



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Northern Beaches District applauds dedicated RFS volunteers

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The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Northern Beaches District this week celebrated the achievements of 67 dedicated volunteers with the presentation of 50 long service medals including 17 national medals to volunteers at two separate ceremonies held at Warringah HQ Rural Fire Brigade Station.

NSW RFS Commissioner Rob Rogers AFSM, joined members and other special guests to mark the occasion today, with a similar event being held earlier in the week, attended by Commissioner Rob Rogers AFSM .

Commissioner Rogers said the 67 recipients had together given a total of 1,392 years of service to the community.

“The members being recognised this week with long service medals and /or clasps range from 10 to 56 years of service, with a special mention of Gregory Kemp of Coal and Candle Brigade for his admirable 56 years of service to the NSW RFS and receipt of the long service medal 4th clasp.

“We also congratulate 17 exceptional Northern Beaches volunteers with national medals which are earned for long service which has gone above and beyond normal expectations,” he said.

Commissioner Rogers congratulated each of the Northern Beaches 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 Northern Beaches.

“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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