



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Praise for Riverina Highland Zone long-standing volunteer firefighters

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Volunteers were today honored by the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) for their ongoing commitment to the local community.

A total of 10 volunteers from the Tumut Brigade were presented with Long Service Medals and two volunteers from the Tumorrana Brigade were presented with Life Membership by NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Stuart Midgley AFSM.

Assistant Commissioner Midgley recognised that in total, these medal recipients have accumulated an impressive 205 years of service between them.

“This is testament to the ongoing commitment shown by Riverina Highland Zone volunteers to both the NSW RFS and the local community,” Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.

“One volunteer, Graeme Sturt, was honoured for giving 40 years of dedicated service to their Brigade and the local community.

“Receiving the Long Service Medal and 3rd Clasp, Graeme has filled various ranks since joining the Tumut Brigade including Captain, a position he has held since 2006.

“I’d also like to give particular mention to those volunteers from the Tumorrana Brigade who have received Life Membership.

“Anthony (Tony) Clout joined the Brigade in 1957 and has given 59 years of valued contribution to the community.

“With 53 years of dedication, Maureen Clout deserves special mention as well, undertaking various roles within the Brigade since 1963.

“The hard work and professionalism of all Tumut and Tumorrana volunteers does not go unnoticed and this is a great opportunity for the broader community to express their gratitude and say thank you.

“Today’s recipients, as do all NSW RFS volunteers, dedicate themselves to providing a vital service to the community and these medals are our proud acknowledgement of their efforts.

“It is an absolute honor to present these awards and to take a moment in which we can reflect upon the outstanding achievements of these members.”

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