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Celebrations for Burrabadine Rural Fire Brigade on 75th anniversary

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RFS members will gather in Dubbo today to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Burrabadine Rural Fire Brigade and present members with medals in recognition of their dedication and service.

RFS Assistant Commissioner Paul Seager said all members past and present should be proud of the brigade's history and the service it has provided to the Orana community.

"The Burrabadine Brigade has a proud history of community and spirit, putting in a lot of effort developing their skills across 75 years of operations," Assistant Commissioner Seager said.

"The brigade has played an important role in supporting aerial firefighting for the Orana team, even loading the first Large Air Tanker to ever operate out of Dubbo."

Assistant Commissioner Seager said the Burrabadine Brigade continues to be a very active brigade with 30 current members who attend a broad range of incidents including bush and grass fires, structure fires, motor vehicle accidents, assisting the NSW SES with storm and flood damage and at incidents out of area.

"I know the community is in safe hands with such a dedicated group of volunteers and I thank current and former members for their commitment and the service they provide," he said.

Assistant Commissioner Seager said this celebration was an opportunity to not only congratulate the brigade on this anniversary but also thank members for their ongoing commitment and service, with the presentation of 21 Long Service Medals.

"I particularly want to congratulate Gordon Cox on receiving the Long Service Medal 1st, 2nd and 3rd Clasps for 46 years' service," Assistant Commissioner Seager said.

"Since joining the RFS in 1976, Gordon has held multiple positions and been a valued member of the Service."

Assistant Commissioner Seager will also present one Life Membership Certificate, an honour a brigade may choose to bestow upon a member to recognise significant service and contribution.

"The hard work and professionalism of all RFS members does not go unnoticed and while they do not ask for praise, we should take this opportunity to acknowledge their contribution and commitment to their community.

"We must also thank the family, friends, employers and colleagues of these and all volunteers. We know it takes their support to help our members do what they do to save lives and property."

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