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Wallarah 2 assists Chittaway Rural Fire Brigade Service in serving the community

Wallarah 2 has extended a hand of support to the Chittaway Rural Fire Brigade, providing funding of \$2,500 as part of its Community Foundation initiative.

Part of the NSW Rural Fire Service, Chittaway Rural Fire Brigade operates thanks to 30 volunteer firefighters and relies on donations and community grants to acquire much needed items to continue to serve the community in times of need.

Matt Horwood, Brigade Deputy Captain, welcomed the grant funding saying, "We will utilise the money donated by Wallarah 2 to purchase a Stihl Quick Cut Saw and Leaf Blower to complement the tools and equipment that is carried on our trucks.

"These items, while small, play a vital role in an emergency. The Quick Cut Saw will improve our ability to gain access into buildings in the case of a structural fire and allow us to suppress and control building fires quicker, assisting in minimising damage to life and property.

"The Leaf Blower on the other hand will assist us in clearing roadways of debris following car accidents and will aid in the construction of control lines for hazard reduction burns, which are employed to protect homes in the Wyong Shire".

Peter Smith, Environment and Community Manager, Wallarah 2 said, "The Chittaway Rural Fire Brigade Service carry out critical services across the Wyong LGA, including responding to bush fires, house fires, vehicle incidents and providing support in storms. So it was an easy decision to lend a hand to ensure the volunteers could purchase and upgrade the equipment they need to continue to provide professional emergency services.

"Without the assistance of these volunteer firefighters a wide variety of emergencies across the region – from Yarramalong to Tumby Umbi and Ourimbah to Wadalba – would have the potential to threaten the normality of life across the Wyong Shire".

The Quick Cut Saw and Leaf Blower are now installed and in use by the Chittaway Rural Fire Brigade.

With the Wallarah 2 Community Foundation grant application process now closed, nine grants in total have been presented to support organisations that benefit the Wyong LGA. For information see www.wallarah.com.au.

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