



## Flinders Island State Emergency Service Unit

### Annual Report 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016-31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

It is with much pleasure I present the annual report to council of the Flinders Island State Emergency Service Unit.

Membership: During the past year our membership has reduced by one with valued member and administration officer Bruno Imbs leaving the island, leaving us with 10 active members and 2 inactive members with one of the inactive members transferring back to active membership hoping to bring other members to the unit as well.

Our present management and administration positions are as follows-

Unit Manager-	Michael Withers
Deputy Unit Manager/Equipment Officer-	Peter Bowman
Training Officer-	David Heap
Administration Officer-	Ben Foot

Emergency Call Outs: The Unit responded to six call outs throughout the year, these consisted of 2 road crash rescues (RCR), 2 search and rescues, 1 Flood and 1 Storm damage operation.

One of the RCR's consisted of 2 vehicles with one vehicle running in to the side of the other, both vehicles had single occupants who were removed from the vehicles and transported to hospital. Thankfully both were not badly injured. The 2<sup>nd</sup> RCR was a single vehicle rollover where the vehicle hit a power pole; as a result we were required to close the road while Hydro staff repaired the power system. The driver of this vehicle also only suffered minor injuries. With both of these incidents we were required to remove the vehicles and clean up the scene.

In both Search and Rescue call outs Police requested our assistance, but both times we were cancelled on route. In the first search a walking group became lost after they had taken an alternate route to previously planned. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> case a man was located by Police on his property prior to our arrival.

The flood call out was received early in the morning in June following a torrential rain event, A house was been inundated by a stream of water flowing off a hill in the Emita area. We were required to sand bag around the house to divert the water and cleaned out culverts with Council staff assistance dug out drains to divert water away from buildings.

The storm damage job was the same day and required us to clean up trees and debris from the roads from around the island caused by the previous day /night storm.

The six jobs over the year involved a total of 157 operational hours.

Training: Our members were involved in a total of 1684 hours of training over the year. This training takes place internally every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday night with 3 weekends of external training provided from the Regional Training Officer from Launceston.

This year our training also included a major airport emergency exercise involving all emergency services and run by Flinders Council airport staff.

Included in this training is road crash rescue, storm and flood damage, search and rescue, navigation, first aid, steep slope rescue and four wheel driving training.

Community activities: A total of 160 hours of community service were undertaken throughout the year. Included in this was traffic control and manning food and water stations for the FIAAI 5, Pub to Pub, Pub to Pub marathon and Flinders 5 fun runs. We also provided generators and lights for 2 community events.

Equipment: As always we attempt to continually upgrade our equipment. Notable purchases include new lights and visors for our personal rescue helmets, new fibre winch ropes for response vehicles and a GPS system that provides real time location of members via smart phone technology as part of the response capability. The new primary rescue vehicle will be arriving June 2017.

Finance: An audited financial statement of our Units finances, showing a credit balance of \$4121.69, as of the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 is attached.

Summary: Finally to a big thank you to the members and their families, to the SES staff, Ambulance Tasmania Volunteers, Tas Fire Volunteers, Tasmania Police, Flinders Island Council staff and Councillors as well as anyone else that has assisted us throughout the year.



Michael Withers  
Unit Manager  
Flinders Island SES Unit

The Members

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AUDITORS REPORT FOR THE YEARS ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2017

I have examined the financial records of your organisation prepared by your Treasurer Michael Withers. This included bank statements, deposit and cheque books, and cash book. These records reflect a true and fair account of your activities for the year.

Congratulations on the work done by your Unit, for the benefit of the Flinders Island Community.

 11/05/2017

Terence King AASA CPA (retired)

Honorary Auditor