

# Firey Women in Yankaililla

# Cows for Cambodia

The CFS invites women in the Yankaililla and surrounding districts to a free two day bushfire safety workshop to be held at the Yankaililla Youth and Community Centre on July 3 and 10.

The thought of protecting your home against bushfire or even leaving a loved one when a bushfire is close by is a daunting one, so the CFS is offering a Firey Women course to help empower women during the Fire Danger Season.

CFS Community Engagement Officer Laura Gemmell said it is not uncommon for women to remain at home with children while their partners are fighting fires.

"Women are left vulnerable unless they have an awareness of bushfire safety and the knowledge required to defend their homes and protect their families," Miss Gemmell said.

"Without this understanding women are more likely to place themselves at greater risk by leaving their homes with their children at the last minute."

"During Firey Women we discuss a range of topics and conduct practical components, including how to operate a farm fire pump and other fire-fighting equipment."

The workshops offer a safe and non-threatening

Last week Meg Chabrel of Strathalbyn returned from an amazing trip to Cambodia with Cosi of TV's 'South Aussie with Cosi' fame, participating in his 'Cows for Cambodia' charity project along with 30 others.

Meg's story: To take part, we each had to fund-raise \$2000, thus keeping the charity viable.

In my case I was so lucky to live in generous Strathalbyn, where I felt the whole community was behind me, supporting my raffles, a trading table and giving donations.

In particular my friends at Strathalbyn Stitchers were hard-working and encouraging, making sure I reached the target and more.

The charity has a cow

and the donor's message written on the 50 Kg bag - we set off on tractor-trailers to deliver the bags to the very grateful recipients.

I was allocated a bag for personal messages and wrote Strathalbyn Stitchers in acknowledgement of their support and

interest.

I added friends and my niece's family who also helped me to achieve this life-changing adventure.

The old man who received our bag of rice was 86 years old and of course, very grateful.

The whole experience was emotional, humbling

and full of surprises.

I would highly recommend this to anyone who wants to make a difference - it will make a difference to you too.

Thanks to Strathalbyn residents and your wonderful community spirit - so proud to live here!



Meg Chabrel who has just returned from Cambodia.



Meg's Strathalbyn Stitchers bag of rice sits beside the recipient in Cambodia.

## Changes to SA Ambulance Cover

As of the 30th May, residents of South Australia who have Ambulance Cover with the South Australian Ambulance Service (SAAS) will no longer be covered while travelling interstate.

If you currently have an Ambulance Cover Policy, these alterations will come into effect upon renewing your cover on or after 30 May 2016.

"It is a shame that the State Government expect residents of South Australia to pay the same amount for their cover, when they will receive a reduced service," said Mr Pederick.

"I have been inundated with correspondence from constituents in the Hammond Electorate, all of whom are extremely disappointed and concerned by the changes.

"To express the concern of those in my Electorate, I have written to the Minister for Health, requesting an explanation and asking he reverse this decision immediately.

"I encourage all who are concerned to contact my office and request a copy of the petition which calls for an immediate review of the policy change.

"This amendment is unfair and charging South Australians the same amount for less cover is simply unacceptable," said Mr Pederick.

## Latest from SA Ambulance

SA Ambulance Service (SAAS) CEO Jason Killens said: "As many of you are aware, SAAS recently announced changes to our Ambulance Cover scheme to no longer cover the cost of ambulance attendance that is provided for members who are interstate."

"These changes to the terms and conditions were made following a regular review of South Australian Ambulance Cover, to ensure SAAS continues to offer a high-quality, sustainable product for South Australians.

"Given the considerable community interest in these changes, SAAS will maintain the current nationwide coverage of Ambulance Cover for anyone renewing before 31 July 2016.

"SAAS has brought forward an independent

## Siobhan Owen in concert at St Andrews



Siobhan Owen coming to St Andrews Church.

Celtic Singer/harpist Siobhan Owen is making a welcome return to Strathalbyn to perform a Sunday afternoon concert at St Andrew's Church at 2pm on June 5th.

Renowned for her unique vocal style, Siobhan blends her ethereal soprano voice with heart wrenching Celtic lilt.

Performing at festivals and concerts around Australia from an early age, Siobhan spent 2015 based in the UK while touring Europe, Japan and Siberia.

While in the UK she recorded a new album, and was invited to record 2 songs for BBC TV's 'Songs of Praise'.

Siobhan is back in Australia for a short time before returning to Europe from June to October for further concerts, festivals and shows - including Triskell Celtic Festival in Italy and Lorient Interceltic Festival in France, a solo European concert tour, performing

in the Celtic rock opera 'Tristan & Yseult' in Siberia, and performing in the Celtic-rock opera 'Excalbur' for a 14 date German arena tour.

Siobhan recently released her 5th album 'Enthwined'.

This long awaited follow-up to her award winning 'Storybook Journey', includes 8 original and 7 traditional songs - including songs in the Welsh, Irish, Scottish and Breton languages.

Heart-wrenching traditional Celtic ballads entwined with original contemporary Celtic songs... all woven together by Siobhan's exquisite, emotive voice.

Be prepared to be enchanted by Siobhan's stunning voice and gentle harp playing.

### Siobhan Owen

Welsh born Celtic/Classical Singer & Harpist  
**Sunday 5th June, 2pm**  
**St Andrews Church**  
**10 Alfred Place, Strathalbyn**  
**Tickets \$20 / \$18 conc.**  
 (includes afternoon tea)

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