

AIES NSW Division

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Upcoming Events

• Annual General Meeting

The NSW Division will be holding their AGM on Tuesday 23 March 2010 at Burwood RSL Club, Shaftsbury Road, Burwood NSW commencing at 7:30pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

• Calendar items for 2010.

Local members are being sought to help assist the NSW Division to facilitate two regional meetings during 2010. It is proposed that one meeting be held in Orange/Central West and the other in Newcastle/Hunter.

Member contacts within emergency organisations are also sought to assist with facilitating formal site visits by Divisional members as ordinary meetings of the Division. The visits are aimed at assisting members in broadening their understanding of their own and other emergency organisations.

Members interested in assisting are requested to contact the Divisional Registrar.

On the radar...

The NSW Government Asset Management Committee (GAMC) has resolved to consider the feasibility of a joint Emergency Services Training Facility. The proposed concept is to establish a training facility for the of all NSW government bodies required to manage emergency situations.

Welcome

Welcome to a New Year and new challenges for all who have an active role or ongoing interest in Emergency Services in NSW. As events such as the earthquake in Haiti demonstrated, nature is unpredictable – but a properly prepared community is essential if a response is to be orderly, controlled and effective.

We have had our own disturbances in the NSW branch of the AIES – not quite on the scale of Haiti but never the less needing a co-ordinated and measured response. Members will have received an e-mail before Christmas that certain issues and tensions had led to resignations on the NSW sub-committee. Some may have felt that the AIES as an organisation was in crisis.

This is not the case.

As with many organisations change happens and life goes on. We have approximately 160 members in NSW who have rejoined in 2010 and we are currently the second largest sub-branch of the AIES [after South Australia].

New Sub-Committee

Following the resignations there has been a need for some new interim appointments to the NSW sub-committee to primarily organise the AGM, maintain the membership records and manage the finances until a new

committee can be duly elected at the AGM. Steve Anderson, Alan Holly and Danny Fraticelli remain from the 2009 committee and will continue to serve at least until the 2010 AGM when they are eligible to nominate for re-election. As a temporary measure [primarily to enable a quorum of four to be attained] two new committee members have been co-opted – Bill Hoyles and David Hull. These two new committee members will serve until the AGM at which time they may nominate for election if they so wish. This leaves one vacancy on the sub-committee at this time.

New Office Bearers

Until all positions are declared vacant at the 2010 AGM, I have agreed to act as President of the AIES NSW Sub-Committee, and David Hull has agreed to act as Registrar. I will also handle treasurer duties until an appointment has been made after the AGM. The sub-branch records have been handed over and the transition has been smooth and orderly.

Notice of AGM

In order to have an elected Committee as early as possible, and in line with the requirements of our Constitution, you will find enclosed a notice of the Annual General Meeting to be held on 23rd March 2010, a proxy appointment form, and sub-committee nomination forms. The AGM will be combined with a dinner meeting at which our National President John Rice will speak on the ongoing plans for the AIES, the role of the Australian Maritime Rescue Authority [and perhaps even the practice of bee-keeping]!

Please make every effort to attend the March AGM. Please consider nominating for the sub-committee, and becoming an office bearer in 2010.

Regional involvement

The sub-committee is mindful of the need to involve regional members in the AGM, ongoing activities and the sub-committee. There have been developments in Orange and Newcastle that deserve recognition and ongoing support. Outreach to regional NSW will be a priority in 2010. Attendance of regional members at the AGM would be very much appreciated, and you would be warmly welcomed.

A New Dawn

Change in organisations is inevitable. It can be seen as a disaster or as an opportunity. I hope that all members who have renewed their membership in 2010 will see this as an opportunity to actively participate in, strengthen and benefit from the opportunities that membership presents. Stand by for a couple of new benefits for members, being introduced in the next few weeks. A program of increasing benefits of being a member remains number two on my list of priorities going forward

Steve Anderson.
President,
AIES (NSW Division)