

Australian Fire Service Medal (AFSM)

New South Wales

Ms Mardi Louise Cook, Uralla NSW 2358

For distinguished service as a member of an Australian fire service.

Since joining the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) in 1998, Ms Mardi Cook has served with unwavering commitment and exceptional skill across the Harnham, Devils Pinch and Kentucky brigades, excelling in both operational and administrative capacities. Currently a group officer, she has also been secretary, deputy captain, senior deputy captain and deputy group officer.

A qualified NSW RFS fire investigation officer, Ms Cook has led several significant investigations and serves as a senior trainer in the New England Zone, specialising in first aid. As a health and safety representative and a member of the senior leadership team, she actively contributes to forums and workshops, representing her zone with professionalism and insight.

An inspiring role model for women in the NSW RFS, Ms Cook demonstrates outstanding operational skill while fostering leadership and supporting members' mental health and wellbeing after incidents.