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Shop Steward Training

Shop Stewards in attendance at the 3-day training course earlier this month, provided very positive feedback about the training which they believe will help them to play a more active role in the workplace. Included in the recommendations arising from consideration of the role of the Shop Steward, is that such training is prioritised, a Shop Steward's Charter is developed, membership awareness of the role of Shop Stewards is enhanced, and that resources be developed such as ensuring there is a notice board in every station. A report on the recommendations was ably provided by Shop Steward Andrew Boucher to the meeting of the State Council on 8 November and Matt Osborn will also be reporting to the AGM on Friday, 30 November 2018. Come along and hear directly from your frontline activists.



UFU State Council

The meeting of the State Council on 8 November 2018 was once again a busy one, with matters including training, health and well-being, PPC, AFAC Conference report, WHS, finances, superannuation, recruitment, staffing and union rules discussed. Donations were made to the Firefighters Club Children's Christmas Party and the Headstone Project.

The next meeting of State Council is scheduled for Thursday, 13 December 2018 at 09:30 hours at the UFU office. Members are welcome to attend meetings of State Council as observers; please contact the union office on 8352 7211 if you would like to do so.

Retained Shop Stewards Meeting

The second meeting of Shop Stewards representing UFU Retained Firefighters was held on Friday, 23 November 2018, to discuss issues of concern to our members in the regions. A consultative committee has been proposed to be developed with the MFS to ensure that the



voices of retained firefighters are heard. Thank you to Chas Thomas, Greg Chivers, Matt Watherston, and Steve Smithson who attended this meeting.

Shop stewards from Kapunda, Murray Bridge and Port Augusta at the meeting.

Victors at Victor

Heartfelt congratulations to all our members at Victor Harbor Station who were awarded the Chief Officer's Shield this year for first place in the Regional Operations Annual Audit and Proficiency Assessment. It was a proud night for the crew and their families as a lot of hard work, sacrifice and discipline was acknowledged and applauded. Congratulations also to all the UFU Members of crews around the state who worked hard and showed off their prowess and tireless dedication to our communities in the Assessment.



Lots happening this week....

Are you a Motorsport Fan ?

The UFU of SA is helping the Prostate Cancer Research Foundation collect donations during this year's Adelaide Motorsport Festival.

We are looking for people to assist on:

- Friday 30th November at the Gouger Street Party 1800 – 2100 hours.
- Saturday 1st December at Victoria Park 0800 – 1300 or 1230 – 1700 hours.
- Sunday 1st December at Victoria Park 0800 – 1300 or 1230 - 1700

The role is a massive help to the Foundation; our volunteers also receive entry to the event and an up-close view of the action.

If you can help, please contact Chas Thomas on 0413002656

Paddle4Prostate

Do you paddleboard, canoe or surf ski (or want to have a go)???

Our next event to support the work of the Prostate Cancer Research Foundation is this Sunday 2 December at 9am at Delfin Island West Lakes.

Once again, the UFU of SA will have a team out there to raise awareness and funds for the cause.

Only \$20 to enter (or \$10 for kids) - it should be great fun on the water.

Grab some workmates and enter:

<https://www.paddle4prostate.com.au>

Member - **Nat Gohl** is supporting the event with <https://standuppaddlesa.com.au/>

He is offering \$20 board hire which he will donate back to the event on the day, great work Nat !!!! Once entered contact Chas Thomas [0413002656](https://www.paddle4prostate.com.au) to arrange your UFU singlet and to add you to the team.

Don't Forget...

Annual General Meeting

This Friday 30/11, at the Union Office we're urging all UFU members to come to the AGM to see what's been happening in your Union this year. With State Councillors and Shop Stewards attending, you can also hear about future plans, check the financial reports and have your say on your Union. Then stay and enjoy a BBQ lunch and a refreshing beverage afterwards to welcome in the Festive Season.

UFU ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY 30 November 2018 (C shift)

1030 hours

UFUSA Office 148 South Road Torrensville SA

To assist with catering, please RSVP on 83527211 or to info@ufusa.com.au if you can come.

Last Week! – PFAS Blood Testing

Please act now!

Contact Steve Pavlich, Clara Cipriani or your UFU

Members in country areas are advised that you are able to have blood taken for testing at a number of regional locations, rather than have to come to Adelaide – please email steve.pavlich@sa.gov.au to make the necessary arrangements and obtain the written referral. Extended time will be made available to assist in this process but please do it now!

It would be appreciated if you would ensure this Word Back is printed out and placed on the Station noticeboard if possible; this will enable those who do not access electronic devices to keep up with the latest information.

In solidarity

Max Adlam

UFU Secretary