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The Union Office will close at midday on Wednesday 23rd December and re-open on Tuesday 4 January. Members requiring assistance over this time may contact a State Committee official – for their details see [here](#)

2022 FBEU Membership cards have now been posted to all members' postal addresses. If you don't receive yours then please update your membership details [here](#) and we will mail out any Return to Senders once we have received them in the office.

Additional Gazetted Holidays for 2021

Please be aware that this holiday season there are three additionally gazetted holidays recognised in NSW:

27 December 2021 (gazetted for Christmas Day);
28 December 2021 (gazetted for Boxing Day); and
3 January 2022 (gazetted for New Year's Day).

This means that Permanent members working on the dates listed above are entitled to consolidated leave for each such hour worked (Clause 6.4.2 of the Permanent Award). Retained members who work on these dates will receive overtime for each such hour worked on these days (Clause 6.10.3 of the Retained Award). Please be sure to note down the hours you've worked on these three days AND also check your leave balances (Permanents) and payslips (Retained) to confirm FRNSW has properly credited/paid you in the new year.

RTAS

In [SitRep 63/2021](#), we noted that FRNSW had agreed to turn mobile phone notifications for fire calls back on for Retained stations where it had been turned off.

Since then, we have been made aware of several stations where phones had not been switched back on. There are 27 stations with pager-only responses at the moment.

FRNSW have informed us that there is a technical issue preventing them from turning the mobile phone system back on. They are working to overcome this technical issue and we trust that as soon as they are able, they will fix this.

In the meantime, we encourage our members at those 27 stations to contact the FBEU immediately if the pagers do not work for a fire call, as has been reported on several occasions in the last few weeks.

Christmas Message

From all the State Committee and the Union staff, we wish you and your families a safe and happy festive season.

We look forward to taking on the new year with you to fight for the best fire service that we know our communities deserve. Stay safe and cherish your families, friends, and comrades in these uncertain times.

In Unity

Leighton Drury
State Secretary