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**COFFS HARBOUR
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Welcome to Coffs Harbour

On behalf of the Firefighter Championships Association (FCA), I extend a warm welcome to dignitaries, participants, families, sponsors, and supporters to the NSW State Firefighter Championship taking place here in Coffs Harbour. It is with great pleasure that we gather in this vibrant town for a celebration of skill, camaraderie, and dedication.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Coffs Harbour 257 brigade members for graciously hosting this event and providing a warm welcome to our participants and guests. The commitment and effort of these hosting brigades are instrumental in making the Firefighter Championships a success.

The NSW State Firefighter Championships hold a special place in our hearts, steeped in over a century of history that embodies the spirit of the firefighting profession. This event not only showcases the exceptional skills of our firefighters but also serves as a platform for knowledge sharing, innovation, and collaboration.

As we witness the unfolding events in the coming days, we will marvel at the strategic prowess, precision, and resilience demonstrated by our firefighters. Their unwavering dedication to continuous training and readiness exemplifies their commitment to serving their communities with excellence.

A special thank you goes out to our sponsors and their representatives for their invaluable support. Your commitment and sponsorship are integral to the sustainability of the Firefighter Championships and contribute to enhancing the capabilities of NSW firefighters for the greater good of the communities they serve.

To all those present, I encourage you to enjoy the remarkable displays of talent and the thrilling competition that awaits. This Championship promises to be a showcase of emergency services preparedness and a testament to the resilience and professionalism of our firefighting community.

Let us come together to celebrate the spirit of camaraderie and sportsmanship that define the Firefighter Championships. Wishing everyone a memorable and successful event ahead.

Jamie Loader AFSM
President FCA



“The Tyrepower Group was formed in 1977 by ten independent tyre retailers with the aim of offering consumers the flexibility, savings, and value of an independent dealer network.

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Tyrepower has a strong place in communities all over Australia and New Zealand, so this is a very good match for both parties. Often in partnerships, it is about shared values, and it is for Tyrepower a fantastic opportunity to work with Fire and Rescue New South Wales.

We wish the competitors all the best and are looking forward to a weekend of fun, camaraderie, learning and competition.

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**Henk van Diggele
General Manager**



Fire and Rescue NSW Commissioner, Jeremy Fewtrell

State Firefighter Championships are one of our proudest and longest running traditions. They present a unique opportunity to work together and develop operational skills while also enhancing our service and value to the communities of NSW.

The three-day competition will test the skills, professionalism, and training of regional firefighters, with events simulating fire and rescue situations. The skills you will see showcased throughout the championships are recognised both nationally and internationally.

These events require a great deal of work and commitment from all concerned. The local brigade, Coffs Harbour have worked tirelessly, along with the Firefighter Championship Association members and Fire and Rescue NSW Championship team to ensure a safe and successful State Championship.

My sincere thanks to all who have worked so hard to make the Championships a success. Your commitment is a great reflection of our values.



**Fire and Rescue NSW
Commissioner Jeremy Fewtrell AFSM**

The Championship Environment

The Championships will continue to recognise our history and complement Fire and Rescue NSW's strategic plan, to protect the irreplaceable. In today's environment this requires us to be prepared for anything. Being prepared for anything means continually developing teamwork, comradery, and skills relevant to our eight core capabilities.

The Championships enhance and develop these essential skills with the goal to maintain and develop an efficient and highly effective emergency service, serving communities across NSW. Championships provide an opportunity to improve community safety by engaging with a wide audience including our emergency services partners, along with the business sector.

I encourage all to engage and embrace the spirit of the Championships and participate with respect and inclusion.

Thank you to 257 Coffs Harbour for hosting this event and I hope all those who attend enjoy the experience of being involved with Firefighter Championships.

**Fire and Rescue NSW
Assistant Commissioner Steven Hayes AFSM
Director of Firefighter Championships**

Championship Values

- Respect - We always treat each other, our partners, stakeholders and recipients of our services with respect and fairness while recognising and accepting the differences, wishes, rights, feelings and value of others.
- Integrity - We always act professionally and can be trusted implicitly because honesty, transparency and strong ethical principles underpin who we are and everything we do.
- Service - We are reliable, always performing our roles safely, effectively and efficiently, while taking responsibility for our actions and decisions.
- Courage - We always put the needs of the community and FRNSW first and have the courage not only to deal with serious emergency situations, but to stand up for others and to challenge wrongdoing.
- Develop, maintain, and enhance the operational skills of firefighters
- Promote a professional image of FRNSW to NSW communities
- Promote community safety and awareness
- Encourage teamwork, camaraderie, and individual performance
- Demonstrate various skills, knowledge, and expertise of FRNSW

Championship Objectives

- Provide improved opportunities for firefighters to display a high level of skills
- Deliver improved community safety programs
- Provide an opportunity to market the services of the FRNSW to key stakeholders





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A Proud Legacy: Coffs Harbour and the North Coast in the Championships

As we gather in Coffs Harbour for the 2026 State Firefighter Championship, we celebrate a rich local history that spans nearly a century. Coffs Harbour's involvement in Championships began in 1935, when they travelled to Katoomba to compete in the third State Demonstration conducted by the Board of Fire Commissioners of NSW.

The brigade's dedication to the Championships, both as fierce competitors and welcoming hosts, has remained steadfast to this day. Coffs Harbour is no stranger to staging this premier event, having previously served as the host venue for the biennial State Championships in 1970, 1984, and 2000.

On the competition track, the Coffs Harbour brigade has built a reputation for consistent excellence. Their impressive performances earned them the honour of being selected as one of the NSW representative teams for the 2001 Federation Championships held in Corowa. Following the success of that event, Coffs Harbour proudly hosted the inaugural Australian National Championships in 2003, competing alongside teams from across the nation, New Zealand, the Australian Army, and the RAAF.

The North Coast's strong competitive spirit is shared by the neighbouring Dorrigo brigade, who will be celebrating their Centenary later this year. Dorrigo's history in the Championships runs just as deep, having first competed at the Newcastle event in 1934.

A significant contributor to the region's firefighting heritage, Dorrigo has hosted Zone Championships in recent years and has enjoyed success at Zone and Region Championships. The brigade's proudest moment on the track arrived in 2014 when they secured the prestigious Alfred Webb Cup, taking the title of the most successful team at the State Championships in Kelso (Bathurst). That victorious team was proudly represented by Dave Hitchcock, the father-and-son duo of Tony and Shaun Noble, and Brett Keogh.

This October, the tradition continues as brigades from all corners of the State converge on Coffs Harbour once again. We eagerly look forward to a thrilling competition and extend a warm welcome to all participating teams, including the current State Championship title holders, Echuca.

Good luck to all competitors, and welcome to Coffs Harbour!

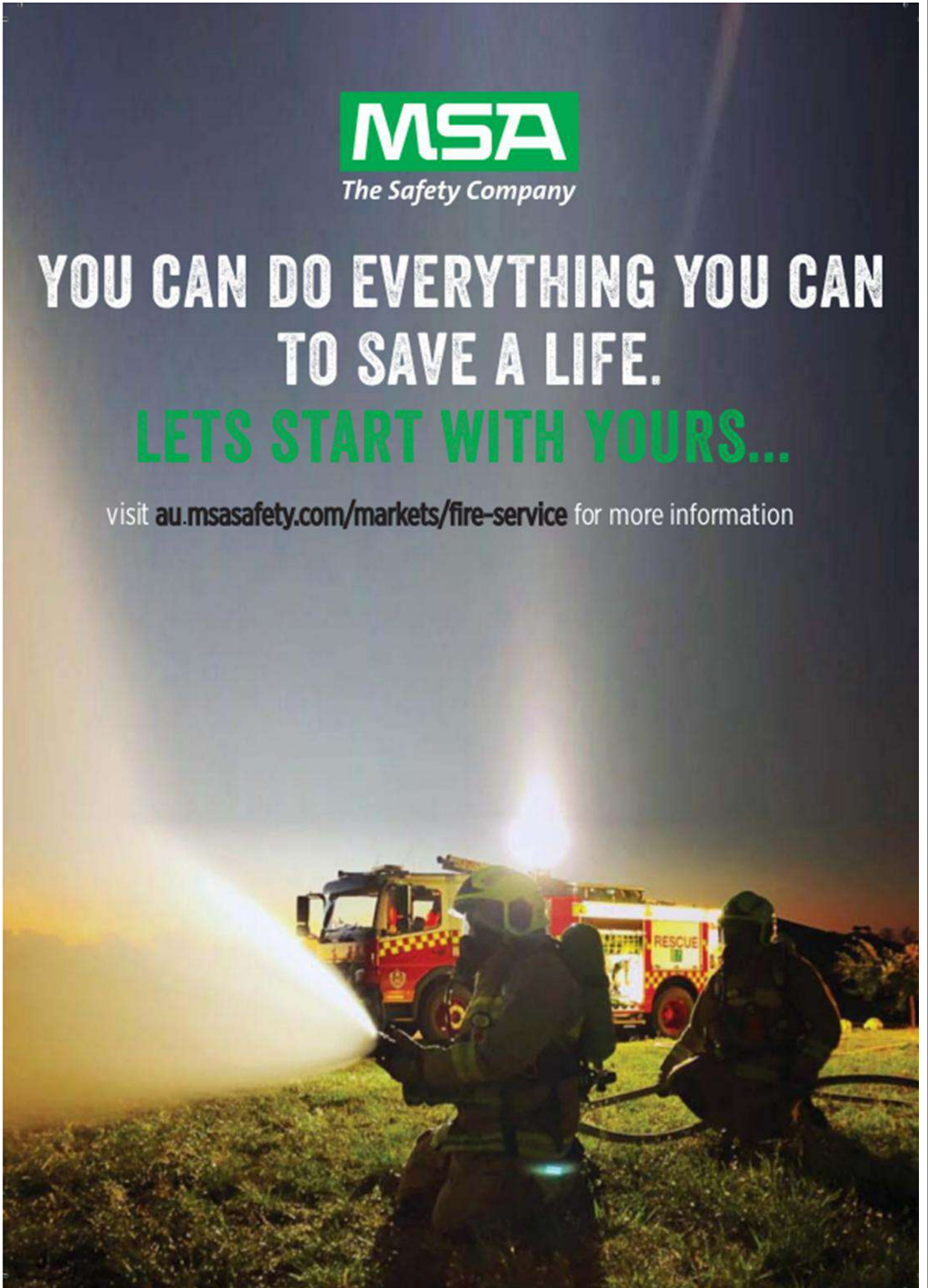
John Hand



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Mrs Janette Kearney
Mrs Julie Mayled
Mrs Jo Dresser
Mrs Lucinda Noble
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Life Members of the Association

Name			Date
Captain Cyril Pitman *	Coffs Harbour	Chairman	1980
Captain Noel Hamey *	Sawtell	Council Member	1980
Captain Kenneth White *	Port Macquarie	Vice Chairman	1982
Captain Albert Smith *	Toronto	Vice Chairman	1990
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Mr Frank Perrie *	Sydney	Major Sponsor	1992
Captain Neil Brooker AFSM *	Yass	Chairman	1994
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Mr Brian Johnstone PSM *	NSWFB	Ass. Director Champs	1996
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Captain Kevin Ryan AFSM	Bathurst	Committee Member	2008
Captain Leslie Smith AFSM	Macquarie Fields	Executive Member	2008
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Mrs Cheryl McKee	Moree	Service to Champs	2010
Firefighter John McKee	Moree	Assistant Secretary	2010
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Firefighter Robert Eckersley AFSM	West Tamworth	Executive Member	2022
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Mrs Rosemary Reed *	Tocumwal	Service to Champs	2022
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Firefighter Trevor Jones	Wollongong	Executive Officer	2024

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 Captain William "Bill" Ferris (Jerilderie)
 Captain Charles "Charlie" Husking (South Grafton)
 Firefighter Peter Hanson (Nowra)

Honorary Members of the Association

Name			Date
Captain Gordon Northey *	Parkes	Council Member	1986
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Firefighter Parker Adams *	Belmont	Council Member	1996
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Captain Vincent Wiegold AFSM *	Umina	Service to Champs	2004
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Mrs Julie Mayled	Coffs Harbour	Service to Champs	2024
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Mrs Janette Kearney	Kelso	Service to Champs	2024
Captain Mick Edwards AFSM*	Hay	Committee Member	2024
Mrs Lois Jones	Wollongong	Service to Champs	2024

**Deceased*

2026 State Championship Schedule

Wednesday 21 October

<u>Championship Track</u> – McLean Street Oval McLean Street, Coffs Harbour	
0800 - 1600	• Inspection of Competition Track & Equipment
1400 - 1600	• Registration of Brigades, Competitors, Officials & Visitors
1300	• Briefing – Officials involved in Ceremonies i.e. FRNSW Protocol Officer, band master torchlight committee etc. • Track Officials

<u>Welcome Function</u> – C.ex Coffs 2-6 Vernon St, Coffs Harbour	
1800 - 2200	• Welcome Get Together - Firefighters, Families & Officials • Registration

Thursday 22 October

<u>Championship Track</u> – McLean Street Oval McLean Street, Coffs Harbour	
0630 - 0730	• Meeting of Officials (water pressure tests etc.)
0730 - 0800	• Briefing of Brigades & Competitors
0800 - 1045	• Event 1. Urban Pump Booster Valve / Ladder & Internal Hose Reel • Event 2. Booster Valve, Ladder and High-Rise Bag
1045	• All Brigades, Firefighters & Association officials including Retired & Honorary Brigades members will form up on the Championship ground as directed (1045 hours sharp)
1045	• Official guests will be escorted to seating.

1100 - 1130	• Opening Ceremony ○ At the completion of the official opening the Parade will be dismissed.
1130 - 1500	• Event 3. Ladder Practice – 1 competitor ○ Medal & Trophy Presentation – Event 1 ○ Medal & Trophy Presentation – Event 2 • Event 4. Urban Pump Collector & Ladder • Event 5. Urban Disabled Pump and Davey Pump

Friday 23 October

<u>Championship Track</u> – McLean Street Oval McLean Street, Coffs Harbour	
0630 - 0730	• Meeting of Officials (water pressure tests etc.)
0745 - 0800	• Briefing of Brigades & Competitors
1000 - 1400	• Education & Fire Awareness Activities
0800 - 1500	• Event 6. Rescue ○ Medal & Trophy Presentation – Event 3 ○ Medal & Trophy Presentation – Event 4 • Single Person Hose and Hydrant - Veteran Demonstration • Event 7. Hose & Hydrant – 2 Competitor ○ Medal & Trophy Presentation – Event 5 • Event 8. Hose and Hydrant 4 person ○ Medal & Trophy Presentation – Event 6 ○ Medal & Trophy Presentation – Event 7 • Event 9. Hose, Hydrant and Extinguisher ○ Medal & Trophy Presentation – Event 8 • Event 10. Urban Pump and Breeching

**The Community Engagement Evening is at
Jetty Foreshore Precinct 17:00 to 21:00**

**The meeting/starting point for the torch light parade is the grass area in front
of Mie Mie's Restaurant along Jordan Esplanade**

1930 - 2030	• Torchlight Procession including: All Brigades, firefighters and Association officials including Retired and Honorary Brigade members will marshal at 1930 hours sharp • Brigade teams will wear Full Turnout Uniform /Helmet, carrying torches • Local pipe band • Fire Appliances old & new will not be in march but will be on display
1800 – 1900	• Coffs Harbour Pipe Band play on main stage
2020 - 2035	• Fireworks Spectacular Display

Saturday 24 October

**Championship Track – McLean Street Oval
McLean Street, Coffs Harbour**

0630 - 0730	• Meeting of Officials (water pressure tests etc.)
0745 - 0800	• Briefing of Brigades & Competitors
0900 - 1400	• Education & Fire Awareness Activities
0800 - 1400	• Event 11. Hose, Hydrant and Breeching Urban Pump ○ Medal & Trophy Presentation – Event 9 ○ Medal & Trophy Presentation – Event 10 • Event 12. Urban Pump BA & Foam Event ○ Medal & Trophy Presentation – Event 11 • Event 13. Urban Pump Collector ○ Medal & Trophy Presentation – Event 12 • Event 14. Urban Pump Suction ○ Medal & Trophy Presentation – Event 13 • Event 15. Veterans Urban Pump Suction ○ Medal & Trophy Presentation – Event 14 ○ Medal & Trophy Presentation – Event 15

Official Function – C.ex Coffs
2-6 Vernon St, Coffs Harbour

1800 - 1830	• Closing Ceremony • Brigades, competitors, and officials assemble for the 2026 State Championship Dinner Function
1830 - 2300	• Awards & presentation Evening ○ Smart Casual ○ Presentation of major awards & presentations ○ Dinner

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MSA Safety Trophy



This Trophy is very prestigious with a history from the mining industry in Pennsylvania and West Virginia in the early 1900s – there are only four in existence. The Trophy depicts a worker (miner) coming home at the end of the shift to his family. Internationally this Trophy is recognised as one of the highest awards for safety and is called the JT Ryan Trophy in memory of the founder of MSA and their established commitment to safety.

JT Ryan experienced directly the impact of a mine explosion in West Virginia in 1913 with a significant loss of life. From that incident came the formation of MSA, the Safety Company in 1914 with the company mission "...to see that men and women may work in safety and that they, their families and communities may live in health throughout the world" clearly something close to all Firefighters.

The JT Ryan Trophy remains the premier safety award in Canada. The original mould was broken when a second trophy was struck. The Trophy is provided to the FCA in recognition of the implementation of the new WHS and safety requirements. It was made from the last mould taken from the original trophy in Canada. No more plans are in place to duplicate.

The essence of providing this award to the FCA comes from the history of firefighting, the alignment with the "MSA " mission and the genesis of the award. Firefighters today provide essential search and rescue functions in many environments and are intimately reflective of the desires, concerns and commitments of JT Ryan when establishing MSA nearly 100 years ago. In many ways, today's modern firefighters are kindred spirits in word and deed. It seems fitting the two go together in recognition of commitment and excellence.

MSA President

Safety Trophy – Point Score

The Safety Trophy is awarded to the Brigade, over the State Championship, who has incurred the least safety penalties during competition and is judged to always display safe practices on the track.

A team is eliminated from the Safety Trophy event if it is disqualified in any event.

2026 FORM GUIDE: The Race for the Alfred Webb Cup

Welcome to the 41st State Championship, returning to Coffs Harbour for the first time since 2000. The battle for the 2026 Alfred Webb Cup looks to be a thrilling continuation of the 2024 Wagga Wagga showdown, where Echuca narrowly defeated titleholders Wyong. However, Kootingal's incredible consistency across the past seven State Championships, alongside strong showings from Wangi Wangi, Ulladulla, and Kelso, ensures a wide-open race.

Pump, Rescue, and BA Events

Wangi Wangi set the benchmark in the Urban Pump Collector and Ladder, and they remain the team to beat in the Rescue Event after recording the fastest times over the last two years. The Urban Pump Disable and Suction events will be fiercely contested among Kootingal, Wyong, Echuca, and Wangi. Notably, Kootingal has claimed three of the last four State titles in the Suction event, an outstanding feat considering they do not have a regular Urban Pump for training. In the BA and Foam Event, Ulladulla and Kelso have proven to be the most consistent and competitive performers.

Hose, Hydrant, and Ladder Showdowns

The Ladder Practice promises high drama; Kootingal's Luke Murie—the only competitor to break the 7.00-second mark in the last two years—will be challenging recent champions from Wyong and Wangi. Wyong enters as the firm favourite across both the Hose, Hydrant & Extinguisher and the 4 Competitor Hose & Hydrant events, boasting a dominant track record in recent outings.

Finally, expect intense rivalries in the Hose & Hydrant 2 Competitor Event. Kootingal has historically dominated this format—winning six of the eight times it has been held since 2008—though Wyong, Echuca, and Ulladulla are consistently near the top of the results.

We look forward to an incredibly keen competition across the board!

John Hand

State Championships Through the Years

Year	Location	Winner	Runner-Up
1932	Wagga Wagga	Lithgow	Lockhart
1934	Newcastle	Lithgow	Orange
1935	Katoomba	Narrandera	Orange
1937	Tamworth	Narrandera	Cronulla
1939	Katoomba	Narrandera	Cronulla
1954	Leeton	Orange	Narrandera
1956	Grafton	Orange	Yass
1958	Orange	Orange	Blackheath
1960	Tweed Heads	Narrandera	Grafton
1962	Wagga Wagga	Narrandera	Blackheath
1964	Port Macquarie	Yass	Narrandera
1966	Albury	Yass	Narrandera
1968	Tweed Heads	Narrandera	Yass
1970	Port Macquarie	Finley	Narrandera
1972	Coffs Harbour	Finley	Yass
1974	Albury	Finley	Yass
1976	Port Macquarie	Finley	Blackheath
1978	Queanbeyan	Yass	Finley
1980	Tweed Heads	Grafton	Canowindra
1982	Port Macquarie	Port Macquarie	Finley
1984	Coffs Harbour	Yass	Nowra
1986	Tamworth	Finley	Canowindra
1988	Port Macquarie	Port Macquarie	Balgownie
1990	Dubbo	Finley	Port Macquarie
1992	Wollongong	Finley	Port Macquarie / Canowindra
1994	West Tamworth	Port Macquarie	South Grafton
1996	Port Macquarie	Port Macquarie	Canowindra
1998	Dubbo	Port Macquarie	Finley
2000	Coffs Harbour	Port Macquarie	Trangie
2002	Wollongong	Nowra	Balgownie
2004	Port Macquarie	Kelso	Nowra
2006	Port Macquarie	Casino	Kelso
2008	Tamworth	Nowra	Kelso
2010	Banora Point	Kelso	Dorrigo
2012	Tamworth	Kelso	Echuca (Vic)
2014	Kelso	Dorrigo	Tamworth
2016	Wyong	Bega	Kootingal RFS
2018	Dubbo	Wyong	Kootingal RFS
2022	Port Macquarie	Wyong	Kootingal RFS
2024	Wagga Wagga	Echuca (Vic)	Wyong
2026	Coffs Harbour	?	?

Competing Brigades

Brigade	Station	Zone
Bundanoon	242	RS2
Casino	253	RN2
Coffs Harbour	257	RN1
Echuca A	CFAE	Visitor
Echuca B	CFAEB	Visitor
Goulburn	305	RS2
Griffith	311	RW3
Kootingal RFS	756	Visitor
Kootingal RFS B	756B	Visitor
Maitland	374	MN3
Mittagong	378	RS2
Morisset	383	MN1
Sawtell	441	RN1
South Grafton	307	RN2
South West Rocks	449	RN1
Trangie	465	RW1
Wangi Wangi	485	MN1
Wangi Wangi B	485B	MN1
Wellington	493	RW1
Wyoming	509	MN2
Wyong	505	MN2
Wyong B	505B	MN2
Wyong C	505C	MN2



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Discipline/Groundmanship Event



Object and Eligibility

The "Discipline Event" has been redesigned to reflect a more modern format that includes not only marching but also the important disciplines of sportsmanship, conduct, work ethics and dress code.

Background

State and Regional/Metropolitan Championships are consistently reviewed and developed to reflect current FRNSW needs.

With the recent transition of the five days, State Championship to a three day State Championship, current events required a further review to ensure a full three-day program could be successfully conducted.

The "Discipline Event" was identified as one event that should undergo a review, as it would enable the FCA to save time for both Competitors and Officials.

The Discipline Event has been modified to accommodate the three day State Championship program.

Over the past seven years, the Regional/Metropolitan Championships have provided a Discipline Award in which Firefighters are judged on the following measures both on and off the track:

- Sportsmanship
- Conduct
- Work ethics
- Dress code (wearing of safety gear)

Result

To ensure a component of the original Discipline Event is maintained for State Championships, nominated judges will assess each team's ability to march onto the track for the Official Opening, thus ensuring competitors are judged on their ability to march, display appropriate sportsmanship, conduct, work ethics (track clearance) and the wearing of correct uniform over three days of competition.

The Director, two Assistant Directors and the President of the FCA will judge the Discipline Event at the State Championship as they currently do at Regional/Metropolitan Championships.

Note – The listed Officers do not march in the Official Opening Ceremony and therefore are capable of adding this task to their current lists of duties that they similarly perform for Regional/Metropolitan Championships

The Director, two Assistant Directors and the President of the FCA shall confer prior to the conclusion of the Championship to decide which team will receive the Discipline Award for the Championship.

Trophy, Prizemoney, Medals and Certificates will continue to be awarded, however, no points for this event will be awarded.

Presentation will take place at the Official Presentation Evening.

Event 1. Urban Pump Booster Valve/Ladder and Internal Hose Reel

This event simulates teams having to extinguish a fire in a multi-storey building using a boosted water system, an internal building hose reel line and 38mm hose from the first floor.



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State Record: Bega, 31.185 at Wyong 2016
Winner 2024: Wangi Wangi, 35.36

Order	Station	Brigade Name	Order	Station	Brigade Name
1	465	Trangie	12	305	Goulburn
2	756	Kootingal RFS	13	505C	Wyong C
3	505	Wyong	14	441	Sawtell
4	485	Wangi Wangi	15	257	Coffs Harbour
5	CFAE	Echuca A	16	374	Maitland
6	242	Bundanoon	17	449	South West Rocks
7	CFAEB	Echuca B	18	485B	Wangi Wangi B
8	253	Casino	19	307	South Grafton
9	493	Wellington	20	383	Morisset
10	756B	Kootingal RFS B	21	509	Wyoming
11	505B	Wyong B			



Event 2. Booster Valve and High Rise Bag



The first target on the ground simulates an initial attack with water carried on the pump from outside a building which is not adequate to reach the fire. Once this target has been struck the isolating valve on the booster must be turned off then target two is struck with a hose line and water from an internal hydrant cabinet that has been boosted through the pump.

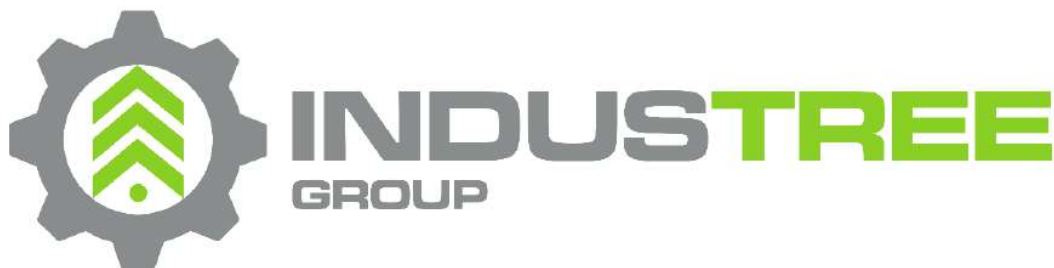
Perpetual Trophy: The Reg Down Trophy
Donated by Mr Reg Down (former NSWFB Board member)

Prizes

1st	Trophy, Medals, Certificate
2nd & 3rd	Medals and Certificates
4th & 5th	Certificates

State Record: Tamworth, 49.410 at Kelso 2014
Winner 2024: Wyong, 54.47

Order	Station	Brigade Name	Order	Station	Brigade Name
1	CFAE	Echuca A	12	CFAEB	Echuca B
2	485	Wangi Wangi	13	449	South West Rocks
3	505	Wyong	14	383	Morisset
4	465	Trangie	15	505C	Wyong C
5	756	Kootingal RFS	16	257	Coffs Harbour
6	756B	Kootingal RFS B	17	374	Maitland
7	242	Bundanoon	18	485B	Wangi Wangi B
8	253	Casino	19	441	Sawtell
9	505B	Wyong B	20	307	South Grafton
10	493	Wellington	21	509	Wyoming
11	305	Goulburn			



Event 3. Ladder Practice

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Individual competitors run 22.5 metres to a ladder, ascend the ladder and strike the target, the fastest competitor being declared the winner.

Perpetual Trophy

Donated by the family of late Life Member
Captain C. Pitman - Coffs Harbour

Prizes

1st Trophy, Medals, Certificate

2nd & 3rd Medals and Certificates

4th & 5th Certificates

State Record:

J Mackaway, Wyong, 6.895 at Dubbo 2018

Winner 2024:

C Towill, Wangi Wangi, 7.33

Order	Station	Brigade Name	Order	Station	Brigade Name
1	756	Kootingal RFS 1	22	756	Kootingal RFS 2
2	485	Wangi Wangi 1	23	485	Wangi Wangi 2
3	CFAE	Echuca A 1	24	CFAE	Echuca A 2
4	505	Wyong 1	25	505	Wyong 2
5	465	Trangie 1	26	465	Trangie 2
6	493	Wellington 1	27	493	Wellington 2
7	305	Goulburn 1	28	305	Goulburn 2
8	505B	Wyong B 1	29	505B	Wyong B 2
9	253	Casino 1	30	253	Casino 2
10	CFAEB	Echuca B 1	31	CFAEB	Echuca B 2
11	756B	Kootingal RFS B 1	32	756B	Kootingal RFS B 2
12	242	Bundanoon 1	33	242	Bundanoon 2
13	307	South Grafton 1	34	307	South Grafton 2
14	257	Coffs Harbour 1	35	257	Coffs Harbour 2
15	441	Sawtell 1	36	441	Sawtell 2
16	509	Wyoming 1	37	509	Wyoming 2
17	505C	Wyong C 1	38	505C	Wyong C 2
18	449	South West Rocks 1	39	449	South West Rocks 2
19	374	Maitland 1	40	374	Maitland 2
20	383	Morisset 1	41	383	Morisset 2
21	485B	Wangi Wangi B 1	42	485B	Wangi Wangi B 2

PACFIRE

Event 4. Urban Pumper Collector and Ladder



The object of this drill exercise is to extinguish a fire in a second storey building. A crew of four firefighters will work as a team to use hydrant water relayed through the pump, into two lines of delivery hose and up two ladders. Time is taken when the second stream of water hits the finish target. The team achieving the fastest time is declared the winner.

Perpetual Trophy: Donated by Insurance Council of Australia
Dedicated to Life Members the
Late Mrs R. Beare and Mr W.R. Beare OAM

Prizes **1st** Trophy, Medals, Certificate
 2nd & 3rd Medals and Certificates
 4th & 5th Certificates

State Record: Kootingal RFS, 22.910 at Wyong 2016
Winner 2024: Echuca CFA, 23.668

Order	Station	Brigade Name	Order	Station	Brigade Name
1	485	Wangi Wangi	12	493	Wellington
2	CFAE	Echuca A	13	441	Sawtell
3	505	Wyong	14	257	Coffs Harbour
4	756	Kootingal RFS	15	374	Maitland
5	465	Trangie	16	383	Morisset
6	305	Goulburn	17	485B	Wangi Wangi B
7	CFAEB	Echuca B	18	505C	Wyong C
8	756B	Kootingal RFS B	19	307	South Grafton
9	505B	Wyong B	20	449	South West Rocks
10	253	Casino	21	509	Wyoming
11	242	Bundanoon			



Event 5. Urban Pump Disable

A team of four firefighters using an urban pumper commence connecting a delivery line from pumper to internal manifold and using hose from first floor hose cabinet to extinguish a fire. After the fire is extinguished, the pump becomes disabled, and the crew extinguish a second fire at ground level using the portable pump.

Perpetual Trophy Former Trophy for Dennis (Big 6 Suction)
Refurbished in 2002 as
Urban Pumper Disable Event Trophy

Prizes **1st** Trophy, Medals, Certificate
2nd & 3rd Medals and Certificates
4th & 5th Certificates

State Record: Nowra, 56.784 at Dubbo 2018
Winner 2024: Wyong, 57.26

Order	Station	Brigade Name	Order	Station	Brigade Name
1	505	Wyong	12	253	Casino
2	756	Kootingal RFS	13	449	South West Rocks
3	485	Wangi Wangi	14	374	Maitland
4	465	Trangie	15	307	South Grafton
5	CFAE	Echuca A	16	509	Wyoming
6	242	Bundanoon	17	485B	Wangi Wangi B
7	493	Wellington	18	257	Coffs Harbour
8	CFAEB	Echuca B	19	505C	Wyong C
9	305	Goulburn	20	441	Sawtell
10	756B	Kootingal RFS B	21	383	Morisset
11	505B	Wyong B			



Event 6. Rescue



This Event is used to assess various rescue skills of the four firefighters in the team.

Perpetual Trophy

Donated by Holmatro

Prizes

1st Trophy, Medals, Certificate
2nd & 3rd Medals and Certificates
4th & 5th Certificates

State Record: Winner 2024:

Wyong, 35.971 at Dubbo 2018
 Echuca CFA, 50.25

Order	Station	Brigade Name	Order	Station	Brigade Name
1	CFAE	Echuca A	12	CFAEB	Echuca B
2	485	Wangi Wangi	13	257	Coffs Harbour
3	465	Trangie	14	449	South West Rocks
4	756	Kootingal RFS	15	441	Sawtell
5	505	Wyong	16	509	Wyoming
6	253	Casino	17	307	South Grafton
7	505B	Wyong B	18	505C	Wyong C
8	305	Goulburn	19	383	Morisset
9	242	Bundanoon	20	485B	Wangi Wangi B
10	493	Wellington	21	374	Maitland
11	756B	Kootingal RFS B			



Event 7. Hose and Hydrant - 2 Competitors

This Event provides training for the two firefighters to work as a team by shipping a standpipe into the fire hydrant then connecting a length of hose with a branch attached to strike the target to stop the clock. The Event hones the procedures and teamwork required by the competitors for this action on the fire ground. The team with the fastest time is declared the winner.

Perpetual Trophy Prizes

Donated by Illawarra Fire Extinguisher Services Pty Ltd

1st Trophy, Medals, Certificate

2nd & 3rd Medals and Certificates

4th & 5th Certificates

State Record:

Kootingal RFS, 11.249 at Kelso 2014

Winner 2024:

Kootingal RFS, 13.35

Order	Station	Brigade Name	Order	Station	Brigade Name
1	756	Kootingal RFS 1	22	756	Kootingal RFS 2
2	485	Wangi Wangi 1	23	485	Wangi Wangi 2
3	CFAE	Echuca A 1	24	CFAE	Echuca A 2
4	505	Wyang 1	25	505	Wyang 2
5	465	Trangie 1	26	465	Trangie 2
6	493	Wellington 1	27	493	Wellington 2
7	305	Goulburn 1	28	305	Goulburn 2
8	505B	Wyang B 1	29	505B	Wyang B 2
9	253	Casino 1	30	253	Casino 2
10	CFAEB	Echuca B 1	31	CFAEB	Echuca B 2
11	756B	Kootingal RFS B 1	32	756B	Kootingal RFS B 2
12	242	Bundanoon 1	33	242	Bundanoon 2
13	307	South Grafton 1	34	307	South Grafton 2
14	257	Coffs Harbour 1	35	257	Coffs Harbour 2
15	441	Sawtell 1	36	441	Sawtell 2
16	509	Wyoming 1	37	509	Wyoming 2
17	505C	Wyang C 1	38	505C	Wyang C 2
18	449	South West Rocks 1	39	449	South West Rocks 2
19	374	Maitland 1	40	374	Maitland 2
20	383	Morisset 1	41	383	Morisset 2
21	485B	Wangi Wangi B 1	42	485B	Wangi Wangi B 2

Event 8. Hose & Hydrant – 4 Competitors

A team of four firefighters, utilising mains water from a hydrant into two lengths of hose to strike the targets with water.

Perpetual Trophy

Donated by Alexander Perrie & Co Pty Ltd
Dedicated to the Memory of the Late Mr Frank Perrie and
in appreciation to his wife the late Mrs Doreen Perrie.

Prizes

1st Trophy, Medals, Certificate
2nd & 3rd Medals and Certificates
4th & 5th Certificates

State Record: Winner 2024:

Kootingal RFS, 15.533 at Dubbo 2018
Wyong, 18.72

Order	Station	Brigade Name	Order	Station	Brigade Name
1	CFAE	Echuca A	12	505B	Wyong B
2	465	Trangie	13	307	South Grafton
3	756	Kootingal RFS	14	485B	Wangi Wangi B
4	485	Wangi Wangi	15	449	South West Rocks
5	505	Wyong	16	257	Coffs Harbour
6	253	Casino	17	509	Wyoming
7	756B	Kootingal RFS B	18	374	Maitland
8	493	Wellington	19	383	Morisset
9	305	Goulburn	20	505C	Wyong C
10	CFAEB	Echuca B	21	441	Sawtell
11	242	Bundanoon			

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Event 9. Hose, Hydrant and Extinguisher

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This event is used to simulate an attack on a fire in the first instance with a water fire extinguisher followed with one line of hose, which then needs to be lengthened to go deeper into the fire. Time is calculated by adding the time to hit the first disc with extinguisher water and the third disc with water from the two lengths of hose.

Perpetual Trophy

Donated by Peter and Dorothy Rath
Honorary Member of the FCA and former Director General
NSW Fire Brigades and Mrs Dorothy Rath

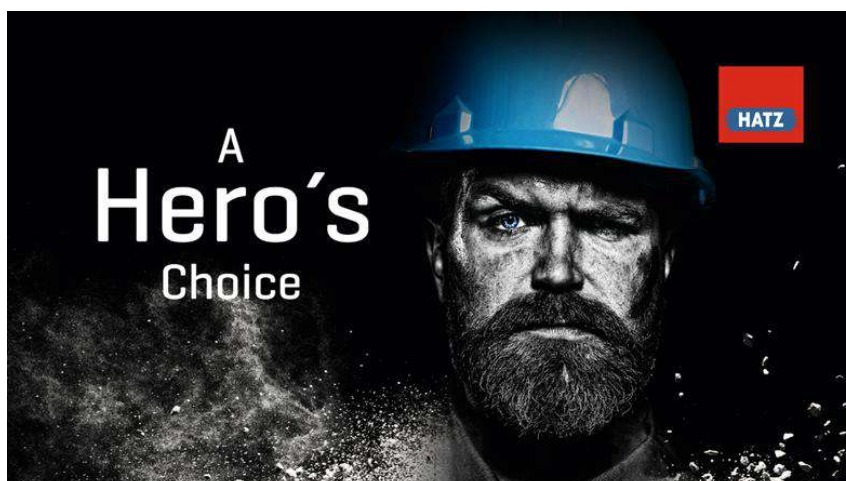
Prizes

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2nd & 3rd Medals and Certificates
4th & 5th Certificates

State Record: Winner 2024:

Kootingal RFS, 34.671 at Wyong 2016
Echuca CFA, 40.95

Order	Station	Brigade Name	Order	Station	Brigade Name
1	465	Trangie	12	493	Wellington
2	CFAE	Echuca A	13	307	South Grafton
3	505	Wyong	14	441	Sawtell
4	756	Kootingal RFS	15	449	South West Rocks
5	485	Wangi Wangi	16	509	Wyoming
6	505B	Wyong B	17	257	Coffs Harbour
7	242	Bundanoon	18	505C	Wyong C
8	253	Casino	19	374	Maitland
9	756B	Kootingal RFS B	20	485B	Wangi Wangi B
10	CFAEB	Echuca B	21	383	Morisset
11	305	Goulburn			



Event 10. Urban Pumper and Breeching



A team of four firefighters using an Urban Pump fire appliance with hoses obtain water from hydrants through the pump to strike the targets.

Perpetual Trophy

Original Trophy donated by Dennis Bros Limited – England
Refurbished in 2002 and Dedicated to the Memory of the Late
Brian Johnstone PSM – Life Member FCA

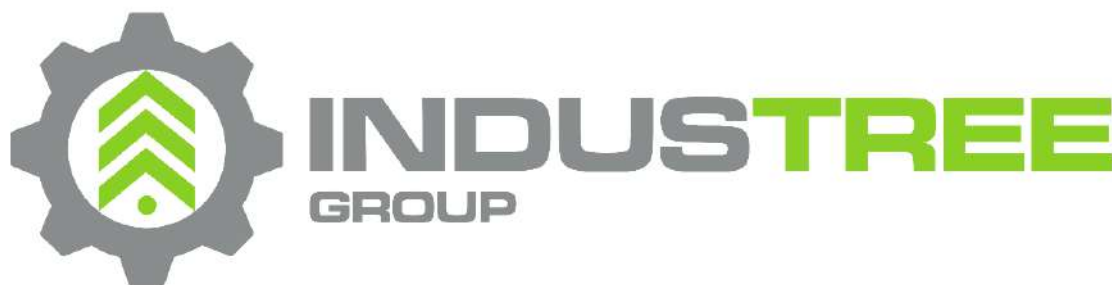
Prizes

1st Trophy, Medals, Certificate
2nd & 3rd Medals and Certificates
4th & 5th Certificates

State Record: Winner 2024:

Nowra, 36.442 at Port Macquarie 2004
Echuca CFA, 37.31

Order	Station	Brigade Name	Order	Station	Brigade Name
1	756	Kootingal RFS	12	242	Bundanoon
2	CFAE	Echuca A	13	257	Coffs Harbour
3	465	Trangie	14	485B	Wangi Wangi B
4	505	Wyong	15	383	Morisset
5	485	Wangi Wangi	16	509	Wyoming
6	493	Wellington	17	505C	Wyong C
7	756B	Kootingal RFS B	18	449	South West Rocks
8	305	Goulburn	19	307	South Grafton
9	253	Casino	20	374	Maitland
10	505B	Wyong B	21	441	Sawtell
11	CFAEB	Echuca B			



Event 11. Hose, Hydrant and Breeching



A team of four firefighters, utilising mains water from a hydrant and breeching into two lengths of hose to strike the targets with water.

Perpetual Trophy

Donated by Wormald International Limited

Prizes

1st Trophy, Medals, Certificate
2nd & 3rd Medals and Certificates
4th & 5th Certificates

State Record: Winner 2024:

Kootingal RFS, 16.624 at Tamworth 2012
Kootingal RFS, 25.47

Order	Station	Brigade Name	Order	Station	Brigade Name
1	485	Wangi Wangi	12	505B	Wyong B
2	756	Kootingal RFS	13	449	South West Rocks
3	465	Trangie	14	257	Coffs Harbour
4	505	Wyong	15	509	Wyoming
5	CFAE	Echuca A	16	374	Maitland
6	305	Goulburn	17	307	South Grafton
7	756B	Kootingal RFS B	18	383	Morisset
8	CFAEB	Echuca B	19	441	Sawtell
9	253	Casino	20	485B	Wangi Wangi B
10	493	Wellington	21	505C	Wyong C
11	242	Bundanoon			



Event 12. Urban Pumper BA and Foam



A team of four firefighters get to work, utilising water from the hydrant to the pump and one length of delivery hose off the pump to strike a target. The two firefighters with the delivery hoses must wear Breathing Apparatus.

Note: Firefighters are judged on their Pre-operational Procedures and Event Times

2016 Event Sponsor Perpetual Trophy

Presentation of Prizes and Prizemoney by MSA
Donated by Qld Fire and Rescue Service
Championship Committee

Prizes

1st Trophy, Medals, Certificate
2nd & 3rd Medals and Certificates
4th & 5th Certificates

State Record: Winner 2024:

Wyong, 28.769 at Dubbo 2018
Echuca CFA, 32.35

Order	Station	Brigade Name	Order	Station	Brigade Name
1	505	Wyong	12	253	Casino
2	465	Trangie	13	374	Maitland
3	485	Wangi Wangi	14	509	Wyoming
4	756	Kootingal RFS	15	505C	Wyong C
5	CFAE	Echuca A	16	449	South West Rocks
6	305	Goulburn	17	307	South Grafton
7	CFAEB	Echuca B	18	441	Sawtell
8	242	Bundanoon	19	257	Coffs Harbour
9	756B	Kootingal RFS B	20	383	Morisset
10	493	Wellington	21	485B	Wangi Wangi B
11	505B	Wyong B			



Event 13. Urban Pump Collector

A team of four firefighters utilising an Urban Pumper fire appliance with hoses and water from the hydrants through the pump to strike the targets.

Perpetual Trophy

Donated by Alexander Perrie & Co Pty Ltd
Dedicated to the Memory of the Late Mr Frank Perrie and
in appreciation to his wife the late Mrs Doreen Perrie.

Prizes

1st Trophy, Medals, Certificate
2nd & 3rd Medals and Certificates
4th & 5th Certificates

State Record: Winner 2024:

South Grafton, 22.778 at Banora Point 2010
Kootingal RFS, 24.39

Order	Station	Brigade Name	Order	Station	Brigade Name
1	CFAE	Echuca A	12	493	Wellington
2	465	Trangie	13	509	Wyoming
3	505	Wyong	14	383	Morisset
4	756	Kootingal RFS	15	485B	Wangi Wangi B
5	485	Wangi Wangi	16	257	Coffs Harbour
6	756B	Kootingal RFS B	17	374	Maitland
7	CFAEB	Echuca B	18	449	South West Rocks
8	253	Casino	19	307	South Grafton
9	305	Goulburn	20	441	Sawtell
10	505B	Wyong B	21	505C	Wyong C
11	242	Bundanoon			



Event 14. Urban Pump Suction

A crew of four firefighters get to work pumping water from a reservoir utilising pump suction hose and delivering through one delivery and two lengths of 38mm hose connected together (one hose flaked and the second hose rolled) to extinguish a fire at ground level.

Perpetual Trophy

Donated by Dennis Bros. Limited, Guildford, England

Prizes

1st Trophy, Medals, Certificate
2nd & 3rd Medals and Certificates
4th & 5th Certificates

State Record:

Tamworth, 19.300 at Kelso 2014

Winner 2024:

Kootingal RFS, 20.64

Order	Station	Brigade Name	Order	Station	Brigade Name
1	465	Trangie	12	CFAEB	Echuca B
2	CFAE	Echuca A	13	505C	Wyong C
3	505	Wyong	14	307	South Grafton
4	756	Kootingal RFS	15	441	Sawtell
5	485	Wangi Wangi	16	509	Wyoming
6	242	Bundanoon	17	485B	Wangi Wangi B
7	493	Wellington	18	449	South West Rocks
8	756B	Kootingal RFS B	19	257	Coffs Harbour
9	305	Goulburn	20	383	Morisset
10	505B	Wyong B	21	374	Maitland
11	253	Casino			

Event 15. Veterans' Urban Pump Suction

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A team of four firefighters, using an Urban Pumper fire appliance, obtain water through a suction hose from a portable dam. Two lines of hose are run out, striking the targets with water.

Prizes:

Perpetual Trophy: "The Commissioners Trophy"

Medals: First, Second, Third

Eligibility for 2022 State Championship:

Any combination of serving or retired firefighters, over 50 years of age, from any attending Fire Service.

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Donated by F Reddaway and Co Pty Limited, Manchester, England
Awarded to the Brigade attaining the Highest Aggregate Points in
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Awarded to the Brigade attaining the Highest Aggregate Points in
Motorised Events at the State Championship

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Donated by Gaam Pumps Pty Limited
Awarded to the Brigade attaining the Highest Aggregate Points in
Pump and Collector Events at the State Championship

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Donated in 2012 by MSA *The Safety Company*
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Awarded to the Brigade judged to be the most proficient
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The Directors Trophy for Discipline
Donated by the Former Board of Fire Commissioners of NSW
Awarded to Brigade as Winner in Discipline Event

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A Century of Service: The Evolution of the Coffs Harbour Brigade

As we celebrate the 2026 State Firefighter Championship, we look back at the proud origins of our host city's firefighting heritage.

The need for a local fire brigade emerged by 1910, driven by the commercial development and population growth of Coffs Harbour. The brigade was officially established under the leadership of Mr P D O'Keefe, a local wheelwright factory owner who was elected Captain in recognition of his previous service with the Lismore and Metropolitan Brigades. He was joined by a dedicated founding crew that included G Burton, J Smith, G Graham, M Osbing, A Nelmes, R O'Callaghan, D Shea, J Pike, G Kay, and T Manns.

The brigade's very first appliance was a horse-drawn petrol-turbine fire engine that arrived by sea from Sydney. Initially stored in Captain O'Keefe's factory, the engine posed a unique challenge: with no reticulated water supply in the town, firefighters had to draught water directly from local creeks and wells using the 1000 feet (300 metres) of hose supplied.

Building a Foundation

In 1914, the Board of Fire Commissioners of NSW reserved a dedicated site on the corner of High and Castle Streets. By 1919, a proper fire station was erected on this plot, notable for being one of the first brick buildings in the town. However, mobilizing the equipment remained a hurdle. Captain Rooney reported that it was almost impossible to obtain horses at a moment's notice to haul the heavy petrol-turbine pump to emergencies. To solve this, the Board modernized the fleet in 1925 by providing a number 21 Garford Hale solid wheel pumper.

Despite these advancements, Coffs Harbour and the 'Jetty Town' operated without a reticulated water system until 1937. This critical infrastructure was finally installed following bureaucratic delays and a series of devastating blazes, including the loss of a picture theatre and restaurant in 1928, the Advocate Newspaper's office and plant in 1930, and the Beach House Hotel in 1932.

A Legacy of Growth and Competition

As the Shire Council expanded, the Board exchanged the old fire station site for a new location on the corner of Market and Little Streets, completing a modern station there in 1976. The current state-of-the-art fire station on Market Street was built to replace it, opening its doors just prior to the 2000 State Championships.

As crews take the track this year, they carry forward over a century of dedication, adaptation, and community protection.

John Hand

Championship Safety Strategy

FRNSW is committed to safety throughout the workplace – for everyone, everywhere, always. As a result, it developed the Firefighter Championships Association 2013 Safety Strategy. For more information, visit firefighterchampionships.com.

All injuries must be reported immediately to a FRNSW Official. Competitors must complete relevant forms at the time of injury.

Fire & Rescue NSW Code of Conduct

All Championship competitors, officials and support personnel must comply with FRNSW's Code of Conduct. For more information, visit fire.nsw.gov.au/page.php?id=159.

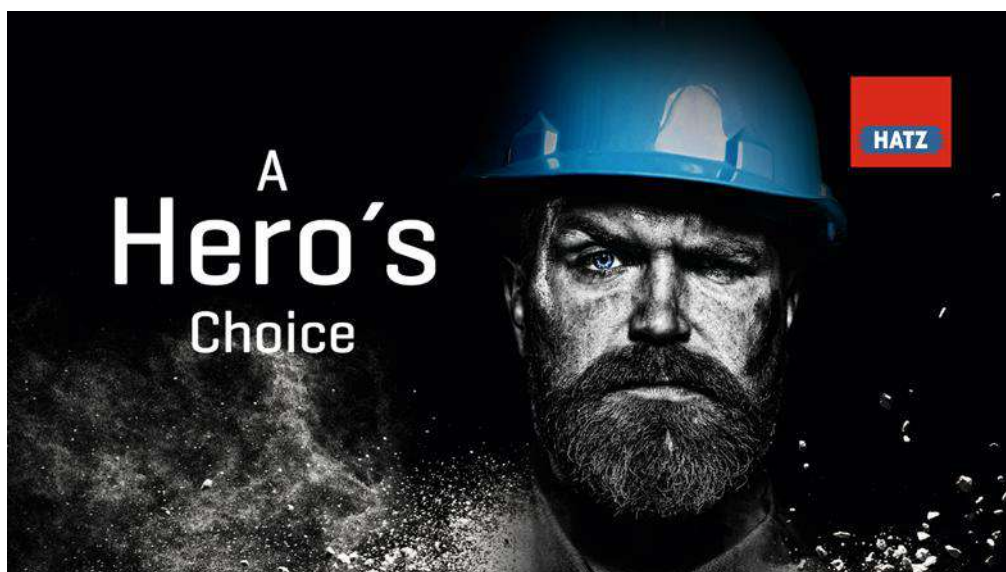
Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy

On 1 December 2013, FRNSW implemented the Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy and Alcohol and Other Drugs Testing Procedure. For more information, visit the intranet site.

Support services include:

- FRNSW Chaplain - Jason Goodhart - 0418 869 280
- FRNSW Employee Assistance Program (EAP) - 1300 360 364
- Wellbeing Coordinator - 9265 3910 or 0448 295 725
- The Health and Safety Branch, 9265 2800

NOTE: Alcohol and other drugs are not permitted to be consumed within the Championship perimeter.



FRNSW Firefighter Championship 2027

	DATE	LOCATION
Regional Championship	6 – 7 March	Grafton
State Road Crash Rescue Challenge	9 – 11 April	Dubbo
Regional Championship	7 – 8 August	Ulladulla
Regional Championship	23 – 24 October	Kelso

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