



# SAVEM NEWSLETTER

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### Welcome to SAVEM NEWS, Winter 2018.

The purpose of this newsletter is to regularly communicate SAVEM notices and events to volunteers. This is particularly important as we approach the 2018/19 Fire Danger Season (FDS). In the midst of winter, it is easy to forget how soon FDS will be with us. Preparedness and training are essential to be ready for what may come later in the year.

### A word from the Coordinator

After four years of research, I submitted my PhD thesis in March 2018. Almost all of 2017 was devoted to writing the thesis, which meant there was little time for anything other than the basic necessities of life. I would like to thank the SAVEM Leadership Team for their understanding during this time. Thankfully, the 2017/18 fire season was largely uneventful as far as SAVEM Activations were concerned. However, we are unlikely to have another quiet year!

### Recent training workshops: Penneshaw and Port Lincoln, and Venomous Animals

In June 2018, SAVEM Training Coordinator Dr Nancy Bombardieri and the Coordinator ran Level 1 training days in Penneshaw on Kangaroo Island, and in Port Lincoln. Thank you to those who attended, and to the SA CFS for making their facilities available to us for the day – Penneshaw CFS station and Region 6 CFS HQ Port Lincoln. Thanks to the Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) grant for funding this training.

Several SAVEM volunteers attended a free Venomous Animals Awareness and Safety course offered by DEWNR (now DEW). Future DEW courses will be announced on the SAVEM website.

### Adelaide metropolitan Level 1 training

There will be a Level 1 training opportunity in Spring 2018, date to be advised. Please email your expression of interest to [info@savem.org.au](mailto:info@savem.org.au) or leave a message at **0477 055 233**. Participants are required to complete the SAVEM online pre-reading and quiz prior to taking Level 1 training AND to watch the Volunteer Safety training DVD, found on the website under the "Volunteers" tab.

### SAVEM Exercise *Get Ready* 2018

This year's Exercise will be held on 26 August, at the Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall, 312 Cherry Gardens Road, Cherry Gardens 5157 – just east of the Cherry Gardens CFS. Details will be released in coming weeks. Please register at [info@savem.org.au](mailto:info@savem.org.au) or leave a message on **0477 055 233**.

### SAVEM Tent Team

The Tent Team has been training very well to deploy the mobile Field Hospital, and will train again in August. We hope to bring you more news about this within the next month or two.

