



**NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Long serving Riverina Highlands Zone volunteers honoured**

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) volunteers from across the Riverina Highlands Zone have been honoured for their longstanding commitment to the local community.

NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Steve Yorke presented 14 Long Service Medals to volunteers at a ceremony today in recognition of their service and dedication.

“In total, this represents 479 years of combined service across the Riverina Highlands Zone,” Assistant Commissioner Yorke said.

“There are six members at this presentation who have each given more than 40 years’ service to their Brigades and their communities.

“The dedication of all the volunteers being recognised is inspiring but I would like to make particular mention of Maureen Clout, who has received the Long Service Medal 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Clasps in recognition of her 55 years of service with the Tumorrana Brigade.

“Maureen, a life member of the Tumorrana Brigade, was the Brigade Secretary for 40 years and also held the roles of Brigade Treasurer and Brigade Callout Officer.

“I would also like to acknowledge Robert Webb, Richard Hargreaves and Warwick Garner, who are being recognised for their 53 years of service, as well as Alan Keenan for his 52 years of service.

“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.”

Assistant Commissioner Yorke said the hard work and professionalism of all Riverina Highlands Zone volunteers does not go unnoticed and the occasion is a great opportunity for the broader community to express their gratitude and say thank you.

“We also thank the family, friends and colleagues of these and all volunteers,” Assistant Commissioner Yorke said.

“We know it takes their support and patience to help Rural Fire Service members do what they do.

“It is an absolute honour to present these awards and to take a moment in which we can reflect upon the outstanding achievements of these members.”