

## Your Invitation

To CROWAG affiliate groups and individual members.



**With increasing demand for emergency services, will the SES continue to meet community expectations?**

**When** – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026, **7.30 pm – 9.00 pm**

**Where** - *Blackburn Lake Visitor Centre.*

**Steven Eckfeld** – Deputy Controller: Partnerships and Community Engagement, Victorian State Emergency Services (SES) Whitehorse.

The Whitehorse State Emergency Service (SES) will be presenting to CROWAG on aspects of SES' work across the state with a particular emphasis on the Whitehorse area.

The SES is the control agency for flood, storm, earthquake, tsunami and landslides. Demands for SES services, largely volunteer based, are increasing over time (changing demographics, ageing trees, greater population densities, and anecdotally climate change effects).

The Whitehorse SES is facing significant challenges in its ability to respond to the increasing demands from the community due to inadequate and underfunded resources. Government mandated growth corridors will only exacerbate already stretched SES resources.

Steven has over 13 years volunteering with the SES in a variety of roles and brings a broad range of direct knowledge of SES activities. Steven is also a Geologist, and a long-term resident of Blackburn.

**\$\$** To assist CROWAG meet the increasing cost of public liability insurance, we ask attendees to make a small donation at the venue on arrival.

**RSVP** – attendance is allocated on a 'first in' basis. Bookings are essential. Please email [crowag.inc@gmail.com](mailto:crowag.inc@gmail.com) by 13<sup>th</sup> April to book a place.