



**David Elliott**  
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### **YOUNG NSW RFS VOLUNTEERS HONOURED**

The achievements of young members of the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) have been recognised today with the announcement of two Young Volunteers of the Year and the NSW Secondary School Cadet of the Year.

Minister for Police and Emergency Services David Elliott said the award program is an opportunity to acknowledge the invaluable role young people play in the NSW emergency services.

“I am pleased to announce the 2021 Young Volunteer of the Year recipients are Tim Hearn of Llandilo Brigade (Cumberland District) and Lavhynnia Lowe from Bathurst Brigade (Chifley District), while the Secondary School Cadet of the Year for 2021 is Nathan Hindmarsh from Braidwood Central School/Krawarree Brigade,” Mr Elliott said.

“These exceptional young people have been recognised for their outstanding participation and achievements in the NSW RFS, and they are all great examples of enthusiastic young people who have devoted their time to helping protect their communities.”

“I congratulate this year’s winners, thank them for their contribution to the NSW community and wish them all well in their future endeavours. I also thank the teachers, cadet coordinators and RFS volunteers who dedicate their time to train and mentor young people,” Mr Elliott said.

NSW RFS Commissioner Rob Rogers said it was encouraging to see the engagement and commitment of young people in emergency-service volunteering.

“The effort and enthusiasm of young members in the NSW RFS is significant and these awards acknowledge their hard work, camaraderie and community participation,” Commissioner Rogers said.

“These young people have demonstrated the commitment and enthusiasm that ensure our great volunteer emergency services will go from strength to strength in coming years and I congratulate each of them on their well-deserved awards.”

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