



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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## Lake George Zone celebrates long serving members

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The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Lake George Zone today applauded the achievements of 77 dedicated volunteers with the presentation of national medals and/or long service medals for service to the community.

District Manager Superintendent Paul Jones joined Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council Mayor, Tim Overall and other guests to mark the occasion.

Supt Jones said the 77 volunteers had together given a total of 1,805 years of service to the Lake George community.

“The members being recognised today with long service medals and/or clasps range from 10 years to an incredible 69 years of service, with a special mention of Nerriga Brigade’s Colin and Betty Temple with 69 and 59 years’ service respectively.

“Four volunteers were also justly awarded national medals/clasps today which are awarded for diligent service which goes above and beyond what is expected of brigade members,” Supt Jones said.

Recipients of the national medals include: Wendy Swincer Lake George Support Brigade (17 years’ service); Vernon Uncles Captains Flat Brigade (17 years’ service); Brian Egloff Burra Brigade (19 years’ service) and Fiona Matthews Burra Brigade (19 years’ service).

Supt Jones congratulated each of the Lake George Zone volunteers on their dedication, commitment and service to their communities.

“You only have to look at the last season to see how hard our skilled firefighters and support crews work to keep us safe when fires and emergency situations threaten,” 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 in the Lake George Zone.

“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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