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## Veteran members honoured on The Lakes Volunteer Appreciation Day

## 14 June 2014

Volunteers from The Lakes District were today honoured by the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) for their ongoing commitment to the local community.

NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Stuart Midgley presented 33 Long Service Medals and 12 National Medals to deserving volunteers.

Lake Macquarie City Council and Wyong Shire Council also paid tribute to the dedication and commitment of local NSW RFS volunteers by presenting 13 Long Service Awards and 12 plaques.

"In total, these 42 medal recipients have accumulated an impressive 722 years of service between them," Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.

"It is an absolute honour to present these awards and to take a moment to reflect upon the outstanding achievements of our members.

"Each and every one of the medal recipients is worthy of our most sincere thanks and I would like to personally commend them, not only for their commitment to the Service, but also to their community."

Assistant Commissioner Midgley said four of the medal recipients had each given more than 30 years of dedicated service to their Brigades and local community.

"They have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to their community over many years and these medals are a fitting tribute of our appreciation," Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.

"Their hard work and professionalism doesn't go unnoticed and this is also a great opportunity for the community to express their gratitude and say thank you."

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

Assistant Commissioner Midgley thanked Lake Macquarie City Council and Wyong Shire Council for acknowledging the efforts of NSW RFS volunteers.