

# "WATER OFF"

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ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA  
(VICTORIAN BRANCH) INC.



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**GENERAL MEETING FOR  
AUGUST IS ON! PLEASE  
COME ALONG.**

**WEDNESDAY 17TH  
AUGUST 2022 AT FRV  
BURNLEY COMPLEX.**

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Eastern Hill Fire Station 1A—1979

# “GENERAL MEETING”

Wednesday, 17th August 2022, Burnley Complex at 10.30am - BBQ Luncheon to follow!

**Volunteers Required**  
**The Fire Services Museum needs past fire service members to assist on an occasional basis at the Museum**  
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## OFFICE BEARERS

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Kevin Hede

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Brian Jackson

**“Water Off”  
Editorial Staff**  
Colin Harris

## Valē

**Ron Hodgson, Brian Nichols,  
Theo Teklenburg, Tony Brown,  
Brian Dunsford, Peter Mason,  
George Wood**

We offer our condolences to the families of these members who have gone on to a higher duty.

## Sick List \* In Care Facility

<b>Bruce Petrie,</b>	<b>Bob Horgan,</b>
<b>Dick Bright,</b>	<b>Archie</b>
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<b>Ian Hookey*</b>	<b>John Williams</b>

## Diary Dates 2022

Next General Meeting Wednesday  
17th August 2022.  
Guest Speaker: Rick Birkett  
(about Post Traumatic Stress)

**Note:** If you know of any member who may be ill please notify a committee member.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Where has the year gone? We are in the second half of 2022 and looking at 2023. We now celebrate Xmas in July and I want to start celebrating New Year in August any takers? (Ha!). We still have a few worries regarding Covid, however, with a few precautions we are nearly back to normal. Everybody seems to have an opinion about what we should be doing and it gets very confusing in the way they put their messages across. I wish they just leave it to us to use common sense if there is such a thing. I hope you and your loved ones have been healthy and safe and if you are unwell or if your loved ones are sick, best wishes! I hope you get better soon! Hope to see you soon. Don't forget to celebrate New Years in August! (Ha!).

## SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT



Hi all,

I hope everyone is healthy and well as we all go through the winter months. The climate up here in the Goulburn Valley, is a bit different to Southern Victoria.

Our new bank has asked me to pass on to our members not to make cheques out to RFAV or RFA. They want the cheque made out to Retired Fire Fighters Association. If any cheques are presented with RFA or RFAV, they will not accept them.

Our next raffle at our next meeting at Burnley, on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August, is a food pack from SPC - "lots of goodies!"

Don't forget your dues! We can't run on fresh air! I will be sending out notices to those who are online so they know when their subs are due. It will be a courtesy reminder as they don't get the "Water Off" mailed to them, therefore they don't know when the subs are due.

Regards RFA Secretary Phil Cleary

### Guest Speaker, Rick Birkett – August, 2022 - R.F.A. Meeting

Born in Yorkshire, UK, Rick decided to join the British Parachute Regiment at the age of 16. Due to clerical errors, the fact that he was underage was missed and only discovered once he had passed the rigorous training. He moved to Australia at the age of 25 years old chasing dreams. Although he was involved in science at that stage, he continued to pursue his passion for skydiving and at times was seconded to work with the Australian Special Forces. At the age of 37 he joined Victoria Police and has worked in a number of specialised areas during his 25 years of service. As a result of his life experiences which include over 2500 jumps, 3 parachute failures and numerous critical incidences Rick is a strong advocate for seeking help for mental health related issues. His presentation will take a humorous look at his life and the ethos he follows: be smart enough to recognise that you need help and brave enough to ask for it.

**Any enquiries regarding meetings call the Secretary:  
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## It was a Chilly Day at Edwards Lake

It was a chilly day at Edwards Lake  
We tough old furies got together at any rate  
President Alex had secured the BBQ  
We were just waiting for you, you and you  
Well, in the end, quite a few did turn up  
But, not enough!

Jock Baxter was there and guess what, he's still got hair!  
Thanks to "Jacko" who brought all the snags and bread  
And later on he cracked a few jokes that went right over my head  
Kevin Hede was there and so was Kristina  
John Battista and Sammy Capes

Ron Barker came along, but he forgot to sing a song  
There was Laurie Christenson from the old & great Station 48  
Geoff Annal was there from the old Museum  
Tom Phillips from No.5 was there and it was great to see 'im  
I thought I saw Jesus Christ, but no, it was just Ian Geddes  
Ray Cripps was there and I do remember his MFB brother  
Ron played great MFB football, just like no other  
In signing off, I just want to say, a great day was had by all  
Though I did feel sorry for the president's Lenore  
She only had one other female friend to talk to – she needed more!  
So as I end this little poem, the committee thanks you all  
We'll do it again, maybe in summer, spring or maybe fall!



**Deadline for November Water Off Magazine: 4th Nov 2022**

## Retired SO Bob Cheshire - Story

It was in late April I was coming up for discharge from the Army in July 1973, not having a clue as what job I would be looking for. Sitting around at home after tea one night talking to Dad (SF/f Albert George CHESHER). The conversation got around to what I was going to do beyond discharge, it was at this point, Dad suggested giving thought to joining "the Job", as a recruit course was commencing in early July, and they were starting to take applications. I followed his advice and went into No. 1 Station the following week. At the "Orderly Box", the orderly went and spoke to an executive. Supt Mick Finn came out introduced himself, he checked my height, chest measurement and had me take dictation test (only allowed three spellings mistakes).

In early May I received a letter from the Brigade with an appointment to see the BMO for a medical. Several weeks later I received a letter confirming the medical was successful and I was required to go in for an interview around the 26<sup>th</sup> May.

The panel for the interview was Deputy Chief Fire Officer Steele, Superintendent Mick Finn and the Union Secretary Mr Bill Weber. On completion I was informed a letter would be forwarded to me informing me of the results.

Early June I received a letter confirming my application was successful and included an offer of employment commencing at the MFB Training College Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 1973.

40.5 years later I retired, it was a hard thing signing your name to the Memo and putting it into the system knowing it was the end of a job that offered so much, one which there wasn't another to compare it with. It was and still is the "BEST JOB IN THE WORLD".

### A wee water story:

I went into No.1 Station early one Saturday afternoon to relieve a fire who had a function to attend. I parked the car in the block which was formerly Hawker Sidley.

Turning into the undercover area where the Fuel Pump was located, a huge volume of water was flowing from around the alleyway. On turning into it, the water was cascading down the steel stairs, looking like Niagara Falls. The Day Shift crew had run a 65mm line from the Pillar Ball Hydrant at the base of the Ramp up to where the workshops used to be. It had been taken aloft outside the old billiard room and tied off perfectly, running through the Billiard Room, through the dormitory and past the showers straight into the Mess Room. As there was only one way in and one way out they were caught like Rats in a Trap.

As a result, I believe most of those blokes in the Mess Room at the time got somewhat drenched.

### **The Job runs in the family like so many others:**

Dad – Albert George CHESHER was in the job from September 1948 to 1981 (33 years).

Myself – Robert Richard CHESHER joined 6<sup>th</sup> July 1973 retired December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (40.5 years)

Paul Robert CHESHER (my son) joined September 2003 (currently served 19 years)

Note: Bob and I were in the same recruit course way back then (49 years ago!). Bob was a great fire-fighter and an even better officer. Always a smile on his face and just a great bloke! (C.D.H. – Ed)

## **NOTICE**

**For all future RFA membership payments, electronic transfers, internet banking etc RFA new banking details are as follows:**

**GOULBURN MURRAY  
Credit Union  
BSB 803 078 - Account No 37460**

**Any queries, contact:  
Phil Cleary - Secretary**

## PETER SHANAHAN 2595

Born in St Arnaud in central Victoria (Mallee region)

Siblings: 6 in all 2 boys 4 girls (two sets of twins 2 boys 2 girls)

Schooling: St Patricks College St Arnaud & left school at 15 years of age

First jobs: Panel beater and farm hand

Why join the MFB: Wanted job security, as I couldn't see myself staying as a panel beater for life.

First fire: Haddams in Ringwood from No.1 on the 4 Pump.

I met some really great people but I can't mention them all.

Stations I worked at: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,38,39,41,42,43,44,47,51,52, Fire prevention, Recruit training, Northern Zone office, acting commander No 1.

Joined the job on 21st August 1970, aged 21, retired 1st September 2005.

I have been Married to Glenda since 1982 (2nd marriage)

2 more children - Kristin and Patrick (6 in total) 5 Grandchildren.

In retirement I have been kept busy travelling around Australia, and on committees at the local Sunbury football club and the Ballarat Football Netball league (life member). The only other volunteering I do is I am a Justice if the Peace

My favourite holiday destination is anywhere in Australia especially Darwin and the Kimberleys.

I live in Sunbury and have done so for 39 years, I love the town!

I have never travelled overseas as there is enough to do in Australia, fair to say if I was given an open ticket I would give it away as I have no interest to say the least.

There have been many funny stories and tragic ones but too many and long to mention here. A book could be written from within the brigade one day.

I get up to the yearly luncheon on the Gold Coast each year run by Gail and Ian Fagerness.

Finally I try to catch up with as many Retired and serving members as I can

I run a luncheon at Sunbury for the retired and serving members every three months if anybody is interested I can be contacted by phone or E-mail

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**ATTENTION: All Retired Firefighters MFB, CFA, FRV**

**From: Peter Shanahan**

**No. 13 Luncheon is on again this year, 2022**

**Dates: 21st of September and the 13th of December**

**Sunbury Football Sports Ground.**

**For information contact: Peter Shanahan - 0417383328**

## John Rodda – Rescue Unit No.1 Station (Evolution) (Part 2)

It so happened that the Chief Fire Officer Laurie Lavelle was leaving work and heading home. The CFO lived around the corner from my home and I was delivered to my front door.

I had several days off and returned on my next day shift.

One good thing about knowing the CFO and coaching his son football I could do a bit of suggesting (sucking) to the CFO about having a training course for the rescue unit. In those days we would go to the tip and cut up cars with the “Jaws of Life” (JoL) and that was about it.

### **How we started the RAR Training:**

Yes, we eventually were to set up a training course. The CFO and a few other executives suggest that I may be interested in running it from the training college in Abbotsford.

How could I refuse? Where do I start? What do I need to know? Bloody heck.

After standing to attention for 10 minutes in DO Bazile Smiths office how could one refuse. I agreed.

There are many people need to get recognition for setting up the Rescue Unit Section.

I can recall turning out at Eastern Hill on the open eight pumper to Motor Vehicle Accident’s (MVA).

We would put the steel box of Hand Held Porta Power on the back of the truck and proceed to the MVA.

Usually the tow truck operators had started to connect up by using all sorts of equipment, mainly chains and pulling the vehicles apart.

We had two Salvage Vans that were equipped for Salvage work but also had a disc cutter. They would sometimes be called upon in the early days.

They used to sit low to the ground because they were overweight.

Firies being firies would make up their own equipment and put it on the units. Can’t do that now!

One person springs to mind was Station Officer Lionel Rose who initiated getting the Jaws of Life (JoL) imported into Australia by Wormalds Australia.

The (JoL) were placed onto the two salvage vans. Training was conducted at several tips and panel shops. Within these times a lot of people need recognition on what they did and how it affected them mentally.

### **Setting up the training course. What were my needs?**

Staff was what we needed and they needed to have some experience.

Some names that helped me out were, Brian Tiedemann, Keith Robbins, Greg Unsworth and Alun Williams. A few others helped out when thing got tough.

I would like to thank Frank Churchill and John Perry from the UFU for the assistance they provided at the time.

It was decided that we would run two types of courses. One would be a four day and use the previous staff who had some experience. The other being an eight day course for the newbies.

A lot was learnt from each course as all participants had various experience and knowledge that we shared.

While we were setting up the RU course, Ambulance Victoria were settings up the Mobile Intensive Care Unit. This was very handy for both services as we were working together on MVA etc.

I would spend a session or two at the AV facility and they would spend a morning with us.

We used to provide a hot meal for the lecturer from AV. This particular day I went down to the session being conducted to let the Ambo know his meal was ready. Standing around the back of the Ambulance were the course participants listening to an experience he had a few years ago concerning an **old timer** who had been splashed with petrol in his eyes at an incident in Altona. I listened for a while and the penny dropped. This was the bloke that I never officially met. He was the man in the **Blue Shirt**. The man I wanted to write about. He got called some names and I said “That was me!” It felt like Christmas when I first met Santa. He said I know, and he wanted to do this for some time but the opportunity never came up. There was & I hope there still is that comradery amongst the services.

It has taken me a few years to put pencil to paper and I have finally done it. My best time I had in the MFB was being on the Rescue Unit at No 1. I felt so proud of being able to set up the training course and eventually getting five Units on the road. The only trouble was that the No 1 RU was finally pensioned out.

Those who travelled upon her were proud warrior’s and very passionate towards the little Ford F350. (RIP little one).

It is my opinion that we produced a good course. We assisted and spent time with the National Safety Council of Australia, training some of their staff when it was going strong. Therein lies another article from the past that the MFB had input with. *John Rodda - Retired SD*





**John Rodda (left) at Eastern Hill – with Ford F350**

**Some appliances from John Rodda's era.**



## “Your Health Mate!”

### Hey, older fellas, it’s time to talk!

Forward planning for men has come under COTA Victoria’s spotlight , with two of its programs – Seniors Rights Victoria and Older Men: New Ideas (OM-NI) – planning a forum for men. Originally scheduled for early April 2022, organisers now hope *Legal Matters for Older Fellas* will go ahead during the Victorian Seniors Festival in October. Cota Victoria chief executive Tina Hogarth-Clarke, said that through OM-NI and the estimated 400 members across 24 groups, it emerged that a surprising number had not attended to future planning. ”OM-NI groups identified forward planning as a topic they wanted to speak about,” she said. “If you don’t have the capacity to express your desires or make your own decisions because of dementia, stroke or something else, who knows what your wishes are? If there are not clearly known, the decisions are made by other people.”

Senior Rights Victoria education coordinator Gary Fergusson said that through the organisation’s helpline, it is known that men make up one in four cases of elder abuse. “We want to provide a forum with an inviting and relaxed environment so participants are confident about asking questions and discussing options with legal experts present, to better equip them to make informed decisions and protect their future.” He said. Ms Hogarth-Clarke said Senior Rights Victoria had done a lot of work in raising awareness of advance care plans. OM-NI [cotavic.org.au](http://cotavic.org.au) and click Our Programs - [advancecareplanning.org.au](http://advancecareplanning.org.au) or 1300-208-582

### Palliative care is your right!

Palliative care can help people with life-limiting illnesses to live as well as possible, for as long as possible, supporting their physical, emotional, spiritual and social needs. Palliative Care Australia, said that as our population rapidly ages and grows, and more people live longer but with more complex chronic conditions, the need for palliative care is going to surge. The Palliative Care Australia Roadmap 2022-2027 revealed demand for palliative care is rising, with the estimated demand in Australia expected to increase by 50 per cent between now and 2035 and double by 2050.

### OPAN

Meanwhile, Australia’s peak body for aged care advocacy Network (OPAN), has welcomed the careful opening of residential aged care homes. The Health Department’s interim guidance allows for greater flexibility in balancing the need to reduce transmission of COVID-19 against the impact of social isolation on residents. Under the changes, each aged care resident can be visited by one residential visitor at all times, including during management of an outbreak or an exposure. OPAN Chief Executive Craig Gear said the easing of restrictions was a win for older people and their families. “The real risks created by Covid need to be assessed against the broader impacts of extended restrictions on the overall health and wellbeing of older people in “aged care” he said. “There are many known risks and impacts on older people when they face sustained social isolation. “These impacts can manifest physically, affecting their strength, bone and muscle mass, and independent function. And they can also result in anxiety, loneliness, depression and cognitive decline. We have been calling for careful changes to visitation rules for many months now – and we welcome these adjustments which will no doubt improve the wellbeing of older people.”

You can call OPAN on 1800-700-600 if you have issues.

\* The Senior—Victoria, 2022.

## Swift water response to NSW

FRV's swift water rescue crews and commanders were deployed to New South Wales recently alongside our emergency service colleagues to provide support to flood-ravaged communities.

Our teams were involved in transporting trapped residents back to safe ground after being surrounded in their homes by rising flood waters.

Crews also coordinated rescues of more than 20 horses using fireboats and moving them to higher ground and walking them to safety.



**FRV Firefighters assisting with NSW floods**

# The Adamson Family

## More than 150 years of firefighting service

(And there are/were 5 of them!) – Part One of their story

District Officer (DO) Frederick George “Mick” Adamson, Reg No 228, was the patriarch of the Adamson family, which has now extended into the third generation, with Mick’s grandson Ryan, joining the MFB in 2013. There is possibly a fourth MFB generation of the Adamson family, that being partially paid firefighter Oscar Goldie, born in 1891 and the father of Mick’s wife Norma, born in 1920. Oscar remembered that the horses’ stables were in Little Bourke Street, Melbourne, probably where No2 Station was situated at that time.

Born in 1926, Mick commenced in 1948, one month after his 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday, when conditions were very different in the fire brigade. For his first five years, Mick and his wife lived at Windsor fire station (Stn 35).

Mick became a highly regarded District Officer (Commander), at a time when the DO’s ran their area. One of the Adamson brothers has stated that “a good DO ran the District – which was great for the job. The DO was someone you could talk to, have a heart to heart with, “not too distant from the ordinary firefighters.” He added, that when the DO’s were replaced by Commanders wearing white shirts, rather than the blue by operational personnel and the DO’s, the rank became distanced from the firefighter and some of the easy and personal communication was lost.

Mick retired in 1984, after 36 years of service, when all three of his sons were in the job! Sadly Mick died in 2001, aged 74.

### **Peter Adamson:**

Most of Peter’s career was spent at Sunshine (44) and Footscray (47) fire stations. Peter noted that in the early days of his career, sometimes there were only 2 firefighters manning an appliance.

Peter was one of the first Rescue Operators at Footscray when the Rescue Units were first introduced, spending more than 50% of his time on the R.U., including using the “Jaws of Life” and hydraulic rams. He helped rescue people trapped in vehicle accidents, trapped in industrial machinery & building collapses. When EMR was introduced, he was happy to participate. He found the training with MICA Paramedics quite intense.

In 1974, Peter became involved in the MFB Running Club. This has started because there was bad press about firefighters being “fat & lazy” (never!!). He became captain & secretary in 1980 for ten years. Between 1977 and 1986, “Charity Relay Runs” were held in Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide and a Darwin to Melbourne run. Competitions were won against the Police and other uniformed services and also the Commonwealth Bank. These events occurred in Melbourne, regional Victoria and New Zealand where a 2 x day race was won by the MFB (by 6 hours) ahead of both New Zealand teams.

Peter’s great achievements were “Round Australia” runs - 1983 and 91. He was captain & secretary. Peter attended “Butler’s Transport” fire in 1985, the first of many hazardous chemical fires in the West. These dangerous fires created severe heat and explosions. Toxic waste taking three weeks to clean up.

In 1992, Peter was nominated for the AFSM by ACFO Terry Hunter. Peter’s son would have joined the MFB in the nineties, however, due to Gov’t cuts at the time, there was no recruiting for five years.

To Be Continued Next Issue of “Water Off”

## **Joke Time or is it the people you worked with?**

WICKET KEEPER – puts on gloves and stands back!

HARVEY NORMAN – 3 years and no interest!

SENSOR LIGHT – only works if someone walks past!

NOODLES – thinks all jobs take 2 minutes!

BLISTER – appears when the hard work is done!

SHOWBAG –full of shit!

LANTERN – not very bright and has to be carried!

DECK CHAIR – always folds under pressure!

PERTH – 3 hours behind everyone else!

G-SPOT – you can never find him/her

BUSHRANGER – holds everyone up!

WHEELBARROW – only works when he's pushed!

LIMO – carries about 8 people!

CORDLESS – charges all night, but only works for 2 hours!

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### ***Geelong Firey's Muster***

***C.F.A. – M.F.B. – VIVA - AVALON  
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#### **Peer support is available to Retired Firefighters and Associated Members**

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# FRV Medals

These new medals have been designed to represent the quality, tradition, and value of the service our people provide, and I look forward to the opportunity to present them, and to seeing our people wearing them with pride.

Ken G. Block  
Fire Rescue Commissioner



## The FRV Valour Medal The FRV Valour Medal

The FRV Valour Medal is a circular gold medal, ensigned with the Crown of Saint Edward.

The front of the medal has a laurel wreath surrounding the FRV badge.

The back of the medal displays a half laurel wreath with the words 'Awarded for Conspicuous Bravery' directly above.

The ribbon features a red centre stripe to depict valour, with a blue stripe representing FRV and an orange stripe representing bravery on either side. A gold clasp is located on the ribbon, with the inscription 'For Valour'.



## The FRV Life Membership Award The FRV Life Membership Award

The FRV Life Membership Award is a circular polished silver medal, ensigned with the Crown of Saint Edward.

The front of the medal has the FRV badge with the words 'Life Member' underneath.

The back of the medal displays a traditional firefighting helmet in the centre, with a half laurel wreath either side.

The ribbon features the colours of FRV, along with the orange and red, representing diligent service which goes above and beyond expectations.



## The FRV Long and Good Service Award The FRV Long and Good Service Award

The FRV Long and Good Service Award is a circular antique silver medal, ensigned with the Crown of Saint Edward.

The front of the medal has the FRV badge with the words 'For Long & Good Service' underneath.

The back of the medal displays a traditional firefighting helmet at the base, with a half laurel wreath either side.

The ribbon features the colours of FRV in vertical stripes.

15 or more years' service is depicted on a ribbon bar through the years of service being written within an antique silver circular rosette, and on medals, through an antique silver clasp with the years of service depicted in the centre.



## Bells By The Beach Holiday House, Ocean Grove

Pet friendly accommodation for everyone



Hello to everyone,

We're contacting you as past, present or future guests at our pet-friendly holiday house. It's been a while since our last newsletter, we know you'll enjoy this edition.

We are so grateful for your on-going support and encouragement during the crisis. We're grateful our regional Victorian guests can now enjoy a well-earned holiday and we'll be even more grateful when metro Melbourne residents can enjoy their holidays, too.

Do you know our cancellation policy? Here it is... 'if bookings are cancelled due to COVID-19 we suggest you re-schedule to another date or we will refund any payments'. That's our policy.

Bells By The Beach has a Service Victoria QR Code for easy check-in. Our team members are fully vaccinated, ensuring a safe holiday experience at our property.

Families with fur-kids (all sizes & breeds) love our 'home away from home'. Everyone can relax and enjoy spotlessly clean surroundings in a serene garden environment.

Guests can be confident our safe and secure property is dog-friendly and escape-proof. Start planning your next holiday now, it's a great distraction!

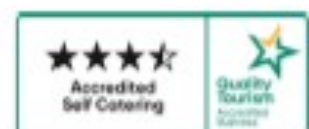
We suggest you visit [www.bellsbythebeach.com.au](http://www.bellsbythebeach.com.au) for availability details or call 0403 221 737. We still have a few vacancies between now and mid-December.

Thank you for considering our holiday accommodation

*Jan & Lin Bell, local owners, Bells By The Beach Ocean Grove*



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