

Tony Wain, Captain Shoreham Rural Fire Brigade
Looking Forward Speech to the 75th Anniversary Awards Dinner
12th September 2024

Thank you Sue for your welcome and your History of Shoreham Fire Brigade.
Thank you to Peter Shaw and Trevor Owen for giving up your time to come to our Awards night.

To Dave and to Nic and Glenn thank you for coming to help us celebrate 75 years of History and the Shoreham communities support for our Fire Brigade.
We would not be here tonight without that support which has been provided over the years to all the Firefighters and Brigade Auxiliary members and other support personnel that every Brigade requires, but I am not here to talk about the past.

We are looking to the future.

I am here to talk about our current situation. We are in best position we have been in for very many years. We have a New Station, arguably the best on the Peninsula, we have the best appliances and we have a dedicated crew of **older** Firefighters and support members, **but the best news is**, over the last 6 years we have increased our membership and added 10 New Firefighters. We now have 23 Members in total.

5 Non-Operational and **18 operational**, 13 of whom will be Tanker drivers by the end of the month.

We generally have a low number of Primary jobs; we average around 44 jobs a year including supporting our neighbouring brigades and responding to assist SES with storm damage. We have the ability to maintain our support for Western Port District, the State, **and** when required Interstate deployments. I believe that we, as a small Brigade are more than pulling our weight in supporting strike teams with our vehicles and personnel.

In Twenty-five years when Shoreham is celebrating their 100th anniversary they will be able to look back and say that Shoreham fire brigade has represented and supported their community well.

I am proud of you all.

Happy Birthday for tomorrow, Sue.



Sue Wilding, President Shoreham Rural Fire Brigade was presented a bunch flowers for her birthday