

HOT off the Press

Australian Professional Firefighters Foundation (MFS RFFS Transfield)



Greg Crossman
President

Message from the President

Hello members and friends of the foundation.

Welcome to the first edition of our new E-newsletter.

This is just a quick note to inform you all that we are embarking on a re-launch of the foundation. We are also on the hunt for new members. At present there are over 600 members of the foundation and it is our intention to enroll all serving Fire Service personnel.

The foundation is in its tenth year and has to date donated almost \$1ml dollars to charity in that time. Your foundation will continue to work hard to make a difference to people who have had their lives changed by fire and other emergencies.

If you are a serving member of the fire services and wish to become a member please visit the APFF web page and fill out the membership forms, or

contact any of the APFF committee.

If you are not a member of the fire services and wish to become a friend of the foundation you can become an associate member, which entitles you to get our regular E-newsletter and be involved in the activities of the foundation.

Any members who are interested in joining the committee please feel free to contact me on 0413342498.

Port 'Cops' for Kids donate \$1000

A great big thank you goes to a small group of police officers working out of the Port Adelaide LSA "The Port Cops for Kids"

The group have donated \$1000 to our foundation, to go towards the running of this year's Camp Smokey. The officers donate regularly to charities from weekly deductions and this month they have chosen the fire-fighters charity foundation.

Drew, from the Port Cops for Kids, said he heard about our foundation from two members who attended our recent Charity Ball. They were impressed with what the "fireys" are doing for charity, and wanted to get behind us.

Once again thanks for the donation and keep up the great work.

Below: L-R Drew from Port Cops with his son and APFF President Greg Crossman





Beautifully decorated room at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

Annual Charity Ball

The Annual APFF Charity Ball was held on May 31st. An impressive number of 750 attended this year's ball, with the popularity of this event growing every year.

This year's ball, Some Like it Hot, had a real fire-fighting theme, and proved to be a fantastic platform to showcase a brand new Scania vehicle and the impressive new Airport fire tender.

The red carpet proved to be a popular addition to the night and all photos can be viewed and downloaded from our website, www.apff.org.au

The evening would not have been possible without the support and generosity of our sponsors. A big thank you goes to Scania Trucks, Lion Apparel, Langmeil Wines and SA Brewing. A special thank you goes to the girls at the Fire Service Credit Union who managed the sale of the

tickets.

We are pleased to announce that the Ball raised \$25,000, with all monies going towards Camp Smokey.

Ticket prices will increase to \$120 for next year's Ball, to become a Special Ball Member, please contact Billy Boyle on 0410 641 879.

2009 marks the 10th anniversary for the Ball and will be held on Saturday 30 May.

Shake the Boot

The firefighters will be hitting the pubs again state wide in November to raise money for the Newland Ward and local regional areas.

Stay tuned for the list of pubs. The date for this year's Shake the Boot is Friday 14 November.



Shake the Boot volunteers 2007

Quiz Night

The Willaston Hotel in Gawler host quiz nights on a regular basis and actively support different charities to donate their proceeds to.

The APFF have kindly been offered Friday 12th September and have the

opportunity to raise in excess of \$1,000.

The cost is \$10 per person and you are more than welcome to book tables of six-eight.

Quiz starts at 9pm and dinner guests are welcome from 6pm. Phone bookings on 8522 1021.

All monies raised will go towards the purchase of new furniture and games for the renovations of the Newland Ward at the Women's & Children's Hospital.

Let's get behind this great opportunity and come along for a fun night.



Million Metre Row

Firefighter David Thomson completed a grueling ten day, 1 million metre rowing marathon in July last year. All monies raised was donated to the Burns Unit at the Women's and Children's Hospital.

David rowed at least one hundred kilometers each day using a Concept2 indoor rowing machine.

David spent twelve months training for the event.

"The event itself was long and painful. Right from day one my body ached all over and over the next ten days it only got worse.

I was incredibly lucky to receive amazing support from fellow Foundation members – President Greg Crossman, Billy Boyle and all my mates from ARFF," David said.

A total of \$50,000 was raised by David.

The cheque was presented to the Newland Ward and all monies will go towards renovating a Parent Room in the newly renovated Newland Ward.



L-R: John Foody, David Thomson, Bettina Anderson



Firefighter David Thomson on the Concept2 rowing machine

Newland Ward

Greg Crossman, President APFF, and Peta Hudson, Project Officer APFF, visited the Newland Ward at the Women's & Children's Hospital on June 25.

Greg was pleased to present Linda Quinn, Camp Smokey Coordinator with the \$25,000 raised from the 2008 Charity Ball.



Cheque Presentation

L-R: July Hocking, Kurt Towers, Linda Quinn, Peta Hudson, Greg Crossman





KANOE4KIDS Challenge

The APFF is happy to support Scott Matthews in his quest to raise \$100,000 for "Make a Wish". Scott is planning to paddle the length of the Murray River (2,250km over 42 days).

The APFF wishes Scott all the very best.

Scott is organizing a team challenge on 5 October, consisting of 5 Challenges over 7.5 hours at the Woodhouse Scouts barrack. Scott is looking for teams of 5 members to take on the challenge. Teams from SAPOL and SAAS have already entered.

So come on Furies get your team together. You can find out more information at www.kanoe4kids.com.au.

There is a \$1000 entry fee for teams, so start thinking of ideas to raise the entry fee and enter a team.

Scott will be at the Adelaide Station on Saturday 6 September at 10:30am to talk about the challenge, so if you would like more information come along on the day.

Scott is a co worker of Debbie Kelly 'Ned's' wife. The big rumour is Ned is entering a team.



New Faces

Peta Hudson joins the APFF as a Project Officer on a part time basis.

Peta has enjoyed a career working on different events and projects for the food industry.

"I am excited to come on board and to work with genuinely passionate people," said Peta.

Branka McIntyre is the Executive Officer for SAFECOM and has kindly donated her time to working with the APFF team.

Having an expansive career in Human Resources, Events and Project Management we look forward to her input and working with her.

Fighting Kokoda

Firefighter Andy Dunt and colleagues will be trekking the Kokoda Trail in October 2008. Aptly naming themselves 'Fireys on Track giving something Back', they are aiming to raise \$50,000.

The boys will be paying their own way there and carrying all their own luggage and equipment on the trek.

The APFF took the opportunity to support Andy and team by assisting the raising of funds.

The APFF took part in the preview night of the Blackwood Players show

Fireys on track... to give something back



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Calendar of Events

September 12

Quiz Night @ Willaston
Hotel

November 14

Shake the Boot

May 30 2009

10th Annual Charity Ball



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.

