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MEDIA RELEASE

Hardworking firies filled with pride

The flag pole at the Ayr First Station will feature a new Queensland flag after a presentation to the local crew by Member for Burdekin, Dale Last.

While the eyes of many will be on the new flag, local staff from Queensland Fire and Emergency Services are preparing for the upcoming cyclone season while also keeping an eye out for bushfires in the region.

“Our local firies take a lot of pride in their job and their community and that’s proven by the fact that, every day, they fly our national and state flags,” Mr Last said.

“Some people might think that this is a quiet time of the year for them but the dry weather means bushfires are a real threat and they have preparations to make for the summer months as well as responding to traffic accidents and their other duties.”

“Although it may seem like bushfires aren’t an issue, there are certainly parts of the district that come under threat with very little notice so it’s important to be prepared.

Mr Last said locals should check if they are in a bushfire hotspot by logging onto www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au but that local knowledge was also important.

“The system works by postcode so it can be a little confusing but it’s really up to all of us to make sure our properties are prepared for natural disasters no matter how small the risk may be,” Mr Last said.

“There is great information available on making your property safer and I would encourage people to have a Bushfire Survival Plan and take the necessary precautions.”

“Now is also the time when we need to start planning for cyclone season so it’s a busy time for all of us and especially for the firefighters who work so hard to keep us all safe.”

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