




Speech By
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PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENT

Rural Fire Service, Awards

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (2.48 pm): I had the pleasure of representing Minister Ann Leahy last Sunday. I was joined by John Welke, Deputy Chief Officer, South Eastern Region, Rural Fire Service, to present a range of medals to our heroes, our rural fireies. We were also joined by their families in that event with around 80 people in the room. It was great to see everyone there. The various medals were the Diligent and Ethical Service Medal, National Emergency Medal, the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services Medal, Queensland Fire Medal and, believe it or not, the Australian Capital Territory Emergency Medal, to boot.

The list of recipients of those medals is too long for me to go through, so I will focus on those from the Coomera electorate. They were: Karen Brierley, VCE at Cedar Creek Wolffdene; Peter Brierley, firefighter at Cedar Creek Wolffdene; Sharron Eaves, Second Officer at Wasp Creek; Joseph Gough, crew leader at Wasp Creek; Timothy Heald, Second Officer at Rocky Point; Nicholas Samson, firefighter at Ormeau Rural Fire Brigade; Paul Schaffer, Second Officer at Cedar Creek Wolffdene; Christopher Sheehan, firefighter at Cedar Creek Wolffdene and Rocky Point; Bradley Speirs, firefighter at Rocky Point; and Liam Thorpe, firefighter at Wasp Creek.

We then went on to present three fire trucks to three worthy recipients: the Wasp Creek Rural Fire Brigade, the Ormeau Rural Fire Brigade and the Logan Village Rural Fire Brigade. The Wasp Creek Rural Fire Brigade received an Isuzu dual-cab medium attack. The Ormeau Rural Fire Brigade received an Isuzu single-cab medium attack. Those two vehicles cost approximately \$340,000. The Logan Village Rural Fire Brigade received an Isuzu single-cab medium attack. It was a real pleasure to be there on the day.

We are doing more with the rural fireies. I had the pleasure on 17 March to represent the minister again when the Rotary Club of Ormeau-Pimpama handed over a command vehicle to the Rocky Point Rural Fire Brigade. Thank you for your service, all of you. You do a wonderful job 24 hours a day, seven days a week.