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The Metropolitan Fire Brigade assist the Metropolitan Ambulance Service in Melbourne.

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

## Maurice E Massie

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### NER MAGAZINE

Members by now would have received the Spring edition of NER. Thanks go to those who contributed articles for the magazine and congratulations to our Editorial team and Publishers on producing such a professional publication.

I would once again urge members to support the magazine by contributing articles for publication. Without such content, the magazine cannot continue.

### DISASTROUS BUSHFIRES

As I write this article, I am conscious of the dangerous bushfires that are currently burning throughout Tasmania, Victoria, New South Wales and Western Australia. As far as Tasmania is concerned, an ominous indication was given when we had serious fires on the Eastern Shore of Hobart on Thursday, October 12. Fortunately in this fire, no homes were destroyed and this is totally due to the fine effort of the Tasmanian Fire Service as well as the civilian population who stayed with their homes in order to protect them. Being so early in the season, we can look forward to a long period where we will be required to be in a state of readiness in order to protect property and lives. At this very moment, there is a very serious fire burning in the north east portion of Tasmania. This particular fire has already claimed 18 residences in the Scamander area as well as a number of business premises and other assets. No lives have been lost thus far and it is to be hoped that the efforts being put in will ensure the protection of life and property until this fire is rendered safe.

There are other major fires burning throughout Tasmania and a number of these have yet to be brought under control. I know that this is the case also in Victoria and NSW.

### EXPANSION OF THE INSTITUTE

Probably the most exciting and important event that is occurring within our Institute at this present time is the possible formation of a Division of the Institute in the ACT. Members will be aware that currently the ACT

forms part of the NSW division. We do have a number of members of the Institute who live and work in the ACT, so that it is totally appropriate for some effort to be made in servicing that membership.

The 'mover and shaker' in this endeavour is John Rice, who is a long standing member of the Institute, initially in Queensland and now in the ACT. John is a Marine Search and Rescue Co-ordinator with the Australian Maritime Safety Authority. He was a member of the Queensland Police Service and whilst in charge of the Gold Coast Water Police, formed a chapter of the Queensland division on the Gold Coast.

I have been in talks with John for some time now, discussing the likelihood of forming a chapter or a division of the Institute in the ACT. John has been in close contact with both our Secretary/Registrar Robert Maul and the NSW President, Alan Holley, in order to progress the formation of a division in the ACT. Already there has been considerable interest from members, as well as prospective members.

#### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

Divisions would have now received correspondence from our National Secretary/Registrar Robert Maul regarding a proposal from the South Australian Division for the appointment of a Professional Development Officer for the Institute.

This matter will be on the agenda for discussion at our next General Council Meeting in Hobart on April 16, 2007. In order that the Council can properly consider this proposal,

it is requested that all Divisional Boards discuss this matter on the basis of the submission they have received, in order that National delegates can put forward the considerations of their membership. The original proposer of this initiative, Chris Ainsworth, has been invited to attend the General Council Meeting in Hobart.

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#### **CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

As this will be the last opportunity prior to the festive season, I would like to wish all members, their families and loved ones all the very best for the festive season. I hope and trust that those volunteer operatives who are facing a busy and testy period, will have at least some time to spend with their families.

I would like to also pass on my good wishes and thanks to our hard working Secretary/Registrar Robert Maul, General Council Delegates, all Divisional Registrars and Divisional Boards for their individual efforts over the year. Thanks also to our Editorial Team and Website Managers, as well as our Publishers for a job well done during 2006.



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**Bob Maul**

*General Secretary/Registrar*

YEAR	LOCATION	TYPE	NUMBER DEAD (APPROX)
79	Volcanic Explosion	Pompeii	10,000 plus
1339-51	Asia/Europe/Africa	Plague	75,000,000
1556	China/Shensi Province	Earthquake	830,000
1660	Italy/Mt Etna	Volcano	20,000
1737	India/Calcutta	Cyclone	300,000
1755	Portugal/Lisbon	Earthquake	60,000
1883	Indonesia/Krakatoa	Volcano/Tsunami	36,000 plus
1887	China/Honan Province	Flood	900,000
1908	Italy/Mt Messina	Earthquake	83,000
1914-18	Europe	World War I	22,800,000 (additional injured) 21,000,000
1918	Worldwide	Spanish Influenza	21,640,000
1920	China	Landslide	200,000
1923	Japan/Tokyo	Earthquake	143,000
1927	China	Earthquake	200,000
1931	China	Flood	3,700,000
1939-45	Worldwide	World War II	51,700,000
1949	Guatemala	Flood	40,000
1953	Netherlands	Storm Surge/Flood	2,000
1960	Morocco/Agadir	Earthquake	17,000
1962	Iran	Earthquake	12,000
1964	Italy	Landslide/Dam failure	1,800
1963	Caribbean	Hurricane	7,190
1965	Bangladesh	Cyclone/Storm surge	500,000
1972	Nicaragua	Earthquake	10,000
1973/74	Africa/Sahel zone	Drought	100,000 plus
1974	USA	Tornado	1,000
1976	Guatemala	Earthquake	23,000
1976	China/Tangshan	Earthquake	250,000 plus
1977	India	Cyclones (2)	14,000
1978	Iran	Earthquake	25,000
1982	Mexico	Volcanic Eruption	1,700
1984	India/Bhopal	Gas leak/Cyanide	2,352
1985	Colombia	Volcanic Eruption/Mudslide	20,000 plus
1986	USSR/Chernobyl	Nuclear Accident	(initial) 31 (long term/ongoing) Tens of thousands
1994	Africa/Rwanda	Civil War	1,000,000 plus
2004	Indian Ocean	Tsunami	300,000 plus
2005	Pakistan	Earthquake	80,000 plus

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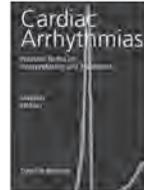


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### COMMUNITIES BENEFIT FROM EMERGENCY VOLUNTEERS

The contribution of each volunteer in the response to emergencies is worth an estimated \$950 a year, Attorney-General Philip Ruddock revealed today as he released the results of a national survey.

Mr Ruddock said the report by Anglicare on behalf of the Australian Emergency Management Volunteer Forum showed these local heroes were an integral part of any response to a crisis or disaster.

"This survey formally recognises the estimated direct financial cost and in-kind contributions of volunteers who give their time so willingly," said Mr Ruddock.

"These people are the backbone of our emergency management structures and they do so at a significant cost."

The report estimates the average of direct and in-kind contributions made by each volunteer at \$950 a year.

"There are more than 500,000 emergency management volunteers," said Mr Ruddock.

"We see them in action in floods, severe storms, bushfires and other natural disasters, providing assistance at accidents and other life threatening situations - such as surf life saving - and giving personal support to victims and their families."

The Attorney-General Philip Ruddock, who is the Minister responsible for national emergency management, said the dedication of volunteers had been on show during the current bushfire season.

The survey covered fully employed, self-employed and retired volunteers in the primary emergency services as well as in the Salvation Army, Surf Life Saving Australia, St Vincent de Paul, St John Ambulance, Volunteer Rescue Association, Australian Volunteer Coastguard, Australian Council of State Emergency Services, Anglicare, Adventist Development and Relief Agency Australia.

A copy of the report is available at [www.aemvf.org.au](http://www.aemvf.org.au)

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  - When in doubt, empty your knapsack on the nearest tree stump.
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  - All fire fronts 1 hour away will arrive in 30 minutes.
  - Try to look unfit, they may be running out of people for the rake hoe line.
  - A fireball has the right of way.
  - The media will turn up just as your brilliant plan falls apart.
  - When the Commissioner rings, the fire is always under control.
  - When you have an area under control, don't forget to tell the fire.
  - That unimportant fire you are ignoring is the main front.
  - If you are short of everything except fire, things are going as per normal.
  - Never forget that your equipment was made by the lowest bidder.
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  - If you put out more fire than you are asked to, you will be given more fire to put out.
  - You will always have more fire than you do water.
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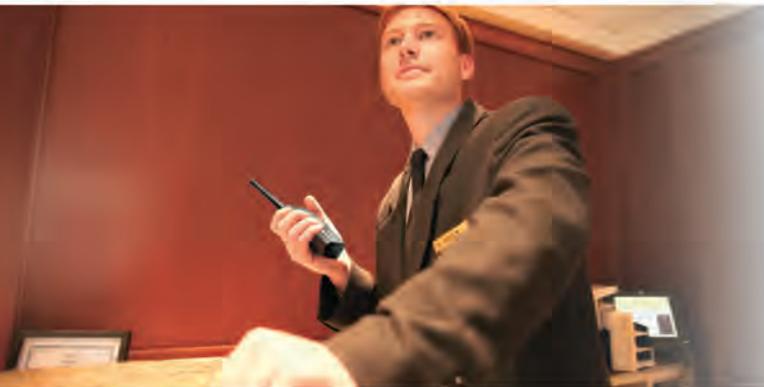
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# PHOTOS OF THE TASMANIAN FIRES

*Tasmania has suffered from many bushfires this summer, with damage caused to various communities.*

*From top to bottom: Fire rages through Scamander Beach; Bushfires on the eastern shore of Hobart - October 2006; Clouds of smoke rising close behind this roof.*





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# METROPOLITAN FIRE BRIGADE TOWARDS 2010

**Terry Hunter, AFSM**

*Assistant Chief Fire Officer*

*From the Combined Emergency Services Seminar – Melbourne, Victoria  
28th Annual Seminar, Saturday, October 28, 2006*



*MFB assistance to MAS Melbourne.*

**T**he Metropolitan Fire Brigade will be 119 years old in 2010, which is only 3 years away. Our planning cycle, like many in the Government sector, can be as little as 3 years with exceptions in areas like infrastructure and workforce planning.

2010 is not really the future, it is the present. We all are experiencing faster change in our environments and the need to have the capacity for surge with contingency planning and resourcing for new emergency extreme events e.g. Pandemics, weather events, terrorism etc.

I plan to provide a picture of where the MFB is today and where we are going under some broad headings.

Our current planning cycle has produced some priorities for the next few years which are:

1. Ensuring Emergency Response Capacity and Capability;
2. Leadership Development;
3. Safety Culture at Work; and
4. Vision 2020.

The environmental analysis draws on internal and external sources.

## **THE MFB TODAY**

The MFB is a strongly performing agency meeting a range of demands. The national productivity commission collects performance data and the MFB data is a response time of 7.7 minutes at the 90% and containment to room of origin which currently, and has for some time, lead the nation.



Clockwise from top left: MFB Firefighters providing oxygen therapy; MFB response to a chemical incident; MFB/CFA joint rescue; A high speed collision with two scenes approximately 500m apart resulting in a MFB/CFA joint rescue with assistance from Vic Pol.

### THE MFB'S CAPACITY TODAY

It is such that it provides to the community a range of services, a number that would not have been contemplated in the past. Our focus has broadened over time and we fully expect that to continue. The MFB co-responds with the MAS to provide a First Responder Medical Service. Its capacity includes such services as CBR response, wildfire response and support, environmental protection, HART, USAR, maritime response, road or industrial rescue, community education, scientific services, fire engineering consultancy etc.

USAR is a developing capacity for the State with Commonwealth support for 2 regional caches, 1 training cache and 1 response semitrailer type vehicle. The State now has 240 USAR level 2 operators which is a mix of MFB, CFA, SES, MAS and Vic Pol.

Our focus has been on better incident control and support of other agencies. Support for other agencies has increased.

The EMR program has seen:

- 100% of operational staff trained by MAS (with a small number of exceptions);
- Provision of equipment on each appliance including defibrillators and oxygen;
- 11,100 responses;
- 64 saves.

This is a service that although common in the USA, is new for fire services in this country. It is a capacity that has application internally at incident scenes and in the personal lives of our staff who have been able to assist at scenes whilst off-duty.

The take up internally of this quite foreign new skill and activity, given that we have a quite mature workforce, has been excellent.

### INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

This is a driver of change in the MFB as with all ESOs.

We have had for a number of years an internal television station with a live and taped broadcast capacity. We are currently changing to digital transmission via a recently completed optical fibre installation which is a first for any fire service in the world. This capacity is currently being implemented for dispatch services, fire vision services, internal computer network, extension of optic fibre to CFA sites in regional Victoria, teleconferencing, online training resources, e-learning and other possibilities being considered by staff. 2006 saw the introduction of a digital radio capacity into the MFB and Vic Pol.

Dispatch services will now have the capacity to improve initial information, drawing on risk and map databases for example.

*"We are seeing the benefits of promoting careers in the fire service in both the numbers applying and the ever increasing diversity of background of individuals."*

Our staff comprise of 1600 operational and 250 corporate staff.

- The average age of our operational staff is 44 years.
- The average years of service of these staff is 20 years.
- We recruited 72 people in 2006.
- We will recruit 108 people in 2007.

We average 3000 applicants for each intake course. We are seeing the benefits of promoting careers in the fire service in both the numbers applying and the ever increasing diversity of background of individuals.

The MFB has been promoting a career to women for a number of years now and in the past 15 years we have



*Clockwise from top left: MFB Road Safety Education for "L" Plate drivers at Caulfield Racecourse; An MFB live internal television program with guest Kenny; A community group visiting Oakleigh Fire Station; MFB High Angle Rescue Team.*

come from a zero base in 1988 to 34 women in 2006. (There was a 10 year period of no recruiting.) 60% of our senior operational leadership from station level up will reach a superable service of 30 years by 2010. We are seeing, as a result of our effectiveness, a general reduction in severity of the incidents we deal with. Hence, our training and leadership development priorities now and into the future will take cognisance of this. Health and fitness of our staff is an important issue for us with an ageing workforce.

Our immediate operational priorities that are reflective of our current experience and forecasts are:

- 1) Safety in the workplace;
- 2) Leadership development with a focus on Incident Management;
- 3) Skill maintenance training of operational staff. Low and high frequency activities.

We now have a focus on evidence-based decision making generally but specifically with allocation and placement of resources. The SLP 2002-2012 investigation has provided the MFB with an archive of geographical data which has supported its recent and planned locations for fire stations and appliances using a holistic approach to risk assessment.

Correlation of MFB data with other data has shown us that the lowest 10% on the ABS map of socioeconomic disadvantage (language, education, income) are 70% more likely to experience a significant fire. This provides great evidence for resource allocation to community safety in particular risk areas.

Our infrastructure has seen the benefit of long term planning from the mid 1980s, resulting in a range of fire station relocations, upgrades or redevelopments consistent with a range of evidence to support decisions.

Our stations now incorporate single bedrooms, private bathroom facilities, best practice contamination

management and other features to meet our obligations under various Acts, regulations and arrangements. The great new stations have been favourably received by all parties.

Our new training establishment opens in November and built at a capital cost of \$32M. It is designed with the capacity to provide training facilities to other ESOs.

Community safety planning that is led at the local level is in the process of implementation with a strong view of using community engagement as a methodology. To that end, a community engagement strategist has been hired to assist the process. The Brigade has also recently put in place 4 multicultural liaison officers and a diversity unit to engage with emerging communities. The regionally based MLOs have been particularly successful, resulting in strong relationships and re-education in risk to a range of Melbourne's new communities.

Community education commitment will continue. Our existing commitment to programs that reduce risk in various groups is significant. These groups include the young, the aged, the NESB population, carers amongst others. A recent group that the MFB has committed to is "L" plate drivers through road safety education.

Our current partnership experience is very positive and our expectation is that this will continue to grow through the team-based approach to emergency management in this state. Our partners include the ESOs, Government and private sectors and a variety of community organisations.

We are proud of:

- Our service to the community;
- Working with our ESO colleagues, everybody in this room;
- Helping people in need; and
- Making the community safer.

*A look at MFB for 2006-2007 and about the author on page 17.*

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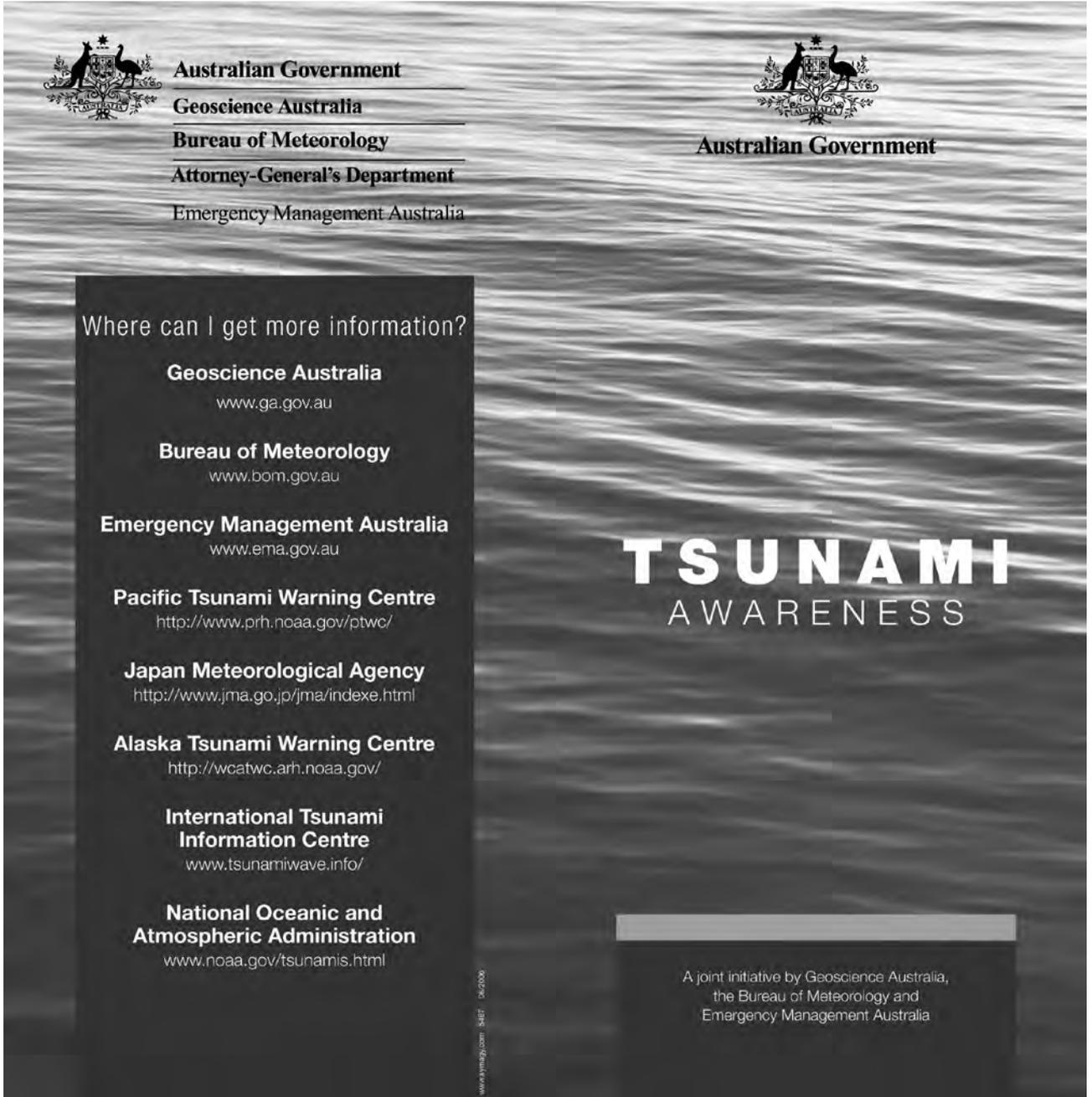
### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Terry Hunter, AFSM, joined the Metropolitan Fire Brigade in 1978. Through his 28 years' career he has served the community and the fire service in a number of different roles with particular emphasis on operational and community safety leadership roles.

He has a number of tertiary qualifications in management, business and fire engineering. He is a graduate of the US National Fire Academy in Maryland. He was awarded the Australian Fire Services Medal in 1997 in recognition of the MFB's achievements in community education.

He currently manages the MFB Southern Zone which in broad terms comprises the Eastern and Southern suburbs of metropolitan Melbourne.

He is married to Christine with 4 children and lives in Vermont South. His brother is a Station Officer with the MFB and his father, Jim Hunter, who retired as an Assistant Fire Officer in the mid 1980s, was closely associated with the development of the Combined Emergency Services Seminars, strongly supporting the concept.



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### AUSTRALIAN TSUNAMI

In the last few thousand years, the Australian coast may have experienced large tsunami, as evidenced by shell, coral and boulder deposits found well above sea level and several kilometres inland.

Minor tsunamis are recorded about once every two years in Australia, but most are small and present little threat to our coastal communities. The tsunami threat to Australia varies from 'relatively low', for most of our coastline, to 'moderate' on the north-west coast of WA due to its proximity to Indonesia and other countries in that region prone to large earthquakes and volcanic activity.

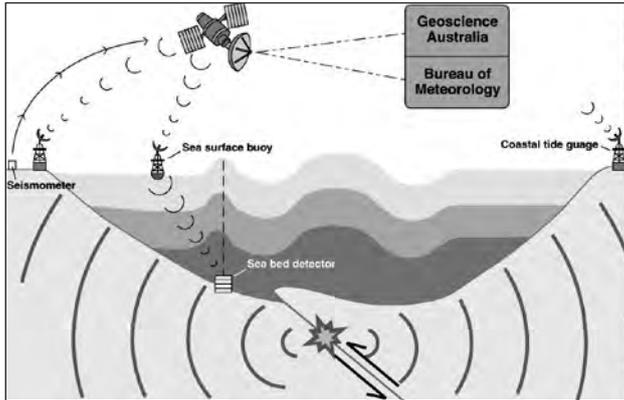
Several large tsunami have hit Australia's north-west coast—the largest at Cape Leveque, WA, in 1977, with a 6m wave height. Further south in the Onslow-Exmouth region, in June 1994, tsunami waves with over 5m 'run-up'

(i.e. it travelled inland to a point 4m above sea level) appeared out of a calm sea and washed 300m inland. Both of these WA tsunami were generated by earthquakes along the tectonic plate boundaries in the sea off Indonesia.

In May 1960, a great earthquake along the tectonic plate boundaries in the sea off Chile generated the largest recorded tsunami along the east coast of Australia. The event generated tsunami waves of just under a metre (trough to crest) at the Fort Denison tide gauge in Sydney Harbour. Slight to moderate damage (mainly to boats) resulted in harbours at Lord Howe Island, Evans Head, Newcastle, Sydney and Eden.

### TSUNAMI WARNINGS

**In Australia, tsunami warnings will be issued by the Bureau of Meteorology and broadcast through the media.**



An undersea earthquake causes displacement of both the seafloor and the sea surface, and the spreading out of seismic waves. The disturbance in the sea surface radiates outward as a tsunami, which travels much slower than seismic waves. Once the seismic waves are detected by distant (usually land-based) seismometers, sea-level data from coastal tide gauges or deep sea buoys are analysed to determine whether a tsunami has actually been generated.



A map of earth's surface, showing the major tectonic plate boundaries and locations of historic tsunamigenic earthquakes. The tsunami threat to the region originates from the system of subduction zone plate boundaries (also known as ocean trenches) extending through Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji and the trench systems to the north and south of New Zealand.

## If you are near the beach, whether it's in Australia or overseas, and you feel earth tremors, remember the important advice below.

### What are the warning signs of a tsunami?

#### SHAKE

Evidence of a large undersea earthquake may be felt prior to a tsunami by an ongoing shaking of the ground in coastal regions.

#### DROP

As a tsunami approaches shorelines, the sea level may, but not always, recede/drop dramatically before returning as a fast-moving wall of water.

#### ROAR

A roaring sound may precede the arrival of the tsunami.

### What do I do if there is a tsunami?

If you feel earth tremors, or see the warning signs of a tsunami, or if you receive an official warning, then **RUN** and **WAIT**.

#### RUN

Evacuate immediately to higher ground or well away from the water's edge. Do not go towards the water to watch a tsunami. Tsunami reach the shore four or five times faster than normal wind driven waves.

#### WAIT

Wait at the safe place for several hours or until an appropriate official issues the 'all clear'. The tsunami may arrive within 30 minutes of the earthquake or other warning sign.

The backwash of a tsunami is also dangerous. As the large volume of water pushed onto land recedes back towards the ocean, it may carry debris and people back to sea with it.

Stay out of the water. Even a very small tsunami causes strong turbulence and dangerous currents.



These photos were taken over a 20 minute period at Augusta, Western Australia, during the December 26, 2004, Indian Ocean tsunami. The strong currents caused by the tsunami dragged bathers out to sea, but they were either rescued or made it back to shore on their own. (Images courtesy Dave Piper)

# ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR AMBEX 2007 NOW OPEN

## *AMBEX 2007: Delivering Change – Improving Care*

Following the reconfiguration in 2006, ambulance services are challenged with the responsibility of not only dealing with the changes, but of implementing 'Taking Healthcare to the Patient' and improving the care they provide at the same time.

AMBEX 2007, the Ambulance Service Association's major Conference and Exhibition, will bring together leading speakers from across the profession in the UK and further afield to discuss the key issues that are facing managers and clinicians in ambulance services today, including:

- Redesigning services (and the workforce) to deliver Taking Healthcare to the Patient;
- Delivering enhanced patient care;
- Embedding clinical focus and improving outcomes;
- Planning to meet the 'Call to Connect' standard in April 2008;
- International comparisons.

This year, AMBEX 2007 will be structured over three days, each day dedicated to an area of emergency healthcare.

**Wednesday, June 27, 2007**, will focus mainly on *Operational* issues such as 'planning to meet the Call to Connect standard in April 2008'; 'commissioning' and the new Department of Health project, HART.

**Thursday, June 28, 2007**, will be entirely *Clinical* in its focus and will follow a 'Paediatric' theme where topics such as 'neonatal and paediatric transfers', the 'flu pandemic' and 'paediatric analgesia' will be explored. A comparative view of how some clinical issues are managed outside of the UK will be presented by an international speaker.

**Friday, June 29, 2007**, will revolve around *Workforce* issues including 'education and training'. A new 'Question Time' panel, hosted by a 'well-known' figure, will feature on the Friday, giving delegates the opportunity to ask questions of senior figures in the ambulance service and wider emergency healthcare arena.

The call for presentations is still open for AMBEX 2007 and proposals for papers and posters are welcome from any individual, group, or organisation and particularly from front line staff from around the world. For more information please visit [www.asa.uk.net](http://www.asa.uk.net), click the AMBEX 2007 logo and look at the first issue of AMBEX Update. The deadline for submissions is Friday, February 23, 2007.

### **DEVELOP YOUR CPD PORTFOLIO AT AMBEX 2007**

Summer 2008 will see the requirement for all UK health professionals to provide evidence of their CPD from the last

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### **INTERNATIONAL FOCUS**

This year, AMBEX will be welcoming delegates and visitors from around the world. An international discount is being offered to all delegates from overseas at £475 + UK VAT (reclaimable). More information for International Delegates can be found on [www.asa.uk.net](http://www.asa.uk.net), such as travel, accommodation and reclaiming VAT.

To book your place, please email [lotte.large@asa.uk.net](mailto:lotte.large@asa.uk.net) or book online from Monday, February 5, 2007 at [www.asa.uk.net](http://www.asa.uk.net)

### **NETWORKING EVENTS**

AMBEX 2007 will offer a range of networking and social events to complement the Conference and Exhibition. The AMBEX Reception on Wednesday, June 27, 2007, for all delegates attending the conference will be an ideal opportunity to relax and network with colleagues from the UK and international emergency healthcare sector.

An International Reception will be available for all international delegates attending AMBEX and will be held at the Pump Rooms, Harrogate. This will present the opportunity for all overseas delegates to meet with key figures in the UK ambulance service and staff from the Ambulance Service Association. For more details please email [lotte.large@asa.uk.net](mailto:lotte.large@asa.uk.net)

Thursday, June 28, 2007, will see a brand new format for the AMBEX Dinner, held at The Old Swan Hotel. The dinner will be less 'formal' than in previous years, with the opportunity to 'mingle' and network whilst enjoying entertainment and culinary delights in a beautiful Victorian setting.

For more information on any of AMBEX's social functions, please visit [www.asa.uk.net](http://www.asa.uk.net) and click on the AMBEX logo.

### **AMBEX UPDATE**

Following the launch of their new website [www.asa.uk.net](http://www.asa.uk.net), the ASA has also developed a new electronic newsletter, AMBEX Update. To receive this newsletter via email, please contact [lotte.large@asa.uk.net](mailto:lotte.large@asa.uk.net). To view past issues, please visit the ASA website and follow the links to AMBEX and then AMBEX Update. The publication will include details on the call for papers, the conference program, speakers, social events and much more.

**AMBEX 2007 – 27 to 29 June 2007**, Harrogate International Centre, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, UK. For more information on AMBEX 2007, visit [www.asa.uk.net](http://www.asa.uk.net)



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## 2007

### AMBEX 2007

"Delivering Change - Improving Care"

June 27-29, 2007

Harrogate, UK



AMBEX 2007 will be exploring topics that are relevant to emergency health services and professionals all over the world. The event will provide an ideal opportunity for delegates from overseas to share information and best practice with their UK colleagues. For more info go to: [www.asa.uk.net](http://www.asa.uk.net)

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Emergency care professionals worldwide are being invited to visit and/or speak at AMBEX 2007, the largest pre-hospital (emergency) care event outside the USA, to be held in Harrogate, Yorkshire, UK, 27-29 June 2007.

Organised by the London-based Ambulance Service Association (ASA) - the main body representing the National Health Service (NHS) ambulance services across England, Wales and Northern Ireland, plus the public ambulance services of Guernsey, Jersey, the Isle of Man and Gibraltar - this international event should not be missed by those wishing to see and hear the latest, cutting-edge developments in UK pre-hospital and emergency care.

This year's theme, Delivering Change: Improving Care, will examine how UK ambulance services are increasingly delivering care to patients in innovative ways, often within patients' own homes. It will be an ideal opportunity to compare the UK experiences to those

lessons learned in other countries worldwide.

The ASA is now calling for presentation proposals and poster displays from emergency care professionals outside the UK. These ideas could form the basis of a presentation to all delegates, a workshop with specific specialists or a poster display within the exhibition arena. Details of how to submit a presentation proposal can be found at [www.asa.uk.net](http://www.asa.uk.net) or queries can be submitted by email to [adrienne.long@asa.uk.net](mailto:adrienne.long@asa.uk.net). All presentation proposals must be received by Friday, February 23, 2007.

Visitors from overseas are being encouraged to attend AMBEX 2007 and a special overseas delegate rate has been agreed of £475.00 plus UK VAT (reclaimable) which includes all conference sessions and materials, refreshments/lunches, and all social functions. For further information on the conference visit [www.asa.uk.net](http://www.asa.uk.net) or email [lotte.large@asa.uk.net](mailto:lotte.large@asa.uk.net) for a booking form.



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- To facilitate full interchange of concepts and techniques amongst members.
- To bring to the notice of the public such matters that are deemed to be important for safety and protection of the community and to promote research and development of emergency services generally.
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