



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Celebration for Londonderry Brigade members

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Rural Fire Service (RFS) members will gather in Londonderry tomorrow to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Londonderry Rural Fire Brigade within the Cumberland District and present members with medals in recognition of their dedication and service.

RFS Assistant Commissioner Kelly Quandt AFSM congratulated members past and present for building the brigade into the community focal point it is today.

“This brigade has a proud history of community and spirit,” Assistant Commissioner Quandt said.

“Formed in 1948, the brigade now boasts 78 members and is very active within the community.”

Assistant Commissioner Quandt said the celebration was an opportunity to not only congratulate the brigade on this milestone but also thank members for their ongoing commitment and service, with the presentation of three National Medals, six Long Service Medals and six Certificates of Diligent Service.

“The event provides an opportunity to recognise members of the brigade who together have amassed decades of service to the RFS,” she said.

“Tomorrow, we will recognise dedicated volunteers who have given between 10 and 32 years’ of service to the community.

“I particularly wish to congratulate the Brigade’s Deputy Captain Andrew Henderson who will receive the National Medal. Andrew joined the Wilberforce Brigade in 1988 and became a dual member with Londonderry in 2009.

“Andrew, like all members being recognized tomorrow, has spent much time protecting the local community and those further afield.

“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 western Sydney.

“The hard work and professionalism of all RFS members does not go unnoticed and while they do not ask for praise, we should take this opportunity to acknowledge their contribution and commitment to their community.

“We must also thank the family, friends, employers and colleagues of these and all volunteers. We know it takes their support to help our members do what they do to save lives and property.”

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