

## Board members



**Len Foster** LLB, BA, BEd

CHAIRMAN

*First appointed: 1991*

*Board Committees: Audit; Remuneration and Appointments (Chair)*

Former Secretary to the State Electricity Commission of Victoria and Director General of the Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands before joining CFA as Executive Chairman from 1991-2001. Appointed as non-executive Chairman of CFA in 2001. Is currently also Chief Executive Officer of the Australasian Fire Authorities Council. Chairman of the Federal Minister for Education, Science and Technology's Bushfire Research Advisory Committee.

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**Sue Heron** BEc, Dip App Sc

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

*First appointed: 1998*

*Board Committees: Audit; Remuneration and Appointments*

Has extensive management experience across diverse industry sectors including medical, shipping, finance and higher education. She is currently on a number of boards, including Museum Victoria and the Australian Institute of Management.



**Peter Bishop**

*First appointed: 1994*

*Board Committees: Remuneration and Appointments; Service Delivery*

Joined CFA as a volunteer with Mildura Junior Fire Brigade in 1960 and still serves with the Mildura Fire Brigade. Delegate to the Great Midlands Fire Brigades Association. Brigade delegate for 33 years to the Victorian Urban Fire Brigades Association Inc, serving as Region 18 Executive Member on the governing body since 1984. Has served as President and Vice-President of the VUFBA at various times, and as a representative on a wide range of CFA committees. Awarded Brigade Life Membership in 1992.



**Jan Boynton** BTRP, FPIA, FAICD

*First appointed: 2001*

*Board Committees: Remuneration and Appointments; People Strategy*

Director of Planning and Development, City of Greater Bendigo. Formerly North West Regional Manager of Department of Natural Resources and Environment; CEO of the North Central Catchment Management Authority; General Manager Strategy & Planning for the Shire of Campaspe; Principal of her own regional planning and development consultancy business; and a rural affairs advisor with Department of Agriculture. Has extensive background working in rural and regional Victoria.



**Anne Fairhall** MAICD, MAHRI

*First appointed: 1998*

*Board Committees: People Strategy (Chair)*

Managing Director of Worksmart Solutions and Health and Safety consultant. Has extensive executive management, consulting and voluntary community service experience. Formerly Board member of the Victorian Accident Rehabilitation Council; National Health and Safety Manager for Coles Myer/Myer Grace Bros; and a member of the Ministerial Advisory Committee for Nursing.



**Robyn Hale** FAICD, GradCert (eBusiness & Communication)

*First appointed: 2001*

*Board Committees: People Strategy, Service Delivery*

Mayor of the Shire of Yarra Ranges in 2000. Served as a Councillor of the Shire of Sherbrooke from 1990 until amalgamation, and was elected to the newly formed Shire of Yarra Ranges in 1997. Council's delegate to the Executive Fire Prevention Committee for 12 years, and currently Chair of the Ferny Creek Fire Alert and member of numerous community groups. Has co-directed a small business for the past 21 years. Her family members are all CFA volunteers.

**Rick Hill**

*First appointed: 2003*

*Board Committees: Audit; People Strategy*

Has had a 39-year association with CFA as a volunteer. Captain of Glenaladale Rural Fire Brigade for 16 years. Is a Board member of Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria, and has been State Vice-President of the Victorian Rural Fire Brigades Association Inc State Council since 1984. Has been a member of the VRFBA State Council for the past 15 years, and VRFBA Region 11 President since 1983. Has also been RPC Chairman for Region 11 for the past 13 years. Is presently a registered domestic and commercial builder and has been owner manager of East Gippsland Book Store since 1999. Was an owner manager of a farming enterprise until 1992 and has been a member of the Gippsland Home & Hospital Board for eight years.

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**Ken King** BForSc (Hons), DipFor (Creswick)

*First appointed 2003*

*Board Committees: Audit*

Currently Executive Director, Parks and Forests with the Department of Sustainability and Environment and was a Board member of the Phillip Island Nature Park (1997-2003). Has had extensive experience in wildfire activities since 1971 and has been a forester in the Public Service since 1974. Was previously Regional Manager for Department of Conservation Forests and Lands through to the former Department of Natural Resources and Environment in South Gippsland, North West and Port Phillip Regions. Was awarded the National Medal in 1989.

**Clif Lang** FAII

*First appointed: 1991*

*Board Committees: Audit (Chair); Remuneration and Appointments*

Retired insurance executive. Appointed to the CFA Board as a representative of the insurance sector. Has had extensive experience in various senior management roles throughout Australia.

**Max Maher** AFSM

*First appointed: 1998*

*Board Committees: Service Delivery (Chair)*

Joined Lubeck Fire Brigade in 1957. Member of the Victorian Rural Fire Brigades Association Inc and member of the Joint Fire Prevention, Training and Equipment Review Committees. Also a member of various working parties involved with training and volunteer support. Member of Consultative Group, Wimmera Mallee Water Piping Project. Has acted as director/facilitator on numerous projects related to training. Actively promoted the introduction of Junior Rural Fire Brigade Championships.

**Frank Zeigler** VA, G.Dip.OHS, GradDip (Disaster Mgt)

*First appointed: 1997*

*Board Committees: Service Delivery; People Strategy*

Managing Director of Hyperbaric Technologies Australia, and a member of Confined Space Recommendations Committee. Victorian Course Director of National Association of Underwater Instructors and Examiners, Royal Lifesaving Society – Victoria. Councillor with Glenelg Shire. Twenty-seven years experience in emergency services.