



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Mid Coast District applauds dedicated long serving RFS volunteers

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The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Mid Coast District today celebrated the achievements dedicated volunteers with the presentation of 72 long service medals including nine national medals to volunteers.

NSW RFS Chief Supt Jayson McKellar, joined State Member for Myall Lakes, Stephen Bromhead MP, and other special guests to mark the occasion.

Mr Bromhead said the 72 recipients had together given a total of 1,548 years of service to the community.

“The members being recognised today with long service medals and /or clasps range from 10 to 61 years of service, with a special mention of Group Captain Norman Carter AFSM for his incredible 61 years of service to the NSW RFS and receipt of the national medal 4th clasp.

“Today we also congratulate eight other exceptional Mid Coast volunteers with national medals which are earned for long service which has gone above and beyond normal expectations,” he said.

Chief Supt McKellar congratulated each of the Mid Coast District volunteers on their dedication, commitment and service to their communities.

“You only have to look at 2019/20 season to see how hard our skilled firefighters and support crews work to keep us safe when fires and emergency situations threaten. Last season, many of these volunteers were also helping with grass fires and flood rescues,” he said.

He added the NSW RFS is committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the equipment, infrastructure and resources they need to carry out the important work of protecting their local communities from fire and a diverse array of incidents.

“I would like to take this time to praise all our volunteers for their ongoing efforts each and every day, particularly when dealing with emergencies here on the Mid Coast.

“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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