



**RURAL FIRE BRIGADES ASSOCIATION
QUEENSLAND INC.** ABN. 37 417 474 709

President

Annual General Meeting Report

For September 2018

The year 2018 has seen some good times and sad times with the passing of Ruth and Graeme who we miss greatly.

The good being the RFBAQ has had a very productive year, Legal Status of Brigades done and dusted and the final report complete.

Fit for task vehicle design accepted and actioned by RFS.

AEDs on all new appliances plus 1 for each brigade not receiving a new truck.

Western truck design tour took place with report pending.

Meetings held with the Minister, Commissioner, DC and AC have outcomes pending on issues as volunteer respect act, 40kh speed past emergency vehicles at incident with red and blue lights flashing and changes to land clearing laws to provide safe areas for fire protection.

We have obtained a grant from the Olga Wilson trust of \$25,000.00 and \$25,000.00 from RFS plus RFBAQ \$50,000.00 for grants for hot spot sleeves to brigades with income below \$5,000.00.

Nellie and myself attended CAVFA meetings outcomes at meeting.

I attended Agro at Emerald & RFS NSW conference plus many meetings at Kedron.

The new office is open thanks to a great effort by all the staff.

I feel my first year as your president has been very fulfilling and this would not be the case without the help from Justin, SEM members, Reps and staff thank you all.