

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **CS Energy helps fight fires**

CS Energy's Swanbank Power Station Manager, John James, presented a hand held radio to Dave Wandel, First Officer of the Prenzlau Rural Fire Brigade, at the power station today.

John James said, "Our employees live and work in regional communities so CS Energy is committed to developing and investing in these communities".

"Prevention of bushfires and protection from their threat is a responsibility we should all accept. Rural Fire Brigades work hard to protect us from the disaster of bush fires, but because they are manned by volunteers they need extra help from the community.

"Hand held radios are an essential safety item for rural fire fighters, but brigade funds are limited." he added.

Prenzlau First Officer, Dave Wandel said that communication is the key for safety when fighting fires.

"If an officer is in danger, a radio is essential to alert others. And the use of a radio actually reduces the number of fire fighters manning a hose, because the person at the end of the hose can radio the truck instead of relying on another fire fighter to relay messages," he added.

"Our fire fighting budgets are very tight and the donation of this radio from CS Energy is of great help especially coming into the summer when fires are more prevalent," he added.

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