



WORDBACK

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SAMFS ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT

The Union is working intensively with our Shop Stewards and State Councillors in the preparation of the log of claim items. As stated in previous Wordbacks, one of our goals is to ensure members are actively engaged in the development of the log of claims and this is undertaken in an open and transparent manner.

At State Council yesterday, a process and timeline were endorsed giving the Union office a framework for the finalisation of the log of claims. The process and timeline are outlined below:

Last day for suggestions for the log of claims		21 June 2019
Survey (electronic and / or hardcopy) to all members	Opens	28 June 2019
	Closes	12 July 2019
Shop Stewards Meeting for finalisation and endorsement		26 July 2019
Retained Shop Stewards Teleconference		27-29 July 2019 (Tbc)
State Council Endorsement		8 August 2019
Full membership endorsement		16-23 August 2019

We sincerely ask that members engage with the Union office in accordance with the above timelines. If anyone from your shift and station is on leave, we ask that the relevant shop steward or interested members give them a call and make them aware of the above process and timeline.

SHOP STEWARDS MEETING

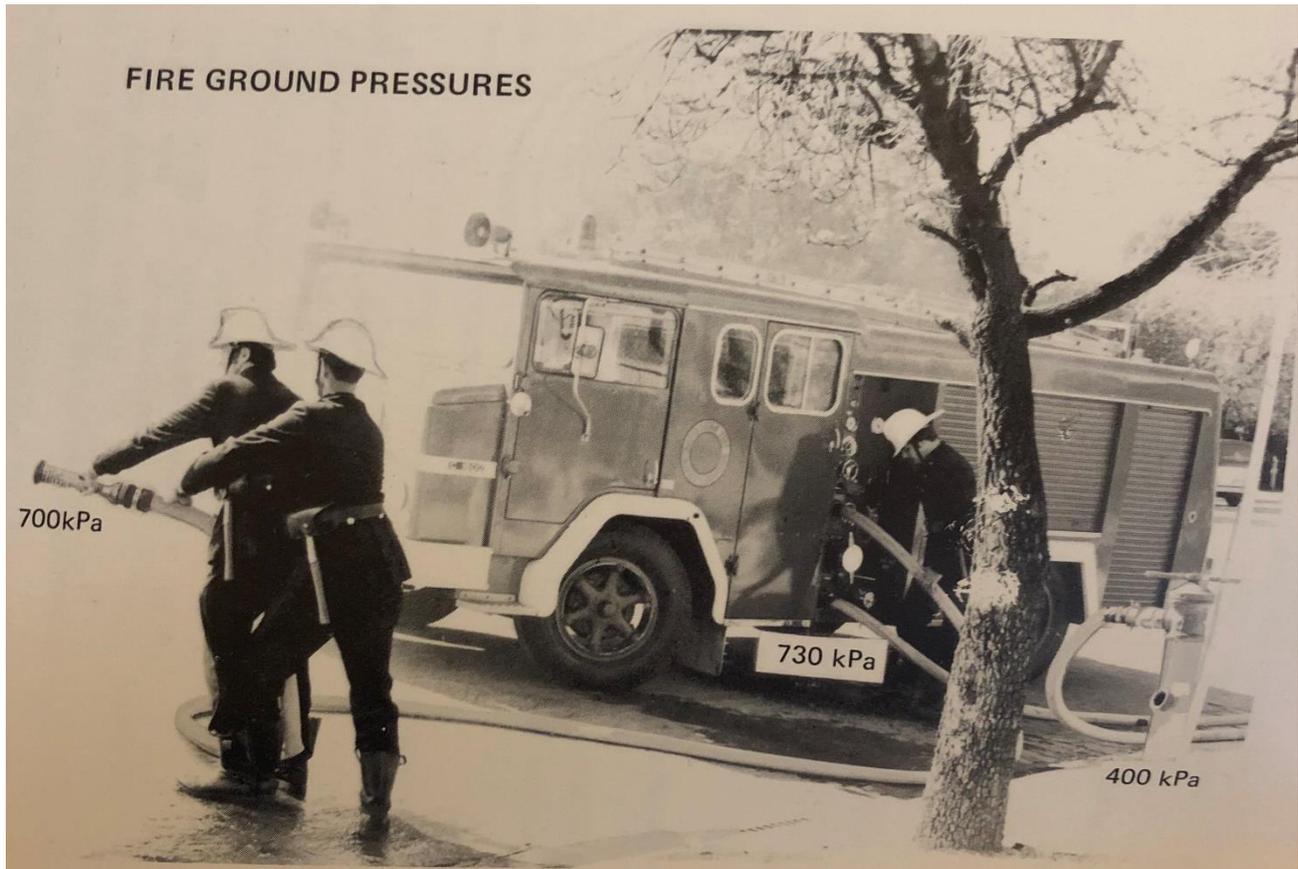
We are calling a Shop Stewards meeting for **26 July 2019** to finalise the log of claims and for the Shop Stewards to give their endorsement. SAMFS requires the UFU to provide 4 weeks' notice for deployment for Shop Steward meetings. We ask that you confirm as soon as possible whether you can attend the meeting and require deployment. **Please RSVP no later than 27 June 2019.** For any RSVP's received after this date, we cannot guarantee deployment being approved.

RETAINED MEMBERS

For this current Enterprise Agreement negotiations, the UFU is engaging with our Retained members in a targeted and specific manner. Last week we were able to hold a teleconference to discuss their enterprise agreement log of claims as well as general issues that are specific to retained stations. We thank the Shop Stewards for giving their time and engaging with the Union. The process and

timeline outlined above will also be applicable to our Retained members with the teleconference date to be confirmed subject to consultation regarding the most appropriate time and date.

We look forward to further engaging with our Retained members and building a collaborative and productive relationship.



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC SECTOR WAGES PARITY ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT (PLUMBING, METAL AND BUILDING TRADES EMPLOYEES) 2016

Staff at the Engineering Department and in the Breathing Apparatus Department are covered by the above agreement which expires on 15 December 2019.

With the lead being taken by the Communications, Electrical, Plumbing Union (CEPU), the UFU has engaged with our members to assist in the development of a log of claims. Negotiations have commenced with the State Government and given the current economic and political climate we feel that we have a battle before us to obtain significant gains.

The UFU is working in conjunction with the CEPU and other Unions to ensure the best outcome for our members.

INTERIM PAYMENT

The UFU has met in good faith with both the SAMFS and representatives from Treasury and Finance to discuss and progress the confirmation of an interim payment. The first meeting was an initial discussion and the UFU clearly outlined the work that had been undertaken and the obligations that have been met under the conditions of the payment.

There is a further meeting to be held next week and we will update the members on the outcome in next week's Wordback.

As stated above, given the current economic and political climate, this will not be an easy task. However, with the support and commitment of our members, the UFU remains steadfast in achieving another 2% outcome.

MV GALLANTRY STAFFING

We note that the SAMFS has not met their obligations to implement the additional staffing for the MV Gallantry. We were given an undertaking that it would occur a week after the most recent recruit squad graduation and now a further 4 weeks have passed with the additional position yet to be formally implemented.

In recent correspondence, the SAMFS has stated that the delay is due to the need to finalise IT infrastructure and PIDS. However, we say that it is not good enough and such matters, if legitimate, should have been finalised well before now.

The UFU will correspond with the SAMFS requesting that the additional position be implemented immediately as per their previous undertakings.

OFFICE TELEPHONE SYSTEM

The UFU office is unfortunately experiencing issues with our incoming lines. Our apologies for the inconvenience caused by Telstra if you have been trying to contact our office from Thursday evening onwards. If you wish to contact the office, in the interim, please do so via email to info@ufusa.com.au. We thank you for your patience.

In Solidarity

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GAD'd Secretary