



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Long serving volunteers honoured as members celebrate new station

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Volunteer firefighters from the Far South Coast had their long and dedicated service recognised during an official ceremony this week that also saw the official opening of their new brigade station.

NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Assistant Commissioner Stuart Midgley presented 26 Long Service Medals and five National Medals to a group of 30 volunteers who have amassed an impressive 773 years of service between them.

“This significant commitment demonstrates that the tradition of volunteering is thriving in this region,” Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.

“Each of these men and women provide a vital service to their community, whether they’re fighting bush fires, attending road accidents or assisting during storms or floods.

“It is an honour to present these awards and reflect upon the outstanding achievements of these members.”

At the same ceremony, Assistant Commissioner Midgley urged the Tinpot Brigade to celebrate the opening of their new station, which is the culmination of a number of years of hard work by brigade members.

“This station is a testament to how diligently and tirelessly the Tinpot Brigade volunteers have worked to turn their dream of a new station into a reality,” Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.

“Together, these volunteers managed to fundraise \$3000 towards the overall cost of the station.”

Assistant Commissioner Midgley said the new Tinpot station would enable volunteers to provide an even greater level of protection to the local community.

The station, the brigade’s first, features two vehicle bays, a training and meeting room, four water tanks, a kitchen, toilet and an outdoor area.

“The NSW RFS is committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the equipment they need to carry out the important work they do to protect their local communities from fire,” Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.