



# WORDBACK

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PLEASE COME & JOIN US  
AT THE

MAY DAY RALLY  
TOMORROW!

LOOK FOR THE UFU FLAGS  
FLYING AT 1000 HOURS AT  
VICTORIA SQUARE  
ADELAIDE

## PFAS REPORT

Following recent meetings with members at the Police Academy, the UFU office has been working hard to assist the MFS in finding more suitable interim arrangements for displaced Largs North Station Crews - with the Yacht Squadron shaping up as the most likely proposition.

Meanwhile, documentation gathered about PFAS is being placed on the UFU SA website for the information of members. Those members who have registered interest in receiving regular PFAS updates from the UFU are being logged into a dedicated communication network and this will commence shortly. Please email [info@ufusa.com.au](mailto:info@ufusa.com.au) to let us know if you would like to join in.

### PFAS REMINDER:

Just a reminder that we continue to urge all UFU members *and retired members* to participate in the PFAS Testing Programme. You can get the referral documents for the PFAS blood test from the MFS through Clara Cipriani 0436 406 905 or by email [Clara.Cipriani@sa.gov.au](mailto:Clara.Cipriani@sa.gov.au) or Steve Pavlich on 0419 806 295 or by email [steve.pavlich@sa.gov.au](mailto:steve.pavlich@sa.gov.au)

**Members in country areas are advised that you *are* able to have blood taken for testing at a number of regional locations, rather than have to come to Adelaide – please email [steve.pavlich@sa.gov.au](mailto:steve.pavlich@sa.gov.au) to make the necessary arrangements and obtain the written referral.**

Once you have your test results it would be appreciated if you would complete the UFU survey so that we can continue to look for any other clusters of high results and take appropriate action. All information will be kept confidential.

## **SAFETY ISSUE IDENTIFIED - BRONTO LADDER PLATFORM CAGE ANCHORS**

Recently, the UFU Victoria Branch and Metropolitan Fire Brigade identified a potential safety anomaly with the personal anchor points currently fitted to the MFB's Bronto Ladder Platform cages.

Following the subsequent investigation in SA of the concern, MFS management advised the UFU yesterday of the outcome which confirms the personal anchor points are safe and fit for purpose on SAMFS Brontos so the Safety Advice is now being withdrawn.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO RECRUIT SQUAD 54!**

Congratulations to all members of recruit squad 54/2019 as you approach your graduation.

The UFU welcomes you all as our newest union members and we look forward to working with you to make the MFS the best and safest place to work. Don't forget to call us on 8352 7211 if you have any queries or concerns.

Congratulations must also go to our members employed in the MFS Learning and Development Department who are working so hard on the recruitment program.



## **ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

The UFU is pleased to know that the MFS is currently recruiting for a replacement in the Engineering Department following the departure of our member Les French who resigned in March to go to greener pastures. We hope that the position will be filled shortly as we all know the workload is high and with old appliances and inadequate staffing, it is only going to grow.

## **LONG SERVICE LEAVE FOR RETAINED FIREFIGHTER MEMBERS**

The UFU has received a number of queries from Retained Firefighter members regarding the applicable rate of pay when you are on long service leave, so if you're interested here is the answer:

Retained Firefighters employed by the SAMFS receive long service leave paid at the rate of ordinary weekly wages and in the first instance this may seem like it only covers training nights. *However*, under the *Long Service Leave Act 1987 (SA)*, where a worker is employed on commission or any other system of payment by result, their ordinary weekly wages are calculated by averaging the worker's weekly earnings over the 12 months immediately before they go on leave.

If you've recently been on long service leave and are unsure about your rate of pay, please check your payslips and if it does not seem to be clear or correct, please raise it with the MFS in the first instance and come to us on 83527211 or [info@ufusa.com.au](mailto:info@ufusa.com.au) if you have any problem.

## **NEW SAFECOM CEO**

A new SAFECOM Chief Executive has been appointed to replace Malcolm Jackman who is leaving shortly. Dominic Lane comes from the position of ACT Emergency Services Commissioner and is likely to commence in the position next month.

## MOTHER'S DAY CLASSIC

The Mother's Day Classic is fast approaching - Sunday 12 May 2019. It's not too late to register on line and join the team "SAMFS United Firefighters Union".

- 1 Log onto the Mother's Day Classic website: [www.mothersdayclassic.com.au](http://www.mothersdayclassic.com.au)
- 2 Select Event Location then Adelaide
- 3 Select Register
- 4 Register to Walk, Run or as a Family
- 5 Continue as instructed
- 6 **IMPORTANT - Click on 'join a team' and then type in SAMFS and at that stage ' SAMFS United Firefighters Union' pops up - click on that, then click on continue.**
- 7 Follow the remaining instructions to complete your registration(s) to our team
- 8 Email your t-shirt or singlet size to [info@ufusa.com.au](mailto:info@ufusa.com.au) or use the link in the email section of the Wordback.

Your team captains this year are S/O Jo-Anna Kenney and S/O Carly White. They are happy to provide further information as you need it. Jo-Anna Kenney can be contacted on 0413 401 815.

If you have already registered and ordered t-shirts or singlets we will advise you by email when they are available for collection from the union office.

In solidarity

**Max Adlam**  
**UFU SECRETARY**