

Issues Presented to District 13 Training Committee Meeting
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Tasmania Volunteer Fire Service have reviewed and realigned their training to 'suit their needs', not simply to follow the PSTP model. PTSP in my view is mostly a 'croc'! What was supposed to be a 'seamless transition process', has failed as an appropriate training basis.

(We) CFA need to review where our training is at; whether it now suits our needs; and are we able to do better!

The organisation outlaid huge dollars on the David Garnoch Training Review/Report? Where are the recommendations at? What have we done to ameliorate the shortfalls, suggestions made?

I make the following points in regards to volunteer access/usage to the Bangholme Training Ground.....

1. Brigades should not be penalised by Bangholme Training Ground (BTG) cancelling sessions due to staffing or other issues.
Volunteers and Staff should have 'priority of booking'
2. Brigades should be able to supply own meals/refreshments if they so desire. Not tied to commercial or other contracts that are applicable to 'external users'.
Brigades have utilised their Auxiliaries/Formal 'Feeding' Groups previously
3. PPE/PPC should be readily available for volunteer recruits undergoing fire training at BTG.
Not all Brigades/Groups are able to equip their Recruits with appropriate gear
4. Brigade/Group access to training at BTG should not be overly constrained by Pad Staff 'limitations' currently imposed by Industrial Agreements
5. Access to training at BTG should be 'available' to suit volunteer needs and time constraints.

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