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Media release

Cultural diversity recognised with artwork unveiled in Macarthur

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The Rural Fire Service (RFS) today unveiled stunning new Indigenous artwork wraps adorning Georges River fire truck, along with two Cumberland Macarthur District Group Officer vehicles.

Superintendent Angelo Baldo AFSM, was joined by The Hon. Anoulack Chanthivong MP, special guests and brigade members to unveil the designs.

RFS Cumberland Macarthur District Manager Superintendent Angelo Baldo said the artwork, created by local Indigenous artists Jodie Munday, Alisha White and Michael Fardon, celebrates culture, Country, and the shared commitment between the RFS and First Nations communities in protecting lives, property, and land.

“This artwork is more than a design, it’s a powerful symbol of respect, unity, and connection to Country,” Superintendent Baldo said.

“The tanker and group vehicles now carry a message of inclusion and reconciliation wherever they go, from our suburbs to our bush.”

“We are proud to partner with local Indigenous communities and thank the artists for their exceptional talent and generosity, said Superintendent Baldo

Member for Macquarie Fields, The Hon. Anoulack Chanthivong MP said Initiatives like this not only foster greater understanding but also encourage more Aboriginal people to see themselves in uniform, serving their communities.

“This is a meaningful step in recognising the deep cultural connection First Nations people have with the land,” Mr Chanthivong said.

“Emergency services like the RFS play a vital role in our communities, and it’s important we acknowledge and strengthen these relationships.”

“I commend the NSW RFS for this initiative and extend my thanks to the artists who brought their culture and stories to life,” said Mr Chanthivong

The project forms part of a broader effort to deepen cultural understanding and inclusion across the Service.