



2008 ACTSES Chief Officer's Commendation for Diligent Service

Donald Roach

Don is a pillar of Rivers Unit and has made an invaluable contribution to Rivers Unit and also the ACTSES organisation. Since he joined the ACTSES 4 years ago, he has proved himself to be a steadfast, reliable and humorous SES volunteer. Don is the quintessential quiet achiever and actively contributes not only to the ongoing management of Rivers Unit but to ACTSES as well.

During his time as the Equipment Officer, he has been pivotal in ensuring that Rivers equipment issues are dealt with competently and expeditiously. He is self-motivated and keeps the Unit informed about equipment matters. Without fuss or ado, he uses quite a bit of his own time to attend to a lot of extra equipment tasks around the Unit as well as ensuring that the Unit complies with SES equipment requirements.

In his capacity as a Deputy Team Leader and Team Leader, he has proved himself to be capable and calm. He is reliable and others will willingly follow his lead.

Due to Don's dedication and diligence, Rivers Unit has been able to maintain a good and ready operational capability, which means that we are able to attend to SES operations quickly and assuredly. His consistently good work has benefited the Unit, the ACTSES and the community

He is also a fine Deputy Team Leader and is able to lead the team easily and effectively. He can fill the position of team leader with equal skill.

He has brought a great deal of subject matter expertise and life experience to the Unit that benefits not only the Unit but the ACTSES organisation and ultimately the community as well.

Don has operated effectively in a variety of conditions – including adverse physical weather as at TL/DTL and also during rapidly changing and stressful organisational circumstances as the Equipment Officer. He has calmly withstood the repeated change of direction and personalities in the ACTSES Resources and Logistics Coordinator function and placidly and obligingly helped out whenever and where ever needed.

This award for Don should be considered because, despite the stress and strain that he has endured as an SES volunteer/ Equipment Officer/ Deputy Team Leader/ Ag Team Leader, Don is loyal, steadfast and unwavering in his commitment to Rivers Unit, the ACTSES and the community. Don deserves recognition and acknowledgment for his ongoing, tireless efforts!