



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Recognition for long serving Dapto Brigade members

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The NSW Rural Fire Service Illawarra District will today recognise and celebrate the dedication and commitment of long serving members in the Dapto RFS Brigade.

NSW RFS District Manager Superintendent Greg Wardle will join local volunteers to present 10 Long Service Medals and four life memberships to ten recipients at a ceremony at the Dapto RFS Brigade.

"These members do not volunteer their time for the accolades, however these medals are a proud acknowledgement of the commitment shown by these individuals over the years," Superintendent Wardle said.

"More than 170 years of service will be recognised tomorrow evening and I know that the community is thankful for the world-class level of fire protection afforded to them by volunteers across the Illawarra District.

"I personally extend my gratitude to all of our dedicated firefighters for their continued service to and for the community."

Superintendent Wardle is honoured to present Harvey Bailey with the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Clasp of his NSW RFS Long Service Medal.

"Harvey has been a dedicated volunteer member of the NSW RFS for 40 years after joining Dapto Bush Fire Brigade in 1974 while still a high school student and holding numerous positions with the brigade over the years," Superintendent Wardle said.

"He was elected as Equipment Officer and then Senior Deputy Captain before being elected Captain in July 1979, a position he still holds today and has also acted as Sector and Divisional Commander at several fires.

"Harvey has been involved in training since the first formal training was introduced and has been the driving force behind many projects undertaken by the Dapto Brigade, in particular the various extensions and renovations to the Brigade station.

Superintendent Wardle also acknowledged the contribution of Peter Leinsle, who will receive the 2nd and 3rd Clasps of his Long Service Medal in recognition of his 30 years of service to the community.

Superintendent Wardle said that each volunteer being recognised has demonstrated an exceptional level of commitment to their community.

"I offer my sincere thanks and gratitude to all the NSW RFS staff and volunteers who continue to work hard for their communities.

"We must also thank the family, friends, employers and colleagues of these and all volunteers. We know it takes their support and patience to help Rural Fire Service members do what they do."