

**WATERLOO BUSH FIRE BRIGADE**

*Statement by Member for Collie–Preston*

**MS J.L. HANNS (Collie–Preston — Parliamentary Secretary)** [12.54 pm]: Madam Acting Speaker —

My, my! At Waterloo, the minister did deliver.

Oh yeah! They now have a brand new truck to keep the fires at bay.

And Laurie was honoured as well. A 60-year clasp—what a spell!

I am sorry I did not sing! Waterloo Bush Fire Brigade is an amazing volunteer brigade in Collie–Preston. It officially received the keys to its new 3.4 urban tanker during a recent visit by the Minister for Emergency Services, Hon Stephen Dawson, and me. Waterloo attended 27 incidents in the past 12 months so this state-of-the-art firefighting vehicle funded by the emergency services levy will be put to great use.

Laurie Hynes was honoured at the event for his dedication and commitment to Waterloo BFB. He was presented with his 60-year service medal. Laurie joined the brigade in 1968 and was captain for nearly 20 years. Service medals were also presented to Peter Bass for 45 years of service, Gary Edwards for 55 years of service and Bill Stone for 55 years of service. Another VIP at the Waterloo event was Kingsley Palmer who was awarded his 60-year service medal last year. If my maths is correct—it is not my strong point—that is a total of 275 years of service shared among five outstanding Waterloo Bush Fire Brigade volunteer fireys. In National Volunteer Week, I say a huge thank you to all the emergency services volunteers across the state and especially those in Collie–Preston for keeping our communities safe.