



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Eight RFS volunteers receive King's Birthday Honours

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Eight RFS members have today been awarded Australian Fire Service Medals (AFSM) to recognise their dedication and hard work.

The Australian Fire Service Medal is awarded as part of the King's Birthday Honours List for distinguished service by a member of an Australian fire service and is the highest RFS award.

Commissioner of the RFS, Rob Rogers commended the medal recipients on their accomplishments and thanked them for their contribution, not only to the Service, but all the communities they protect.

"Over many years, these members have given their all fighting fires, responding during a range of other emergency situations and guiding the next generation of RFS members with their vast experience."

"All these members represent the very best of the RFS and I'm proud to see their service formally recognised with this national medal, joining an esteemed list of AFSM recipients."

Minister for Emergency Services Jihad Dib said those receiving the honour have dedicated decades of service to the community between them.

"Commitment to community is what makes us stronger and I thank these volunteer members for their years of service and dedication to others and although they don't seek praise or reward, I am glad to see them rightfully acknowledged."

All eight recipients hold senior leadership roles within their Districts and have been nominated by their peers in recognition of their dedication and contribution.

The medals will be formally presented at an Investiture Ceremony at Government House later this year.

The AFSM recipients are:

- Senior Deputy Captain **Linda Riley** – Namoi-Gwydir District
- Group Officer **Andrew Macdonald** – Macarthur District
- Senior Deputy Captain **Heather Jones** – Central Coast District
- Catering Captain **Stephanye Holden** – Clarence Valley District
- Group Captain **Michael Amos** – Far West District
- Deputy Captain **Victor Judson** – Shoalhaven District
- Group Officer **Peter Lugsdin** – MIA District
- Group Captain **Grant Wargren** – Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai District

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