

VRA Rescue NSW

Nominee's name: Aaron Burrows

Current Role: Rescue Operator, Lithgow



Aaron Burrows is a dedicated Rescue Operator with VRA Rescue NSW, based in Lithgow. With over 14 years of experience in emergency services, Aaron has demonstrated unwavering commitment through both his volunteer and professional roles. He has previously served with NSW RFS (2011–2023), attended multiple Section 44 bushfires, and also worked for FRSA as a Field Service Technician maintaining critical emergency equipment.

Since joining VRA in 2022, Aaron has actively contributed to major deployments including Tropical Cyclone Alfred, Tamworth bushfires, and a challenging cave rescue at Bungonia in 2024. He frequently volunteers for 24/7 backfill coverage and holiday shifts, ensuring his community is never without support.

Beyond emergency response, Aaron supports Clark Motorsport Safety, the NSW Ambulance GoodSAM program, and neighbours in times of local crisis. His calm presence, depth of knowledge, and tireless spirit have earned him the respect of his peers and community.

Aaron's dedication to helping others — often at significant personal sacrifice — exemplifies the highest ideals of service. His lasting impact on community safety and his selfless commitment to duty make him a deserving nominee.