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Caring for Country Caring for Communities

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Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodian's of the Land, and pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging and extend our respect to all First Nations Peoples.

We also recognise those who's ongoing effort to promote and protect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Cultures will leave a lasting legacy for future Elders and Leaders.

We recognise and respect their Cultural Heritage, beliefs and continuing connection with the land, rivers and sea's.

We also recognise the resilience, strength and pride of First Nations Communities.

Aboriginal Programs

- Aboriginal Programs play a key role in increasing the inclusion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.
- It is crucial to create an environment that is culturally safe and respectful for the involvement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members.
- Important aspects that need to be developed is authentic and lasting relationships that continue with Aboriginal organisations and Communities.
- Support initiatives like Cultural Awareness training, bushfire safety programs, community engagement and school programs.

- Fire Safety, Mitigation / Hazard Management and education should be a focus for Aboriginal Programs.
- Area Operations and the Aboriginal Programs Team will coordinate activities and achieve results that align with the RFS Reconciliation Action Plan and other Culturally suitable programs.
- Ongoing inclusion and support of Aboriginal Ranger groups and Community members into the IMT structure during IMT exercises and Bushfire operations.

Jubullum Community Fire Unit Training





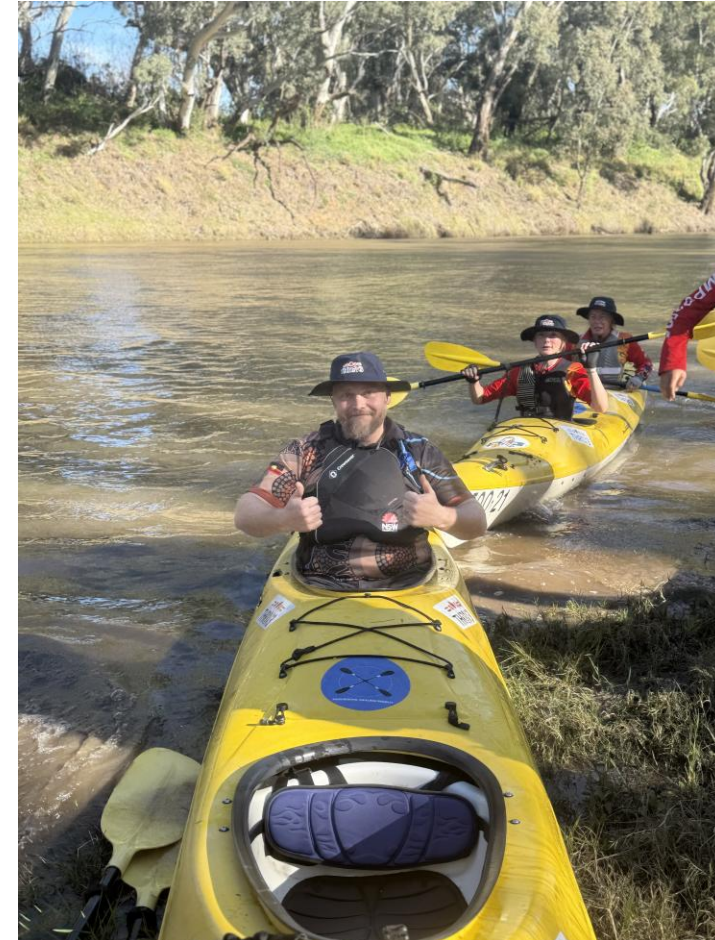
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Murungidyal Paddle Pathways Youth Program



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Rangers participated in Incident Management Exercises





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Gifting of decommissioned fire appliances



Outcomes

- RFS will continue to support Aboriginal Ranger groups and Communities with their On Country burning programs and Emergency Management aspirations.
- Continue to build strong meaningful partnerships with Aboriginal Affairs NSW, other Government Departments, Local Aboriginal Lands Councils, Aboriginal Corporations and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural burn practitioners and knowledge holders.
- Deliver educations and training programs for Aboiginal Communities to manage and maintain decommissioned fire appliances and Community Fire Units.
- Deliver Education programs to the Clontarf Foundation and the National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy (NASCA) and other school programs when requested.

- Continue to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation through creating pathways into mitigation and volunteer membership.
- Continue to deliver Cultural Heritage and Awareness Programs at the RFS Academy to Opo1s and new mitigation staff during their induction.
- Continue to deliver support for Aboriginal Community Engagement Advisors (CEAs) and CEOs to attend BFMC meetings.
- Continue to highlight good news stories on the Aboriginal Programs Hub.



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Thank you

