MINISTER FOR LAND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

BUSHFIRES NT GETS NEW EQUIPMENT

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Minister for Land Resource Management, Willem Westra van Holthe, has today handed over $130,000 worth of firefighting equipment to two Bushfire NT branches.

“I am proud to present the Milne Volunteer Bushfire Brigade with a $73,000 Medium Attack Vehicle and the Livingstone Volunteer Bushfire Brigade with a $60,000 Grass Fire Vehicle,” Mr Westra van Holthe said.

“These vehicles will be used on the front line both in bushfire prevention and in battling blazes.

“The Country Liberals Government will always support our frontline services and bushfire volunteers. I am pleased to hand over these vehicles ahead of the northern fire season, starting in May.”

A presentation was also made to four Bushfires NT volunteers at Parliament House.

“Today we acknowledge the hard work of four volunteers who have spent a decade in the service of Bushfires NT,” Mr Westra van Holthe said.

“These four individuals are the support to our firefighters and bind our organisation together. When we think of our Bushfires NT volunteers our minds often think of front line firefighters battling blazes in the scrub. However, today we thank a group of people, some of whom have been involved in firefighting in the past, but now focus on fund raising, holding office and acting as organisers. These people ensure that Bushfires NT keeps working and is always prepared.

“Our organisation has over 1,000 registered volunteers in a network of 22 volunteer branches.

“I’d like to thank and congratulate these volunteers and all of Bushfire NT’s volunteers. Their continued efforts prevent and save the loss of property, environment and life.”

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