



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Celebrations for Lower Hunter Brigades on 75th anniversary and volunteers honoured

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) members will gather today to celebrate the 75th anniversary for three Lower Hunter Rural Fire Brigades (RFBs) Martins Creek, Paterson and Vacy, as well as honour the long-standing dedication and commitment to protecting the community and its members.

State Member for Upper Hunter Mr Michael Johnsen MP and NSW RFS Acting Regional Manager East, Superintendent Craig Geddes congratulated members past and present for building the Brigades into the community institution they are today.

“Formed back in 1944, these Brigades have a proud history of community service and spirit,” Mr Johnsen said.

“Over the years, these brigades have put in a lot of effort developing their members and strengthening relationships with the community.

Supt. Craig Geddes said long serving volunteers will also be acknowledged with the presentation of 25 Long Service Medals and Clasps, representing a combined 624 years of service.

“I’d particularly like to mention brothers Peter and Kevin Marquet of Paterson brigade, for their 47 years of service each to the brigade and community,” Supt. Craig Geddes said.

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

Superintendent Craig Geddes said the Lower Hunter is afforded a world-class level of fire protection due to the experience and dedication of its 44 Rural Fire Brigades.

“We must also thank the family, friends, employers and colleagues of these and all volunteers, we know it takes their support to help Rural Fire Service members do what they do”

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