

State Emergency Service **Media Release**



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Minister to open new Tumby Bay SES facility this Saturday

The Minister for Emergency Services, the Hon. Jennifer Rankine, will open the new Tumby Bay State Emergency Service (SES) facility this coming Saturday (11 August).

About 80 people are expected to attend the opening, which will get underway at 11am at the facility in Excell Street, Tumby Bay.

Unit Manager Bob Pycroft said the new facility had been well received by the 26 members of the Tumby Bay Unit.

“It’s a considerable improvement from the facility it replaces and which we shared with the CFS (Country Fire Service),” Mr Pycroft said.

The new complex has three vehicle bays and an administration building, which includes an office, communications room, meeting/training room, male, female and disabled toilets, and a kitchen.

The complex also houses a Volunteer Marine Rescue (VMR) boat – the 8-metre Yalluna – along with a road crash rescue truck and various rescue trailers. The Tumby Bay SES complex has the capability to serve as a marine rescue radio station for mariners who get into trouble, complementing the existing service provided by unit member Gary Smith from his home radio base.

Work on the facility began just before last Christmas with the unit moving into the new facility in May.

SASES Chief Officer Chris Beattie said he was delighted with the new facility.

“The SES is committed to providing the best possible facilities, equipment and training that we can for our volunteer members,” Mr Beattie said.

“Tumby Bay is one of a number of new facilities we plan to open this calendar year. We are also working on new facilities for our Whyalla Unit along with our Campbelltown Unit, in suburban Adelaide,” he added.

Along with Minister Rankine and Chief Officer Beattie attendees will include the State Member of Parliament Peter Treloar, Tumby Bay Mayor Lawrie Collins, SASES Regional Commander North Region Trevor Arnold and South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission (SAFECOM) Chief Executive David Place.

The Tumby Bay SES Unit, like all SES units, is continually on the lookout for new members. Training is held Thursday nights, from 7.30pm. People interested in joining can contact SAFECOM’s Volunteer Services Branch on 1300 364 587 or the Tumby Bay Unit on (08) 8688 2212.

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