



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



MEDIA RELEASE

NSW RFS Commissioner praises volunteers' commitment

31 March 2014

Longstanding volunteers across the Far West District will be honoured for their ongoing dedication by the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons as he visits the region this week.

"In total, this week's 101 Long Service Medal recipients have accumulated an impressive 3707 years of service between them," Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

"Each and every one of these volunteers are worthy of our most sincere thanks and I would like to personally commend them, not only for their commitment to the Service, but also to their community.

"Each of these men and women provide a vital service to their community, whether they're fighting bush fires or conducting important hazard reduction."

Commissioner Fitzsimmons said fifteen members were being presented with Long Service Medals for more than 50 years service.

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

"The NSW RFS is at the cutting edge of bush firefighting due to significant improvements in technology, training, equipment and communications, however the real strength of the Service is its people," Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

"These men and women have been part of the Service during an incredible period of growth and transformation and the experience and knowledge within their ranks illustrates this.

"All of the volunteers acknowledged today have demonstrated an exceptional level of commitment to their community over the years and these medals are just a small token of our appreciation."

Commissioner Fitzsimmons will be in the Far West District from Monday, 31 March 2014 until Thursday, 3 April 2014, attending six ceremonies over four days at Cobar, Euabalong, Ivanhoe, Darnick, Menindee and Broken Hill.

Event details and lists of members receiving medals for more than 50 years of service can be found on pages 2 and 3.

Cobar Headquarters Brigade

11am, Monday, 31 March 2013

11 Long Service Medals - a combined total of 413 years of service

- > Jim Manns, Kerrigundi Rural Brigade, 60 years of service
- > Sid Manns, Tindarey Rural Brigade, 60 years of service
- > Tom Russell, Tilpa Rural Brigade, 65 years of service
- > Max Russell, Tilpa Rural Brigade, 65 years of service

Euabalong Rural Brigade

5.30pm, Monday, 31 March 2013

17 Long Service Medals - a combined total of 490 years of service

- > Jim Hoadley (Snr), Euabalong Rural Brigade, 56 years of service
- > William Lander, Euabalong Rural Brigade, 60 years of service

2 Life Membership Plaque's and Certificate

- > Stephen Doyle, Euabalong Rural Brigade, member since 1967
- > Martin Doyle, Euabalong Rural Brigade, member since 1965

Ivanhoe and Mossgiel Brigades

11.30am, Tuesday 1 April 2013

18 Long Service Medals - a combined total of 804 years of service

- > Clive Caswell, Mossgeil Brigade, 52 years of service
- > Clive Linnett AFSM, Ivanhoe Brigade, 53 years of service
- > John Vagg, Ivanhoe Brigade, 55 years of service

Darnick Brigade

11am, Wednesday, 2 April 2013

11 Long Service Medals – a combined total of 474 years of service

- > Rosemary Barnes, Darnick Brigade, 56 years of service
- > Ken Barnes, Darnick Brigade, 56 years of service
- > Jack Pippin, Darnick Brigade, 66 years of service

Menindee Rural and Menindee Headquarters

5pm, Wednesday, 2 April 2013

9 Long Service Medals - a combined total of 228 years of service



Barrier Range, Silverton, Little Topar and Netley Brigades

10.30am, Thursday, 3 April 2013

35 Long Service Medals - a combined total of 1298 years of service

- > John Gall, Barrier Range Brigade, 50 years of service
- > Albert Lacey, Barrier Range Brigade, 60 years of service
- > Douglas Harrison AFSM, Netley Brigade, 65 years of service

