

## 2023 AGM - President Report

Since our last AGM things have been moving forward with the new RFS reform with the new format of Regions, Districts, Areas staffing models and finances.

Staffing model has many volunteers very intrigued plus claims of top heavy.

Uplift sessions around the state also have left many wondering as to where we will end up.

New appliances have been very slow to build and not arriving to replace an ageing fleet.

Brigades are not deploying out of brigade areas as old trucks are not reliable thus cannot give the support needed as the fires ramp up in other areas.

Lack of support by staff in finding parts and repairs for older pumps and appliances is also a major issue and i wonder is all the pressure on good long time volunteers going to see them walk away.

RFBAQ It has been a great privilege to travel the state Central West Charters Towers Cairns & Twin Waters catching up with all volunteers.

After our election I would like to say thanks to the outgoing Reps Nellie Lesley Warren Mathew .

What have we achieved for the year, Fusion Cruiser to Booie Rise RFBAQ design heavy attack Success at our stand at AFAC Buy Local Grants Yellow Ribbon day Parliamentary Friends of RFS Brigades All a great success.

As fire season is now well under way stay safe and take care.

Thank you all for your support over the last year.