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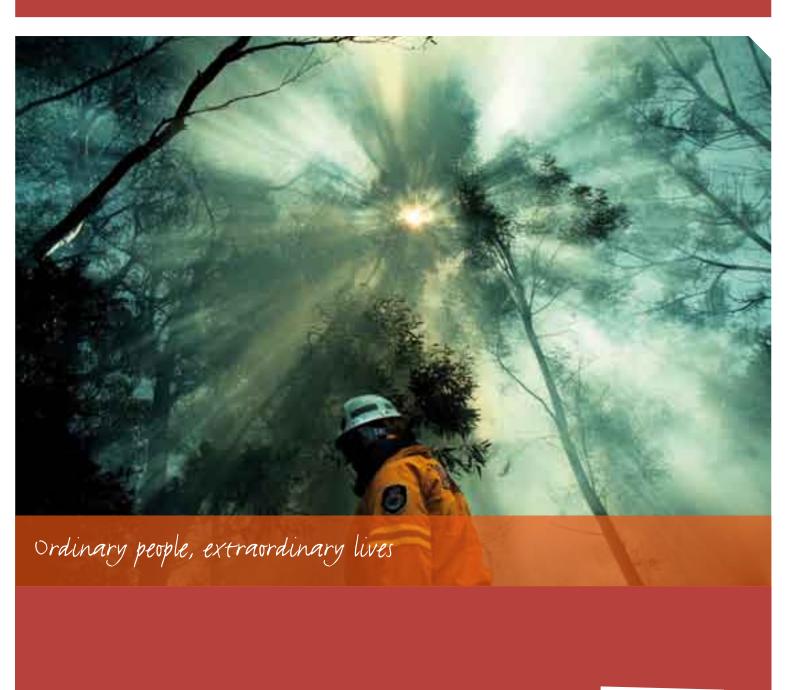
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KEY FACTS

BRIGADES

VOLUNTEERS

RECORD FUNDING

NEW AND REFURBISHED TANKERS DELIVERED

INCIDENTS Attended

SNAPSHOT

DESPITE WHAT PEOPLE THINK, WE DO MORE THAN JUST FIGHT FIRES. WE PROVIDE A DIVERSE RANGE OF SERVICES, FROM COMMUNITY EDUCATION TO ATTENDANCE AT MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS.





COMMUNITY SAFETY

Our community education programmes are an integral part of emergency management playing roles in planning, preparation, response and recovery.



OPERATIONS

The Service has the responsibility for the suppression of bush, structure and motor vehicle fires; and other emergencies over more than 90% of the State.



DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

We are committed to mitigate the impact of bush fire on our community through planning and development controls in bush fire prone areas that have Bush Fire Prone Maps.



ENGINEERING

World standard firefighting tankers, equipment and protective clothing developed by the Service enable our volunteers to safely and effectively fight fires.



TRAINING

The Service is a registered training organisation for two types of firefighting qualifications – for volunteers leading to Service qualifications and for salaried staff leading to nationally recognised qualifications.



OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

Safety of our volunteers and staff is our prime concern and we comply with statutory requirements to ensure a safe workplace for our people.

WE'RE MORE THAN JUST A FIRE SERVICE



MEDIA AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

We interact with all types of media to disseminate accurate information to the public and take every opportunity to promote the Service through sponsorships and general marketing.



RISK MANAGEMENT

We help communities develop risk management plans to reduce the damage bush fires cause to life, property and the environment.



BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The Service assists overseas agencies in training local firefighters and provides consultancy services on related matters.



HAZARD MANAGEMENT

We seek to improve the coordination of bush fire planning through the development of Bush Fire Risk Management Plans and the provision of advice to local committees.



CORPORATE PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE

We develop, implement and provide support for our planning, reporting, management and continuous improvement systems through the adoption of systematic and planned approaches to our operations.



INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

The Service continues to set the benchmark in the use of hi-tech applications in the fields of information systems design, development, support and training.

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