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Volunteers wanted for Two Rocks fire brigade

Residents of Two Rocks and Yanchep are being urged to consider becoming a volunteer fire fighter after it emerged volunteer numbers were down by almost fifty percent in the last two years.

Two Rocks Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade Treasurer, Moira Young, said two years ago they had more than 20 active volunteers, now they only have 12.

"There are several reasons the numbers have fallen," Moira said.

"We've had a few FIFO volunteers and sometimes their rosters change, people move out of the area, but the big one is the restriction on volunteers' time.

"Just last week we had five days of fires in the area and being the smallest volunteer fire brigade in the City of Wanneroo, it does put a lot of pressure on our team.

"Our volunteers are all employed and often have to ask for time off to attend to incidents during their working hours.

"Their employers are to be applauded for allowing this without penalty or docking of salaries.

"While it is a big commitment, it's enormously rewarding and very much appreciated by the Two Rocks and Yanchep community."

The community's appreciation of the Brigade was recently recognised by members of P&N Bank who voted to award the Group a donation through P&N Bank's Helping & grants program.

P&N Joondalup Branch Manager Kyle Salomone said the Bank was delighted to be able to acknowledge the significant and vital role the volunteers play in the community.

"This grant from P&N Bank will allow the volunteers to purchase new equipment for their vehicles which will assist them to perform their duties more efficiently.

"This is what our Helping & program is all about," said Kyle.

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To contact the brigade regarding volunteering visit www.tworocksbfb.org.au

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