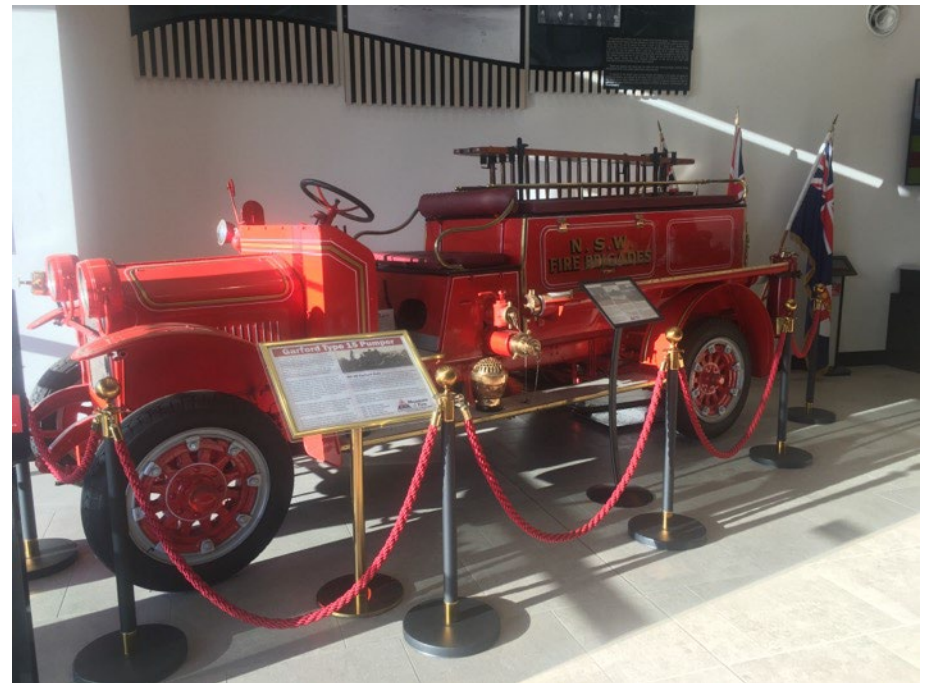


Conference day 1 & 2 wrap up

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Day 1 in quotes

- Look after yourselves - don't skimp on self help
- Animals are different, they perceive the rescuer as a threat
- The animal rescue events that did not go well still haunt me
- Prepare to be underwhelmed
- People have normal reactions to abnormal events
- Know what to look for and know how to dial it back
- 75% of new human diseases come from animals
- Keep mozzies away – spray up, cover up, screen up
- We value the mutual work we do – it will take us to the next level

Day 1 in quotes

- We are fortunate in NSW, some other states are a bucket case
- 36% of Hawkesbury flood rescues were for large animals
- We have landholders who ask for hay as soon as the skies darken
- Faecal treacle
- Animals weren't the biggest challenge, people were
- That pig just turned up in someone's house
- 719 earthquakes..... in a week
- If you want drama you have come to the right place
- And they have a fire pole!
- My vision is that 000 in any state gets you animal emergency response

Conference day 2 wrap up

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Day 2 in quotes

- Plan together, train together, respond together
- Actual situation might not reflect the apparent situation
- You are so calm!
- Simple equipment and simple concepts
- Technically challenging, sometimes ugly
- Typical Aussie ute with some very angry dogs
- Hard surfaces that can kill rescuers and animals
- We have a lot of orange cones in NZ – let me know if want some!
- That is a high pressure situation for any vet
- Any life saved is a positive when people have lost everything

My take home messages & next steps

- Data capture and learning
- Structured, interagency training
- Policy and guidance
- Mental health matters



Data capture and learning

- After action reviews to capture *all* responder learnings
 - Triage and chemical restraint protocols – outcomes and predictors
 - Float/trailer incidents, including floor incidents
 - Animal transporters, including knowledge and training on construction
 - Outcomes and pros/cons of different lifting techniques
 - Biosecurity and zoonosis
 - Euthanasia
 - Onward transport (transport networks, local contacts, ‘refuge’ yards)
- NSWSES as a pilot and exemplar?
- AEIMN as a means of sharing knowledge and reaching consensus?

Structured interagency training

- All responders (plan together, train together, respond together)
- Universal principles: incident command
- Co-locate, Communicate, Coordinate, Collaborate
- Role clarity, role specific training, span of command
- Talking the same language – clear communication, no jargon
- Structured training frameworks for emergency responders and vets
 - Training to agreed national and international standards (InJEC)
 - Awareness training for all vet students
 - Responder training for vet practitioners and vet technicians/nurses

Policy and guidance (data informed)

- Chemical restraint (sedation and anaesthesia) pocket guides
- Trailer and float safety
- Animal extrications from animal transporters (vehicle construction and appropriate rescue techniques)
- Animal welfare at emergency incidents
- Biosecurity and zoonotic disease
- Directory of animal transporters and refuge/temporary stabling
- Guidance for animal owners and agriculture
 - Community and personal resilience (healthy communities)
 - Understanding response frameworks (and limitations)
 - Working with, not against, emergency responders

Mental health matters

- Evidence based and data informed approach
- Most people will be OK, but some will not...
- Learnings from the emergency services and military
- Mental health champions in every veterinary practice
- Building mental health check ups into our business as usual
- Tools for vets, nurses, other non-emergency service responders
- Pilots and exemplars in AUS and NZ? (NSWSES, AVA, NZVA, VERT)

Thank you for making this event such a success!

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