



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Recognition for dedicated Hornsby Ku-ring-gai members

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The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) applauded the achievements of volunteers from the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai District tonight with the presentation of medals and certificates to deserving members.

Eight National Emergency Medals, 41 National Medals, 41 Long Service Medals and 46 Commissioner's Certificate for Service were presented to 56 recipients, with most receiving multiple recognition. Two Commissioner's Unit Citation for Service were also presented to the Arcadia and Cherrybrook Brigades.

NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Ben Millington joined guests at the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Fire Control Centre to mark the occasion where he explained the National Emergency Medal was awarded to those whose service was in the protection of lives and property or in the service of interests that are not their own and who supported the emergency response for a minimum of five days between September 2019 and February 2020.

"Members of the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai District played an integral part in the firefighting response during that season and rose to the challenge to protect communities," he said.

"The members being recognised tonight with Long Service and National Medals and or Clasps range from 10 to 53 years of service, with a special mention of Ian Hall who joined the Ku-ring-gai Brigade in 1968 and who received the Long Service Medal 4th Clasp with 53 years' service, the National Emergency Medal and Commissioner's Certificate for Service," he said.

The Commissioner's Certificate for Service are presented to members of the Service to recognise service or outstanding actions in relation to fire service duties, administrative leadership, or exemplary performance of a specific project or task.

Commissioner's Unit Citation for Service Awards were presented to the Arcadia Brigade in recognition of protecting the lives of two people while providing property protection in the Bilpin area in December 2019 and Cherrybrook Brigade were recognised for the assistance provided to fellow volunteers who had been involved in a tanker rollover on the Princes Highway in 2020.

"I would also like to praise all volunteers for their ongoing efforts each and every day, particularly when dealing with emergencies here in the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai area," Assistant Commissioner Millington said.

"We also thank the family, friends, employers and colleagues of all NSW RFS volunteers. We know it takes their ongoing support and patience to assist and enable our volunteers to do what they do to save lives and property."



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