

May 2019

Dear Employer of a NSW SES Volunteer,

This year National Volunteer Week will run from 20–26 May 2019. Thousands of events will be held across the country to say thank you to the 6 million Australians who volunteer their time in service of their communities.

On Wednesday, 22 May 2019 we will celebrate *Wear Orange Wednesday* (WOW Day), where the community can thank the 40,000 State Emergency Service volunteers across Australia for the great work they do.

The success of the NSW SES and our partner agencies across the country is only possible because of the incredible support our volunteers receive from those around them and in particular the support they receive from you, their employers. Without your understanding and flexibility our volunteers would not be able to serve the community the way they do.

Your generosity in releasing our volunteers, often at short notice, to assist communities around the State and across Australia is critical to the success of the NSW SES. As we celebrate National Volunteer Week it is important that I say a huge thank you to you for being a part of our volunteering family. What you do for our volunteers is enormously appreciated!

I invite you to join us in celebrating WOW Day in 2019. I encourage you and your organisation to wear orange on May 22 to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of our volunteers. You can promote your own photos of your team wearing orange on your company's social media channels with the hashtags #ThankYouSES and #WOWDay to show your support. More information on the event can be obtained at www.wearorangewednesday.com.au including a media kit with web banners, social media tiles, posters and brochures.

On behalf of the NSW SES and the State of NSW, once again, I would like to thank you and your organisation for supporting our volunteers and supporting us with our mission to save lives and protect communities.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Stewart', is positioned above the printed name.

Kyle Stewart APM
Commissioner NSW SES