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MUSWELLBROOK AND SCONE SES UNITS WELCOME NEW RESOURCES

Communities across the Upper Hunter region will be better protected with the arrival of new storm response vehicles and equipment for the NSW State Emergency Service's (SES) Muswellbrook and Scone Units.

Member for Upper Hunter Dave Layzell joined Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience and Minister for Flood Recovery Steph Cooke today to officially hand over the keys to a new Storm Vehicle, Storm Trailer and a General Purpose Trailer in a \$235,000 boost to capability.

"This vehicle and equipment will make a major difference to our SES volunteers of the Muswellbrook and Scone Units, allowing them to better support communities during emergencies," Mr Layzell said.

"Between them, these two Units have responded to almost 400 requests for assistance from the community this year and it's important we make sure our frontline responders have the very latest resources so that our communities are kept safer."

Ms Cooke said the vehicle and equipment are being provided through the NSW Liberal National Government's investment in the SES Fleet Replacement Program.

"The SES has led the way through multiple flood and storm events this year, but we are still in the middle of storm season, which is why we need to make sure they have the very best equipment," Ms Cooke said.

SES Commissioner Carlene York said the new light storm vehicle and trailer provides an effective response capability.

"This vehicle and trailer will be used for storm damage operations, including tree and roof jobs, pumping and temporary storage, as well as flood rescue," Commissioner York said.

SES Northern Zone Commander, Chief Superintendent Andrew Cribb, welcomed the additional resources for the Upper Hunter-based Units.

"We are very grateful for the investment in our local Units. These assets will enable us to provide a more efficient and effective service to our community, as well as transport equipment and supplies to our volunteers while they are out responding to requests for assistance," Chief Superintendent Cribb said.

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