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New England District RFS members honoured for service

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More than 35 members of the RFS New England District will be recognised for their dedication and achievements at a special ceremony in Armidale today.

Superintendent Sean McArdle will present 21 Long Service Medals and nine National Emergency Medals at the event, as well as present one newly appointed Group Officer and six Deputy Group Officers with their Rank.

Superintendent McArdle said these medals, recognising more than 460 years of combined service, are a proud acknowledgement of the commitment shown by these individuals over the years.

“We recognise members for long service tenures ranging from 10 to more than 40 years of service, with a special mention of Darren Jenkyn and Ronald Walls of Black Mountain Brigade for their impressive 44 years’ service to the RFS.”

“I would like to also personally extend my gratitude to the nine members being recognised for their sustained or significant service during the devastating 2019/20 fire season, who are receiving their National Emergency Medal.

“I know the community is thankful for the world-class level of protection and assistance afforded to them by dedicated volunteers across the New England District.”

Superintendent McArdle will also award one posthumous Long Service Medal to Kevin Brennan, who devoted 74 years to volunteering with the Enmore Brigade.

“Seventy-four years is a momentous period of time to serve your community and Kevin’s family must be deservedly proud of this achievement,” Superintendent McArdle said.

“I would like to take this time to also thank the family, friends, employers and colleagues of all 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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