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Riverina volunteers celebrate arrival of new tanker

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) members are celebrating the official handover of a new fire truck that will assist Riverina volunteers to provide an even greater level of fire protection to the local community.

Wesley Fang MLC joined NSW RFS Regional Manager Chief Superintendent Ken Hall today to officially hand over the keys to the new truck for Borambola brigade volunteers.

Mr Fang said the new tanker, worth almost \$320,000, would enable the Borambola brigade to bolster their firefighting efforts across their community.

"While the previous tanker has served these firefighters very well, I am confident this new state-of-theart vehicle will prove itself to be an invaluable asset to this very proud brigade," Mr Fang said.

Mr Fang said the NSW Government's ongoing investment in new vehicles ensures NSW RFS members have access to modern firefighting technology when responding to fires and other incidents, such as motor vehicle accidents.

Chief Superintendent Ken Hall said that the NSW RFS is absolutely committed to working with all levels of government to ensure volunteer firefighters have the equipment they need to carry out the important work they do.

"This new truck will better equipment volunteers to respond to a range of emergencies, including grass fires which may threaten prime farm-land in the area," Chief Superintendent Hall said.

Chief Superintendent Hall thanked the members of Borambola, along with every volunteer in the Riverina, for their dedicated service to their local community.

"The efforts of our volunteers do not go unnoticed, and this new vehicle will support the brigades to continue their outstanding work," Chief Superintendent Hall said.

"These men and women remain on-hand 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and we should be extremely proud and grateful for their contribution.

"I would like to congratulate everybody on their ongoing hard work and professionalism."

