

# media alert

SA Metropolitan Fire Service



## Pt Pirie MFS marks 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Open Day

Wednesday, 20 April 2016

Pt Pirie MFS will mark a significant milestone this weekend, opening its station doors to the public to celebrate 125 years of serving the local community.

A special Pt Pirie MFS Fire Station Open Day will be held from 10 am until 4 pm this Saturday, 23 April 2016. All welcome.

MFS Assistant Chief Fire Officer (ACFO), Chris Smith said MFS firefighters have proudly protected the Pt Pirie community since 1891.

“The MFS, formerly the SA Fire Brigade, is 154 years old and one of the oldest legislated (government) fire services in the world. In the late 1800’s, as the population of Pt Pirie grew, the need for a local coordinated emergency fire and rescue response was recognised which led to the establishment of a local station and crew.

“Pt Pirie MFS firefighters past and present would like to celebrate the 125 year milestone with the community. We welcome the public along to Saturday’s Open Day and encourage families to bring their children, as there will be plenty of activities to enjoy,” ACFO Chris Smith said.

The establishment of Pt Pirie MFS Fire Station closely followed that of the local smelter, which recently marked its 125 year anniversary.

“For 125 years, generations of MFS firefighters have been capably protecting the lives, homes and assets of Pt Pirie locals, saving countless lives, homes and businesses. We’re thrilled that so many retired firefighters and their families will be joining our current crew to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pt Pirie MFS,” ACFO Smith said.

The Mother’s Day Classic Pink Fire Appliance [#MDCPinkTruck](#) will be on display at the Open Day.

The MFS would like to thank Pt Pirie MFS for their efforts in organising the event, including MFS Station Officer Anthony Harvey and Senior Firefighter Trevor Bailey.

**WHAT: Pt Pirie MFS Open Day – Celebrating 125 years**

**WHEN:** Saturday, 23 April 2016, station doors open from 10 am until 4 pm

**WHERE:** Pt Pirie MFS Fire Station, Grey Terrace, Pt Pirie

### EVENT FEATURES:

- An in-depth look at fire appliances
- Mother’s Day Classic Pink Truck (fire appliance) on display
- Road crash rescue and high angle rescue demonstrations
- Face painting
- Children’s activities
- BBQ and refreshments available.

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