



TASMANIAN FIRE BRIGADES CHAMPIONSHIPS ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
2016

In 2016 the Tasmanian Fire Brigades Championships Association (TFBCA) introduced divisions into the senior section for a two-year trial period, based on feedback received following the 2015 event. This move has been deemed a success and will be formally assessed by the Committee following the 2017 Championship.

The Executive Committee elections at the AGM saw Mark Dobson (President), Jess Mulcahy (Executive Officer) and Ian Cawthorn (Executive Member) re-elected for a further two-year period. Chief Track position elections were conducted for Chief Marshal with Gerald Crawford elected and Chief Timekeeper with Alex Otten elected.

Unfortunately the new wireless timing system is still experiencing significant issues and is currently being worked on with a view to conduct further field testing in the near future.

The event list remained unchanged from 2015 although due to extremely poor weather on Saturday evening and Sunday morning, the junior events were called off.

Corporate sponsorship was outstanding in 2016 and we have continued to build our strong ties with a number of Tasmanian and National businesses, who provide tremendous support to our Association and the Championships.

A total of 32 teams enrolled for the 2016 Championships which has been a fairly consistent number over the past few years. This is still a very pleasing result and I can only hope the fantastic support from brigades, competitors both senior and junior, parents, partners and families continues to strengthen into the future.

The Executive Committee remain committed to increasing brigade participation and are considering feedback received over previous years to develop suitable strategies to achieve this goal.

Countless hours of planning and logistical work goes into running the annual Championships and again I would like to personally thank the Executive Committee and the numerous people who selflessly give up their time each year to ensure the event goes according to plan.

District Officer Mark Dobson
TFBCA President