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Media Release:

Booral Rural Fire Service invests in new tools

The Booral Rural Fire Service Station has significantly bolstered its tools onsite, thanks to a \$3,600 donation from Stratford Coal.

The funding has enabled the purchase of a range of high-quality battery-operated tools for both the Fire Trucks and Fire Station.

For the station, they were able to purchase a Drill and Impact Driver, Angle Grinder and a Charging Station with additional Chargers.

For the two Fire Trucks, they purchased two Blowers and two Reciprocating Saws, which will quickly cut through small branches, fences and chains on gates to gain faster access to properties. The funding also enabled new Charges for both trucks and Kit Bags for storage. In addition, they bought four Tread Traction Vehicle Recovery Units to enable quick recovery if the trucks become bogged, which can often happen in wet weather.

Kathryn Massey, Deputy Captain at Booral Rural Fire Service was thrilled with the boost to their tools and equipment.

“We recognised the need to expand the tools and gear we have on-hand so we can troubleshoot and fix basic jobs ourselves rather than rely on tradespeople.

“Making ourselves more self sufficient with much-needed battery operated tools means we can now fix issues as soon as they are identified rather than putting them off until we have the equipment at hand.

“This means as a team we are more productive, we are reducing costs and improving the overall efficiency of our fire station.

“Thanks again to Stratford Coal for their ongoing support of Booral Rural Fire Service Station. We are now even more equipped to serve our community and our members,” said Kathryn.

Booral Rural Fire Service has a long history in the community and brings together residents to protect the lives and property of their neighbours and community. The volunteer firefighters undertake numerous training sessions to enhance community safety, including responding to fires, assisting at emergencies, and teaching the community about fire preparation and prevention.

Stratford Coal Operations Manager, John Cullen was happy to assist the fire station.

“The team at Booral are there when our community needs it most, so it is vital that they have the best tools and equipment to do their job.

“Our Community Support Program is there to help fund upgrades or improvements at local community organisations who make a positive impact on our community. Therefore, financially assisting the Booral Fire Brigade was a perfect fit for us,” said John.

The Stratford Coal Community Support Program runs annually and invests in community groups working in the areas of education, health, social and community, environment, and cultural heritage. It aims to make a positive difference in the local community, and to the lives of the people who work and live in the local area.

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