

NSW Rural Fire Service

Nominee's name: Philip Hurst

Current Role: Deputy Group Captain, Hawkesbury District



Philip Hurst serves as Deputy Group Captain and Secondary School Cadet Program Coordinator with the NSW Rural Fire Service in the Hawkesbury District. With over 43 years of distinguished volunteer service, Philip exemplifies the spirit of dedication, leadership, and community commitment that defines the NSW RFS.

Beginning his service in 1981 with the Kurrajong Heights Brigade, Philip progressed through leadership roles including Deputy Captain and Senior Deputy Captain, before becoming Deputy Group Captain in 2012. A retired schoolteacher, Philip has devoted the past 15 years to coordinating the Secondary School Cadet Program across multiple schools, nurturing the next generation of volunteers and instilling strong values of service.

Philip's leadership was especially impactful during major fire events, including the 2019/2020 bushfire season, where he played a critical role in protecting lives and property. His support extended beyond frontline duties, mentoring fellow volunteers and enhancing district training capabilities.

In addition to emergency service, Philip contributes tirelessly to community education and engagement. His selflessness, mentorship, and enduring service have earned widespread respect from colleagues and community alike.

Philip's unwavering commitment and lifelong service embody "Service Above Self," making him an outstanding nominee for the Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards.