Firefighters. Adelaide ARFF is a Category 8 station between 0530 and 2300 hours before dropping to half manning at Category 5 between 2300 and 0530, coinciding with the curfew.

Adelaide ARFF has 4 Rosenbauer Panther Mk 8 Ultra Large Fire Vehicles.



Each Mk8 may carry a variety of fire fighting, rescue and emergency response equipment. This includes hoses, branches, breathing apparatus, powered rescue unit, disc cutter, fire extinguishers, ladders, axes, portable handheld radios, first aid kit, SRD kit, oxygen resuscitation equipment, defibrillator and ancillary equipment.

The Mk8's primary monitor (mounted on top of the vehicle cabin) can rotate up to 270 degrees and 'throw' water or foam over 85 metres. The Mk8

### Quick Facts on Mk8:

- 4 seats
- 10.5m long, 3.6m wide and 3.5m high
- 33 tonnes (fully laden)
- 489kW (665hp) at 2,300rpm
- 0-80km within 30 seconds
- 120km/hour top speed
- 225kg Dry Chemical Powder
- 6 cylinder, water cooled diesel engine (with turbocharger and charge air cooling)
- 8900 litres of water carried (can discharge this in less than 2 minutes)
- Water discharged from Primary Monitor at 80 litres per second

also has two ground sweep nozzles in the front bumper and four under-vehicle protection nozzles – all controlled from the cabin.

Adelaide ARFF also provides a Water Rescue Service (5m Catamaran Sailfish) used to deploy rescue rafts in the case of an aircraft crash at sea, as do all ARFF stations nationwide that are within 1km of the coastline.

Adelaide ARFF is responsible for the monitoring and first response to Adelaide Airport Terminal 1 and aerodrome buildings including Export Park and Burbridge Business Park. We are also first response to all first aid calls at Terminal 1 and to all incoming and outgoing flights. Along with monitoring local alarms, Adelaide ARFF also monitors wireless alarms located at buildings at interstate airports.



Adelaide ARFF is required to meet strict response times when turning out to an emergency incident anywhere on the aerodrome. Standards for these response times are set by CASA (Civil Aviation Safety Authority), with the operational objective of ARFF being to achieve a response time of 2 minutes, but shall not exceed 3 minutes to the end of each operational runway. This timeframe of 3 minutes also includes the discharge of 50% of agent carried at Category 8 (9100 litres).

Adelaide ARFF are proud supporters of the APFF and I am pleased to say that 100% of our firefighters are APFF members.

David Thomson, ARFF LFF, Adelaide Airport



## Calendar of Events

August 18<sup>th</sup> 2010

APFF Meeting

November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010

Melbourne Cup Luncheon, Wakefield Hotel

November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 2010

Shake the Boot

May 28<sup>th</sup> 2011

APFF Ball

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**[www.apff.org.au](http://www.apff.org.au)**



### About Our Organisation...

The Australian Professional Fire-fighters Foundation is dedicated to burn prevention as well as survivor support and recovery programs in all States of Australia.

The organisation is committed to becoming more actively involved with its local communities, in particular the children's burns unit. It will provide financial assistance for the purchase of equipment and assist in the operation of a children's burn survivor camp called "Camp Smokey".

The Foundation is also committed to improving and maintaining the internal network and

welfare of Professional Fire-fighters and their families.

The APFF is an organisation unique to Australia, which began in South Australia and is expanding, now also having a branch in Queensland.

It is an organisation belonging solely to the member fire fighters and their families.

Its main purpose is fundraising for charity, offering assistance (both financially and other) to fire victims, especially children, and those in immediate need.



### Membership

The APFF is looking to boost its membership. The APFF is responsible for:

- o Raising funds for the Newland Ward at the Women's and Children's Hospital
- o Organising the 'Shake the Boot®' fundraiser
- o Organising the 'Fire-fighters Charity Ball'
- o Assisting with the running of 'Camp Smokey' for child burns survivors

- o Assisting victims of fires and burns
- o Assisting MFS staff and their families in need
- o Many other important activities

You can help by

- o Donating \$2 from your fortnightly pay
- OR
- o Donating \$13 from your fortnightly pay and receiving 2 tickets to the annual charity ball.

You may think you're a member and you're not! Check your payslip! It should have a donation to 'F/F Found'

If you are not a member and are interested, please contact Todd Miles (C Shift Headquarters) on 0438 376 216.