

Key points of VFBV region 13 meeting Lilydale 12th July 2009

Over 60 fire brigade personnel attend last joint Association meeting and elect one representative set of office bearers. Urban & rural volunteer representation structure in region 13 effectively ceases and a united voice known as VFBV Region 13

Reports

- Congratulations to Jim Read Scoresby Brigade receiving the AFSM & Bob Horner Sassafras Ferny Creek Brigade receiving the VFBV Gold Star Award
- VFBV Region 13 expression of strong support to Chief Officer Russell Rees and his role in the recent bushfires
- Acting GM Graeme Armstrong reported on post support activities after Black Saturday
- State Council Delegates Bob Horner Sassafras Ferny Creek & Paul Denham Boronia Brigades reporting on volunteer issues including future workshops to help improve Regional Councils ability to resolve issues

Regional Planning Committee Sub Committee Reports

- OH&S Report by John Felstead Upwey & Graham Luke UFTG brigades, includes Varley tanker issues with steering
- Training & Community Safety report from Rod Beale Moorolbark Brigade, includes all recruits need to complete Police record check before commencing
- Competitions reported on by Jim Dusting Hurstbridge Brigade
- HR & Welfare report by June Cabena Kallista Brigade, Psychologists involvement in recovery phase ongoing, bullying & harassment cases to be dealt with immediately

General Business

- Recognition of Bob Horner for outstanding service to VFBV for past 19 years
- Adoption of VFBV Region 13 Constitution
- Career Staff EBA references to "Volunteer Development Program", unsure what this actually means
- Appears to be no action on Female PPC, to be followed up
- Facility on web page for strike team activation to avoid confusion
- Draughting procedure idea from Coldstream, quicker method, to be taken forward to training committee

Election results VFBV Region 13:

- President Geoff Peacock Silvan Brigade
- Vice President Bill Watson Ferntree Gully Brigade
- Secretary Treasurer June Cabena Kallista Brigade
- State Council Paul Denham Boronia & Allan Roberts Research Brigades
- RPC Sub Committee Training & Community Safety Rod Beale Mooroolbark Brigade
- OH&S John Felstead Upwey Brigade
- RPC HR & Welfare Geoff Peacock Silvan Brigade
- Region 13 Competitions Jim Dusting Hurstbridge, John McLeod Boronia, David Cooper