



TASMANIAN FIRE BRIGADES CHAMPIONSHIPS ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2018

In 2018 the Tasmanian Fire Brigades Championships Association (TFBCA) continued with the two divisions within the senior section of the Championships. As expressed in last year's Presidents report this will continue.

At a special meeting of the Executive Committee conducted in May 2018 I was elected as the new president. I would like to express my gratitude for the support both current and former members of the committee have given me.

I would like to thank outgoing president Mark Dobson for the tremendous effort he has put in over the last nine years as president. Mark's achievements to help continue to grow these competitions are too numerous to mention here but I am confident that I speak for everyone involved in the TFBCA when I congratulate him on a job well done.

Corporate sponsorship was down somewhat in 2018 and as president I am aware that this is an area I will need to improve on in future as we need to continue to develop strong ties with a number of Tasmanian and National businesses, which provide tremendous support to our Association and the Championships.

Some rule changes and event modifications were implemented for the 2018 competitions, some directly relating to events while others effecting the running of the event , as an example; the use of the CAF's 8.1 to supply water to the lanes and the recharging of extinguishers. These changes had an overall positive effect on the event with feedback being mostly positive.

A total of 28 teams enrolled for the 2018 Championships which is down from 2017 and indicate that we as an executive need to work harder in developing strategies to continue to grow the event, and raise the level of involvement from competitors both senior and junior, parents, partners and families continues to strengthen the Championships into the future.

The Weather played its's part in the 2018 competitions being mostly fine and sunny allowing for the smooth on-time running of the event. Keeping to the schedule was also helped by the small number of reruns required. Hopefully this will continue with the aid of the above mentioned changes and continued improvement. Work is now almost complete on the new wireless electronic timing gear, which will also assist the schedule.

Countless hours of planning and logistical work goes into running the annual Championships and again I would like to personally thank the Executive Committee and the many people who selflessly give up their time each year to ensure the event goes according to plan.

I will be attending the Australasian championships being held in NSW this October, with the next venue (2021) scheduled to be held in Tasmania. To this end I have been in contact with the Chief Officer of the Tasmania Fire Service to inform him of this and seek his advice.

I would encourage brigades to get involved with the Championships, if you have juniors this presents a great opportunity for them to learn the basics of practical firefighting and gear handling in a fun and enjoyable setting. For those brigades who are already involved, reach out to your neighboring brigades and offer them some assistance to make it less daunting for them to get involved.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brett', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

District Officer Brett Fazackerley
TFBCA President