

Vale Sue Marstaeller AOM

Sue Marstaeller was a member of the Wandong Fire Brigade, her commitment spanned nearly 30 years with the brigade, where she served not only as a firefighter and Lieutenant but also as Treasurer for 15 years. Sue was awarded the National Emergency Medal for her service during the Victorian 2009 Black Saturday fires.

Sue was instrumental in the biggest recruitment event of the Wandong Fire Brigade. Many years ago, Sue was at the Primary school Parents Club and the siren was going off repeatedly, but there were not enough firefighters to turn out. Sue suggested to the parents present that they could do something about it. Following that conversation, about 15 women joined the fire brigade, greatly enhancing the brigade's daytime operational capacity.

Sue co-founded the What's News newsletter with her friend Sharon. This monthly publication, produced and distributed by dedicated volunteers including Sue, kept the local community informed and engaged. She played a crucial role on the organising committee of the highly popular Wandong Country Music Festival and was also the local Avon lady.

Sue was a passionate advocate for inclusion and diversity, serving on the CFA North-East Region Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Council since 2018. Her efforts in this area, along with her broader community service, underscored her lifelong commitment to making her community a better place. She was instrumental in advocating for improved facilities and supporting the rights of vulnerable community members.

Sue died on the 25th August 2024 and was laid to rest on Friday the 6th September. The brigade send their thoughts to Sue's husband Ian, and their children Kim, Guy, and Ali, and their families at this time, and we thank her for her service.



Sue and Kim