



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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NSW RFS State Champions receive their prize

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The outstanding performance of the Dubbo Composite Team in the 2014 NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) State Championships is today being celebrated with the official handover of the major prize, a new community support vehicle for the Orana District.

NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Bruce McDonald congratulated the volunteers on their success in the Championships and the newest addition to the District.

“Gilbert & Roach Huntingwood, along with Isuzu Trucks have generously provided this 2014 Isuzu D-Max Crew Cab Utility which will be put to good use in logistical support right across the region,” Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

“This vehicle will assist volunteer firefighters with the equipment they need to carry out the important work they do in protecting their local communities from fire.”

Gilbert & Roach Huntingwood General Manager Gary Melrose said it was an honour to recognise the skills of NSW RFS volunteers as Championship Principal Partners.

“The NSW RFS State Championships is the perfect vehicle to showcase our commitment to NSW RFS volunteers and to gather feedback from those people who put our trucks through their paces in emergency situations,” Mr Melrose said.

“We always enjoy this event and plan to continue our involvement for many more years to come.”

Assistant Commissioner McDonald said the Dubbo Composite Team were crowned State Champions after competing against 200 fellow members in a range of challenging, real-life scenarios.

“Volunteers competed in a series of simulated emergency situations where their skills and equipment were put to the test.

“With scenarios ranging from simulated motor vehicle accidents, navigation and helicopter water drops, to bush, grass and structure fires, the Dubbo Composite Team demonstrated their training, dedication and professionalism.”

The NSW RFS State Championships are held every two years in various locations across NSW. After each Championship the Isuzu D-Max is awarded to the winners' District for use for two years.

The 2014 NSW RFS State Championships were held in September at the Pambula Sporting Complex.



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