



- Sen Const Ryan Hitchen – enquiry into VFFA sign on building.
- Anonymous letter – misuse of RFSA iPad.
- Mr Barnaby Joyce DPM – decentralisation policy.
- Mr Ben Sheilds Mayor Dubbo – Protect the Protectors campaign
- Mr Cris George resident – Keelty Report
- East Gippsland W'fire T'force committee – request to attend.
- Henty MFD – 2018 site application
- Rural Fire Brigades Association QLD – magazine.

**Out.**

- Emails
- Fair Trading NSW – Lodgement of Financial Affairs and Charitable Fundraising Application.
- Fair Trading NSW – lodgement of VFFA Constitution.
- Commissioners Office – Appeals on behalf of volunteers.
- Mick Holton – Beyond Blue ref letter of support.
- Jon Russell – Oliver Maruda solicitors

Greg Godde moved that the correspondence be accepted.  
Second M. Holton **Carried**

6. **Financial Report:** The president presented the financial report for the 2017/2018 financial year on behalf of the treasurer detailing the income and expenditure details. All accounts have been audited for the past 12 months. This report represents a true and fair view of the VFFA financial performance and position.

M. Scholz moved that the financial report for the 2017/2018 financial year be accepted. Second T. Bucklane **Carried**

7. **Payment of Honorariums:** 'Mick Holton read out the honorariums for 2017.  
President/Chairman \$1000.00  
Treasurer \$500.00  
Secretary \$500.00  
Web manger \$1,000.00  
Media Officer \$1,000.00

Brian Williams moved that the honorariums remain the same for next year.  
Second S. Bryant **Carried.**

8. **Election of Office Bearers:** The President Mr Mick Holton invited Mr Michael Scholz to take the chair and conduct the election of office bearers.

President – Mick Holton nominated by Brian Williams - 2<sup>nd</sup> Greg Godde  
Accepted Duly elected.

Senior Vice President – Brian Williams nominated by Jon Russell - 2<sup>nd</sup> Greg Godde  
Accepted Duly elected

Vice President – Graeme Jay nominated by Greg Godde - 2<sup>nd</sup> Jon Russell  
Accepted Duly elected  
Treasurer – Jeanette Holton nominated by Greg Godde - 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Williams  
Accepted Duly elected  
Secretary - Greg Godde nominated by Jon Russell - 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Williams  
Accepted Duly elected  
Media Officer - Jon Russell nominated by Greg Godde - 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeanette Holton  
Accepted Duly elected  
There be no objections to the nominated positions all nominated persons  
were accepted to their role of office bearers.

Mr Michael Scholz was thanked for his assistance, Mick Holton resumed the chair and thank everyone for their support as their President over the last 12 months.

9. **Executive members update:** Jon Russell spoke on the current members of the Executive council to clarify how the members apart from the elected office bearers are put in place.  
Discussion ensue around the room on the past practices and what has happened over the years. Consensus was that a review be conducted, and all current members be contacted and check that current people are still willing to be on the executive.
10. **VFFA Constitution 2018:** The VFFA Constitution has been lodged and registered with Fair Trading NSW. A reply was received from Fair Trading that they had received the documents but do not review the Constitution and is up to the Association to ensure they cover all the requirements in the Act & Regulations.
11. **Govt Inquiry into bullying into NSW Emergency Services.** Mick Holton spoke on result of the enquiry and read out the VFFA media release on the inquiry. Discussion ensued from around the room on the VFFA recommendations, examples of issues within the NSW emergencies services were discussed and debated.
12. **Report back on Friday night meeting.** Mick Holton read a statement about the meeting. *'The VFFA Executive conducted a meeting last night in response to volunteer requests about the lack of detail in the Rural Fire Service Association (RFS) financials. The VFFA have received serious allegations on accounting irregularities for the RFS and the RFS Company. The VFFA will report further on this matter after we complete our investigation.'* Further public comment will be made when more information comes to hand. Discussion from around the room on issues of where the money raised on behalf of the volunteers is distributed.
  - Michael Scholz spoke on the apparent monopoly on the RFS badge where there are limited suppliers from where RFS logo merchandise can be purchased. Discussion ensued from the members on the

purchasing and wearing of clothing with the RFS logo on it. Discussion also took place on the lack of new PPC that is not available to Districts due to supply issues.

**13. Item without notice:** Brian Williams requested to put a request to the meeting and asked the President Mick Holton could leave the room for the duration of discussion. Mick Holton left the room.

Brian Williams spoke on Mick Holton's nomination to Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party for the Comma/ Monaro area was successful. M. Holton will require an amount of approximately \$35,000.00 to help fund his campaign for the 2019 state election. Discussion on this issue ensued with the following motion put by Brian Williams. **MOTION:** 'That a donation of \$10,000.00 be made available as required for Mick Holton to be used for his 2019 state election campaign to be paid into an election account. An expenditure report is to be furnished outlining all costings of the donation with regular reports. The executive is to ensure it complies with the VFFA Constitution and electoral campaign guidelines.'

M. Scholz spoke for the motion.

No member spoke against the motion.

Moved Brian Williams

2<sup>nd</sup> Michael Scholz

Carried Unanimously

**14. General Meeting / Executive meeting 2018.**

Referring to the 2017 meeting it was a consensus that the next meeting will be held after the next big event such as a large fire. Some executive members must be available to down pens and get to that location ASAP after the event is under control. All agreed.

15. Next AGM Sat 10<sup>th</sup> August 2019. Location to be advised.

16. There being no further business meeting closed at 1205 hours.

Greg Godde  
Secretary  
VFFA

Mick Holton  
Chairman / President  
VFFA

## Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet  
 Volunteer Fire Fighters Association  
 As of: 2018-06-30  
 Created: 2018-07-30

### Assets

Account	Balance
<b>Current Asset</b>	
Accounts Receivable	125.00
<b>Total for Current Asset</b>	125.00
<b>Bank</b>	
VFFA Business Account	6,059.40
Electoral Fund	50.00
Debit Card Admin	806.27
<b>Total for Bank</b>	6,915.67
<b>Total Assets</b>	7,040.67

### Liabilities

Account	Balance
<b>Current Liability</b>	
Accounts Payable	25.22
<b>Total for Current Liability</b>	25.22
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	25.22

### Equity

Account	Balance
Owner's Equity	44,238.25
<b>Previous Year(s) Earnings</b>	(42,485.68)
<b>Current Year Earnings</b>	5,262.88
<b>Total equity</b>	7,015.45
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	7,040.67

## Income Statement

Income Statement  
Volunteer Fire Fighters Association  
Reporting period: 2017-07-01 to 2018-06-30  
Created 2018-07-08

### Revenue

Accounts	
Uncategorized Income	0.00
Magazine	20,000.00
Donations	1,945.00
Sales Merchandise	465.58
Refunds	674.71
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>23,085.29</b>

### Cost of Goods Sold (COGS)

Accounts	
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold (COGS)</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>23,085.29</b>

### Operating Expenses

Accounts	
Uncategorized Expense	0.00
Bank Service Charges	13.81
NSW Fair Trading	95.20
Computer - Software	638.13
Meeting Expenses	237.98
Telephone	1,536.00
Insurance	1,755.77
Office Supplies	80.22
Postage & Delivery	986.90
Media Subscriptions	639.86
Honorarium	4,000.00
Merchandise	1,192.00
Travel Expense	2,692.51
Accounting Fees	586.00

Accounts	
Advertising & Promotion	2,113.00
Legal Fees	4,965.40
Field Days	3,961.80
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>25,494.58</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>(2,409.29)</b>