



**NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Veteran volunteers honoured as members celebrate new station**

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Lower North Coast Zone volunteers today recognised the achievements of veteran volunteers and celebrated the official opening of a new fire station.

NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Stuart Midgley was honoured to present 21 Long Service Medals, three Long Service Medal clasps and seven National Medals to 31 volunteers, in recognition of their ongoing commitment to the local community.

The 31 medal recipients have accumulated a total 753 years of service between them, with 11 members having dedicated more than 30 years to their brigades.

Assistant Commissioner Midgley made particular mention of Ron Henderson, Peter Brougham and Ian Tolson, who were awarded the National Medal 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> clasp in recognition of their 35 years of service.

National Medals are presented to NSW RFS members who go above and beyond, in recognition of their years of diligent service.

“Each of the volunteers being recognised today has demonstrated an exceptional level of commitment to their community over the years and these medals are our proud acknowledgement of their efforts,” Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.

“I know they will continue to serve their local communities for many years to come and share their knowledge, experience and firefighting skills both locally and further afield.

Assistant Commissioner Midgley also congratulated the members of the Temagog Rural Fire Brigade (RFB) on the official opening of their new station.

The station, the brigade’s third, features two vehicle bays, a training area, a kitchen and a dedicated parking area for brigade members.

Assistant Commissioner Midgley said the new station would enable volunteers to provide an even greater level of protection to the local community.

“The NSW RFS is committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the equipment they need to carry out the important work they do to protect their local communities from fire,” Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.

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