



# Media Release

Victoria State Emergency Service

## Federal MP awards Unit Controller for dedicated service

**Friday 31 August 2018**

Earlier this week Federal Member for Scullin, MP Andrew Giles, presented Gary Doorbar, Unit Controller for the Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES) Whittlesea Unit, with the respected Scullin Volunteer Award. A ceremony was held to mark the occasion at the Galada Community Centre in Epping.

Mr. Doorbar was presented with the award for his many years of dedicated and committed service to the local community through his work with VICSES. The Scullin Volunteer award acknowledges the hard work, devotion and skills that volunteers contribute to their community.

Mr. Doorbar has been a member of VICSES for 10 years, running the Whittlesea Unit for the last four. He has been responsible for supporting and managing emergency response in the Whittlesea area, as well as throughout Victoria and across the country.

In his ten years with VICSES, Gary has seen it all.

He's responded to several major incidents, including the 2009 Black Saturday bushfires in, the Wangaratta floods in 2010, Cyclone Yasi in 2011 and the 2017 Victorian floods in Northern Victoria.

The ceremony was also attended by the State Member for Dandenong MP Gabrielle Willams (State Advisory Committee of Volunteering). Mr. Doorbar was nominated for the award by members of the VICSES Whittlesea Unit, which was backed by Cr. Emilia Sterjova, Deputy Mayor for Whittlesea City Council.

For information on how to volunteer with VICSES, visit [www.ses.vic.gov.au](http://www.ses.vic.gov.au).

### **Quotes attributable to Ray Jasper, VICSES Regional Manager**

*"It's really great to see our volunteers celebrated for their extraordinary effort. Recognition like this from the Government something our volunteers certainly appreciate."*

*"Gary is a fantastic volunteer, he always works with such passion. He's truly an asset to our organisation."*

### **Quotes attributable to Gary Doorbar, VICSES Whittlesea Unit Controller**

*"I'm honoured have received the Scullin Volunteer Award and am very keen in continuing my service to the community for many years to come."*

*"Working with VICSES has been one of the most fulfilling decision I've made. To be able to put my passion for community safety and the skills I've learned as a volunteer to good use, is an incredible opportunity."*

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