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Key landmarks lit up in orange for WOW Day

The iconic Adelaide Oval, River Torrens footbridge and Viterra grain silos at Port Lincoln and Port Giles will be lit up in orange this week as part of celebrations for Wear Orange Wednesday this coming Wednesday, 22 May 2019.

A key part of National Volunteer Week (May 20-26), Wear Orange Wednesday – or WOW Day – is a national day of recognition for the tens of thousands of State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers across Australia and the work they do in helping keep their communities safe.

People are being encouraged to dress in orange this Wednesday, take a photo of themselves, and share it on social media using the hashtags #thankyouSES and #WOWday.

SES Chief Officer Chris Beattie said the SES plays an important role in community safety, responding to storms and floods as well as performing a range of rescues including road crash, marine, swiftwater, vertical and confined space.

“Our selfless volunteers drop everything, both night and day, and put on their orange overalls to respond to thousands of requests for assistance from the general public every year,” Mr Beattie said.

“With the support of their families, they also spend countless hours training to ensure they have the necessary skills to respond safely and effectively,” he added.

More information about WOW Day, and how you can get involved, can be found on www.wearorangewednesday.com.au

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