



SASSAFRAS-FERNY CREEK FIRE BRIGADE

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Brigade stalwarts honoured

Four new members have been inducted into the Sassafras-Ferny Creek Fire Brigade's most exclusive "club", being honoured with life memberships for their service to the community.

Gwen Horner and Dorothy Riddiford, long-serving members of the brigade auxiliary, were presented with life memberships marking service totalling more than 85 years between them. The involvement of both women in brigade duties dates back to the early 1960s.

Two former brigade Captains, Simon Neill and Brian Stevens, were also presented with life memberships at the brigade's annual dinner held at Sherbrooke Lodge at the weekend in recognition of their contributions over many years.

Three other long-serving members of the brigade – Alan Potts, Brian and Helen Millar – were awarded CFA 25-year service badges.

The annual dinner has become a feature of the brigade calendar, an opportunity to celebrate brigade achievements over the past year. Brigade Captain John Schauble told members and guests that strong growth in membership, the creation of a brigade website and production of a national award-winning bushfire safety booklet were among the highlights of brigade activity over the past 12 months.

In addition to the service awards, three other brigade members were presented with merit awards determined by the brigade officers. These were Paul Hicks (Firefighter of the Year) and Jack Grant and Anna-Marie Shew (Officers' Awards).

The brigade would like in to acknowledge the following local and other businesses for their generous support of the annual dinner:

Novotel on Collins	Sassafras Woolstore
Moulton Park Bed and Breakfast	Conifer Gardens Nursery
The Cuckoo	Upper Gully Dry Cleaners
Wild Oak Restaurant	Pomp Boutique
Flippin' Pancakes	Clarendon B&B
Fortnums Restaurant	Westminster Gifts
Gepettos	Cachet Gifts
Licketty Licks Ice Cream	Smits n Bits
Miss Marples	The Tea Shop, Sassafras
Benco Nurseries	Soak, Sassafras
Olinda Golf Course	Bluestone Candles
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