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Wamberal Brigade celebrates 60th anniversary and veteran volunteers

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Member for Terrigal Adam Crouch MP and NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Senior Assistant Commissioner Bruce McDonald today congratulated members of the Wamberal Rural Fire Brigade on their 60th anniversary and acknowledged the dedication of eight Long Service Medal recipients.

Mr Crouch thanked the eight Wamberal medal recipients for their service, noting they had devoted a total of 168 years to serving their local community.

“I am truly honoured to present Sebastiano Caminiti with the Long Service Medal 4th Clasp in recognition of his 55 years of service to the Wamberal and other local Brigades, where he has admirably filled various roles including Deputy Captain, Senior Deputy Captain and Equipment Officer,” Mr Crouch said.

“Sandy Robertson joined the Wamberal Brigade in 1984 and since then has held the positions of Deputy Captain and Treasurer and more recently as one of Gosford District After Hours Officers, and she is a worthy recipient of the Long Service Medal 2nd Clasp in recognition of her 33 years of service.

“Each and every one of these volunteers are 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.”

Snr Assistant Commissioner McDonald said the Wamberal Brigade has a proud history, formed to protect the local neighbourhood from fires and flourishing through the years to become the well-regarded community institution it is today.

“From its humble beginnings, we have watched the Wamberal Brigade grow into the professional and dedicated firefighting service we are celebrating today,” Snr Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

“On 12 November 1957, a motion was put forward by the Wamberal Players Group to form the Wamberal Voluntary Bush Fire Committee following a number of local bush fires and a house fire.

“Today, the Brigade has 70 members, including 10 life members and is well known throughout the Central Coast for its community engagement events and use of social media to keep residents informed about fire activity and fire safety.”

Snr Assistant Commissioner McDonald said the respect afforded to the Wamberal Brigade is testament to the dedication and efforts of its past and present members.

“It is the dedication of all members that will see the Wamberal Brigade maintain a strong presence in the community into the future,” Snr Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

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