



Penrose Rural Fire Brigade



“2023 Year in Review”

A **HUGE** YEAR for your Brigade, 76 call-outs this year compared to the 10-year average of 33 (excludes 2019/20 Black Summer fire responses)

Call outs - does not include Out of Areas

False Alarms and False Calls 5

Fire and Explosions 28

Good Intent Call 3

Hazardous Condition 6 (oil/fuel spills)

Motor Vehicle Accidents 19 including one Electric Vehicle fire

Service Calls 15 (trees down, local flood assistance, other storm damage, bogged vehicle)

Undetermined 4

14 members of the Brigade's call-out team attended at least one call-out

Out of Area Deployments

Kempsey fires

Hazard Reductions

The Brigade assisted at 3 HRs – Shoalhaven (D1325 Prince HR), Silverdale, Little Forest (Alpine) and a Cultural Burn at Mittagong with the Gundungurra Traditional Owners.

Training

The highlight of this year was assisting Nicole to pass her Bush Firefighter assessment and Todd passing his AF qualification and gaining his Medium Rigid Truck license.

The Brigade hosted local Brigades for joint training on grass firefighting, an AED/O2 use refresher (thanks David Harker), CABA support and FireMapper. The Brigade was hosted by Wingello RFB for training on RFS Incident Management Systems.

We were a part of a Wingecarribee Southern Village Brigades and Mulwarree Brigades joint exercise involving structure/grass fires, first aid and pumping.

Thanks, Dan, for a great training program both at a Brigade and inter-Brigade level!

Community Engagement

'Get Ready Weekend', *thanks to all that attended*. Visit by Riverwood Air League as part of their Duke of Edinburgh hike. Continued visits to local properties to give landholders property protection advice.

Fundraising

Kirrakee lunch preparation and serving, Brigadoon parking, Berrima Horse Trials parking

FIRE PERMITS REQUIRED

In an EMERGENCY Phone 000

(Phoning the Brigade means that appropriate resource may be delayed)

Wishing everyone a Safe and Happy New Year