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TUMUT RFS CADETS SHINE AT NATIONAL TITLES

Students from Tumut High and McAuley Catholic Central School RFS cadets competed at the 2nd National Fire Cadet Competition in Penrith on the 15-19 April 2009.

The two teams from Tumut were led by Cadets Kim McGregor and Helen Russell and both Tumut teams did well.

Both the Tumut A and Tumut B were extremely competitive in all the 10 events with the B team made up of younger Cadets who were less experienced but still performed well. Tumut A received a Silver in the two tanker event and Bronze in the Interstate Challenge. Tumut A and B also won the prestigious Chaplains award for Team Spirit, Co-Operation and Fairness.

Standouts for the Tumut A team were Emma Faulder and Ronald Gardner-Thompson who impressed the judges with their skill and speed. Tumut B also had great speed with Cassie Travena and Helen Russell both giving their all in the Bucket Brigade event. Both had mild asthma attacks during the event and were keen to compete when the event was re-run.

Inspector Peter Jones Riverina Highlands Zone Community Safety Officer said "I am extremely proud of them they have been training hard and gave every thing they had and then some." "I timed them during the events and both teams were not far of the pace and I expect when the final results are known in the coming weeks I expect both Tumut A & B to be in the top ten overall. Not bad considering 28 teams were competing".

The current National Champions are St Paul's Cadet Brigade, won again as overall National Champions with the West Australians coming second overall and the NSW team from Orchard Hills coming third. All the Cadets look forward to meeting up with them again in Fremantle WA in 2011.

Special thanks also have to go to team Chaperones, Tracey Jones, Kerry Croft and Craig McGregor who also escorted the Tumut Teams to the Sydney Royal Easter Show to man the RFS stand after the competition on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st straight after the competition.

The Cadets train at Tumut High every Wednesday and at McAuley Catholic Central School on Friday as part of the school sport program and this year the combined total has grown to nearly 50. They participate in various community events also, such as the Falling Leaf Festival Parade.

The Teams were

Tumut A- Kim McGregor (C), Holly Barbe, Steven Simmonds, Ronald Gardner- Thompson, Emma Faulder, Tim Stevenson.

Tumut B- Helen Russell (C), Samson and Matt Nilon, Cassie Trevena, Kyle Ireland, Jodie Roberts.

Well Done

For Further Information regarding the Tumut Cadets or Sponsorship please contact the RFS Zone Office on 6941 2222, Tumut High School or McAuley Catholic Central School.