



**NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Rural Fire Service leaders descend on Dubbo**

**7 May 2015**

Two hundred NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) volunteers and staff will discuss and exchange ideas about leadership at the 2015 Leadership Forum which begins today at Dubbo.

The theme of the three day forum is *Leading for Success*, which focuses on how an individual leader can make a difference and ensure success for themselves, their Brigade and the Service.

NSW RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons said the forum is an ideal opportunity for members to expand their professional development while sharing their own experience and knowledge with peers from across the State.

“This forum brings our leaders together and presents an opportunity to discuss key issues pertaining to leadership from a brigade level through to senior organisational management,” Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

“I warmly welcome all delegates and guest speakers to the 2015 Leadership Forum and I am confident this event will ensure the continuation of a strong and reliable Service for the future.”

NSW RFS members attending the forum include senior volunteers such as Brigade Captains and Group Captains as well as District, Regional and State managers.

The program includes presentations from NSW RFS members and representatives from organisations including the Australian Institute of Police Management, Clayton Utz and the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation.

Dr Simon Longstaff AO from the St James Ethics Centre will deliver the forum keynote address while Australian Army Victoria Cross recipient Corporal Mark Donaldson will be guest speaker at the Friday forum dinner.

The 2015 NSW RFS Leadership Forum is being held at the Dubbo RSL Club from 7 May to 9 May.

**To request an interview with NSW RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons please call the NSW RFS State Duty Media Officer on 02 9898 1855.**