

Donations fund hot fire training equipment

Funds donated to brigades under the NSW Rural Fire Service and Brigades Donations Fund (the DGR) have contributed equipment and infrastructure to support hot fire training.

Last year, using the funds donated to the NSW RFS, the DGR facilitated three Hot Fire Training Centres—Lower Hunter, Bland Temora and Canobolas—and two mobile 40 foot container cells. Hot fire training cells are used for the advanced structural fire fighting course. The prior year thermal imaging cameras (TIC) were purchased, one for each district.

To complement these training tools, the Trustees determined to fund five thermal mannequins, one for each DGR funded Hot Fire Training Centre.

Thermal mannequins contain a heat source internally, replicating what may be encountered while using a thermal imaging camera. The picture below right is what you would see through the TIC, regardless of smoke density or available light. ■

Brigades that want to receive tax deductible gifts/donations either have to be individually endorsed by the ATO as a deductible gift recipient or participate in the NSW RFS and Brigades Donations Fund.

There are two parts to the fund, one for donations made to member brigades and the other for donations made directly to NSW RFS. There is a DGR committee which has oversight of the fund administration.

Details are explained in SS 2.1.14, should you wish further detail, and an article was published in the Bush Fire Bulletin vol.38 no.2/2016.

