



**NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Praise for Murringo 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 Murringo Brigade were presented with Long Service Medals by NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Stuart Midgley AFSM at a special ceremony in Young.

Assistant Commissioner Midgley recognised that in total, these medal recipients have accumulated an impressive 394 years of service between them.

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

“One volunteer, John Parkman was honoured for giving 54 years of dedicated service to his Brigade and the local community.

“Receiving the Long Service Medal and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Clasp, John has filled various ranks since joining the Murringo Brigade including Captain and Deputy Captain.”

Assistant Commissioner Midgley also made note of those volunteers committing over 40 years to the Brigade, including Peter Parkman, Jamie Parkman and Greg Fogg for 41 years; Geoff Powell for his 42 years and Tim Dowling giving 44 years to the Murringo Brigade.

“I also recognise the 32 years of service given by the late Geoff McQuillan, a much valued member of the Brigade who was awarded posthumously today for his long service.

“The hard work and professionalism of all Murringo 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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