

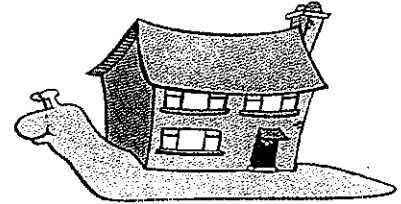
FAREWELL TO THE METROPOLITAN/MIDLANDS RHQ MT HAWTHORN OFFICE

BY TONYA MAJOR, METRO REGIONAL SUPPORT OFFICER

The time came on Tuesday 25 May 1999 to farewell the office of the Metropolitan/Midlands Regional Headquarters, which started with Metro North being established in 1978, then joined by Metro South in 1987 and then finally by the Midlands Region in 1996.

The new residents of 3-7 Lynton Street, Mt Hawthorn will be Northshore SES Unit, whom I sure will appreciate and enjoy good times there as we all have.

Both the Metropolitan and



Midlands staff have relocated to 91 Leake Street Belmont, telephone (08) 9277 0555

During the years there have been a lot of faces come and go from the Mt Hawthorn Headquarters, including both staff members and volunteers. A number of courses have been held there and wonderfully catered for by neighbour Mrs Rhonda Hemsley (thanks Rhonda!)

The now former staff of the little office, would like to say thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who came to visit, either to pick up the mail, attend a course or just say G day.

Hope to see you at our new premises



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REGIONAL NEWS

CERTIFICATE AWARDED FOR 20 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

BY TONYA MAJOR – SUPPORT OFFICER, METRO REGION

On a cold and rainy morning, you can guarantee that the permanent staff based at the Metro Regional Headquarters will be welcomed by open gates and a warm, cosy office, all thanks to RHQ volunteer Rhonda Hemsley.

On Wednesday, September 9 1998, past and present volunteers, along with permanent staff members of RHQ, proudly attended the presentation of a 20-year attendance certificate to one of RHQ's longest serving members

Rhonda, who lives next door to RHQ, has filled the role of welfare

officer, security officer, operations officer and has been a general assistant to all Regional Managers since the Headquarters was established in 1978.

Rhonda's husband Jack Hemsley, who has also helped Rhonda over the years with RHQ's catering needs, was also present at the ceremony.

RHQ staff also took the opportunity to thank Jack for his behind-the-scenes involvement with the headquarters and for putting up with the late night calls that were often received at their home

Once again congratulations Rhonda on your 20-year service and we look forward to many more years of your involvement with WASES.



Rhonda Hemsley receives her 20-year attendance certificate