



NSW Rural Fire Service
Blue Mountains Group Support Brigade
May Newsletter 2026



NOTICE is HEREBY GIVEN that the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the
BLUE MOUNTAINS GROUP SUPPORT BRIGADE

will be held on
Sunday June 21, 2026
at the Blue Mountains Emergency Services Centre
Cnr Bathurst Road and Valley Road, Katoomba
commencing at 10:00hours.

The agenda for this meeting:

1. Welcome / Attendance / Apologies
2. Minutes of the previous AGM
3. Address by Visiting Personnel
4. Brigade Report presented by Captain GSB
5. Treasurer - Audit of Funds Report
6. Motion 1: Annual Subscription
7. Motion 2: Future External Auditor
8. Motion 3: Allocation of future auditing funds
9. Motion 4: Annual Emergency Expenditure Funds
10. Motion 5: Auditor's Report be accepted
11. Election of Field Officers and Administrative Positions
12. Presentation of Life Membership Awards

The District Manager, or his representative, will be asked to act as Returning Officer for the Brigade elections.

Please remember that Brigade Rules 10 and 13 require ordinary members to have completed 6 shifts in the past 12 months and to have attended 2 brigade meetings.

Any member, unsure of whether they can vote at the upcoming AGM, can contact the Captain or Secretary to discuss the matter.

General Meetings of 2026:

**AGM June 21 and Presentation
of Life Membership**

**August 16
October 18
December 13**

**Executive Committee Mtgs
Dates for July 2026 onwards
will be decided by the
incoming Executive
Committee.**

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Group Support Brigade**



From the President

Now the fire season is over the training season begins with many opportunities for our members to upskill ready for the next summer.

It is great to see so many eager new members to Support Brigade and I can assure you there will be no end to the many tasks that can be undertaken to help out.

Support Brigade is one of the most active brigades in the district and we look forward to welcoming and working with all of our new recruits.

Roza Sage
President

Captain's News

Thank you to all the Group Support Brigade members who were able to contribute their time and skills to the Kenny Street Hazard reduction. It was a big weekend with early starts and late finishes. Our district brigades were joined by a huge fleet of Lithgow/Chifley brigades as well as NSW Fire & Rescue crews which expanded the workload of our Comms team, but our early bird Saturday crew managed to capture and record all their radio information well.

Our AROs also benefited with aviation work with the pilots and Paul and his team did a great job with their makeshift airbase. The Fire & Rescue RPAs (drones) were expected but hang-gliders nearby was an interesting obstacle they had not encountered before.

If the weather allows, there are likely to be a few more HRs scheduled which may result in alterations to our planned special training events so everyone needs to be watching RFSActiv and the Brigade website roster for any variations that we might have to be made at short notice.

Nomination forms are now available for the June 21st AGM. All nominations need to be in by June 7. There are a number of members who are hoping to step away from their current roles so if you are keen to provide more support to the Brigade then consider lodging a nomination form.

Chook is working her magic with some great training workshops so please join in where you can, especially our new members, as it is a chance to meet and connect across the Brigade.

Dianne Knight
Captain

Welcome to our Newest Probationary Member

Probationary	Dual or New to Service
Ben Greenhaigh	Megalong Valley

Kenny Street Hazard Reduction

The weekend of April 18 & 19 saw the final phase of the Kenny Street HR at Mt Victoria completed.

Well done to everyone involved.

It was a massive job and a very difficult one for those out in the field.

Once again, we had our four functions of Group Support Brigade involved.

A total of 20 member shifts were covered.



At the same time we also catered for 3 weekend courses, Hydraulics, First Aid and Village Firefighter, on both days. This created another 15 shifts for members to crew.

We topped it all off with a Brigade General Meeting on Sunday.



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Training Update

I would like to thank all members who have been attending the rostered training sessions over the past few months. We have had a quite a few fun and informative sessions, where members have learned a lot of new skills and tips. Thank you also, to those that have given some great feedback so lessons could have been adjusted along the way, for the benefit of all attending. This has been terrific feedback for ongoing training session development for our brigade.

As a reminder, we have the upcoming mapping upskilling session on Sun 16th May that is open for any members wanting to refresh their mapping skills & I strongly encourage our newer members wanting to be part of the COMs team, to attend as a precursor to what you will learn in your CCA course. If you aren't on the roster for this as yet please make sure you put yourself in a spot ASAP. If all spots become full, you don't have to miss out, just email me to be added to the list.

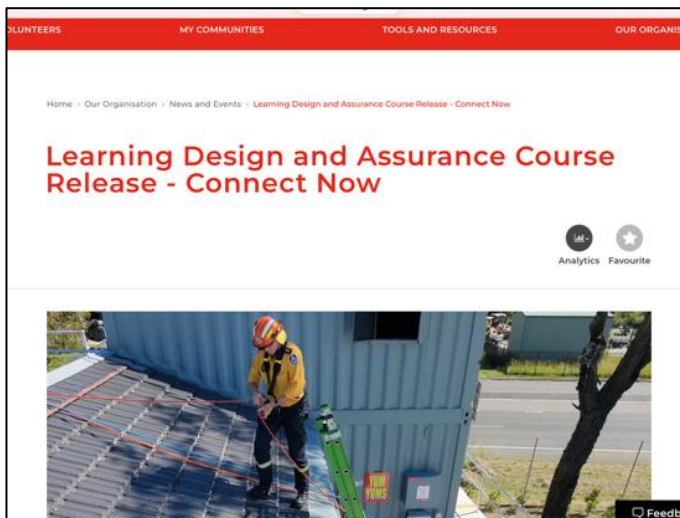
Mark in your calendar:

- 16th May - Mapping Skills - Open for all members
- 24th May - Tech Workshop - Open for all members
- 5th July - CCA Course - for new COMs recruits

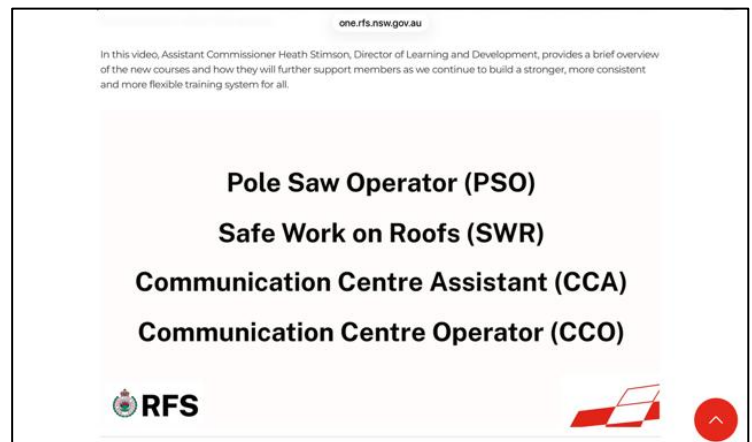
Some great training opportunities are available for members to participate in, no matter what area of our Brigade you currently work in. Just book in on the roster.

Chook Connolly

Training Officer



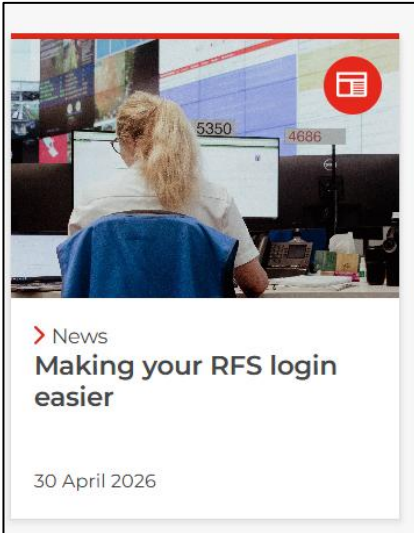
New courses announced for FUEL!



AGM Positions of 2026-2027

All AGM positions are declared vacant, and we encourage you to consider nominating. John is looking for someone to take the Equipment Officer role and Rosemary is hoping to get a break from the DC Catering role as she explained in her April General Meeting report.

Support will be provided for those taking on new roles. Roles are also changing as we endeavour to work with our Brigade Five-Year Plan.



Update on New Release

Check out the News on RFS logins and how you will not need to change your password once you set up the OKTA Fast Pass.

The link below should take you to the video work, or you can find it again in the News in OneRFS.

[Making your RFS login easier](#)

Our Training Officer can help you with this at the Sunday 24th May workshop as well.

Long Service Medal

Congratulations to Joy Walker, one of our Life Members and original Brigade members, for receiving her Long Service Medal for 50 years of service.

Joy now lives and serves in a communication brigade on the central coast.



State Championships at Dubbo!

Every two years the NSW RFS State Championships are conducted. The 2024 event was at Albury. The 2026 event will be held on September 11-13 at Dubbo.

Teams of firefighters compete and get fed by the competing catering teams. The catering challenge is known as Eat Street. In Albury the food had a Mexican theme. In Dubbo the food needs to suit the Las Vegas/Elvis theme.

A Blue Mountains catering team has often competed and this year a new team of brave catering individuals is considering taking up the challenge.

Long hours and hard work but greatly appreciated by everyone who is attending the Championships.