



**NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Batlow Brigade receives new truck**

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Volunteers from the Batlow area have been given a boost with a new state of the art fire truck being formally handed over.

NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Assistant Commissioner Stuart Midgley presented the keys to the new fire truck to the Batlow Brigade this morning.

"The NSW Government is committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the resources they need to carry out the important work they do in protecting their local communities from fire," Assistant Commissioner Midgely said.

"Batlow Brigade's new Category 1 truck worth \$330,000 is a testament to how tirelessly the local volunteers have worked to turn their dream into a reality.

"This new vehicle is replacing an older style model, allowing firefighters to continue providing a high level of emergency service to residents.

"I would also like to take this opportunity to praise all our volunteers for their ongoing efforts each and every day, particularly when dealing with emergencies here in the Riverina Highlands Zone."

Assistant Commissioner Midgley also acknowledged the ongoing investment in local volunteers in the Batlow area.

"Members of Batlow Brigade continue to protect their community from grass, forest and house fires as well as motor vehicle accidents," Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.

"These men and women make themselves available to respond to emergencies 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and we should be extremely proud and grateful for their contribution.

"The new tankers will also put local brigades in a strong position to protect their community, as well as providing the unique essential equipment required to handled any necessary scenario.

"These new fire tankers will enable the brigades to continue their outstanding work and I would personally like to congratulate everybody on their ongoing hard work and professionalism."