



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Long serving MIA District volunteers honoured for their service

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) volunteers from across the MIA District are being honoured for their longstanding commitment to the local community at two medal presentation ceremonies.

NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Steve Yorke AFSM presented 37 Long Service Medals to volunteers at the Hay Fire Control Centre this evening, and will present a further 32 Long Service medals at a second ceremony at the Paynters Siding Station at Narrandera Airport, tomorrow morning.

“In total, this represents 2406 years of combined service across the MIA District,” Assistant Commissioner Yorke said.

“The dedication of all the volunteers being recognised is inspiring but I would like to make particular mention of Maxwell Lugsdin of the Area D Brigade, who has received the Long Service Medal 5th Clasp in recognition of his 66 years of service.

“Maxwell joined the Brigade in 1950 and to this day is local knowledge and experience is highly valued.

“I would also like to acknowledge Peter Brain, who is being awarded the Long Service Medal 4th Clasp in recognition of his 57 years’ active service with the Landervale Brigade.

“I’d also like to mention that there are 16 members across the two presentations who have each given 50 or more years’ service to their Brigades and their communities.

“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.”

Assistant Commissioner Yorke said the hard work and professionalism of all MIA District volunteers does not go unnoticed and this is a great opportunity for the broader community to express their gratitude and say thank you.

“We must also thank the family, friends and colleagues of these and all volunteers,” Assistant Commissioner Yorke said.

“We know it takes their support and patience to help Rural Fire Service members do what they do.

“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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