



MEDIA RELEASE

Three new stations, two new trucks and long serving volunteers

25 July 2014

The dedication and hard work of volunteers in the Liverpool Range Zone will be celebrated by the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) in five ceremonies.

NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Bruce McDonald presented 23 volunteers with Long Service Medals and eight volunteers with life memberships during ceremonies over the two days.

"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," Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

"They have demonstrated an exceptional level of commitment to their community over many years and these medals are just a small token of our appreciation."

Assistant Commissioner McDonald also took the opportunity to congratulate Liverpool Range Zone volunteers on the two newest additions to their firefighting fleet, noting the new fire trucks would advance local firefighting efforts.

"The NSW RFS is committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the equipment they need to carry out the important work they do in protecting their local communities from fire," he said.

"These new vehicles are replacing older style models and will allow firefighters to continue providing a high level of emergency service to residents in the Liverpool Range Zone."

Assistant Commissioner McDonald also urged the Killoe, Settlement and Collaroy Rural Fire Brigades to be proud of their new stations, which are the culmination of years of hard work by volunteers.

"These stations are testament to how diligently and tirelessly the Brigades have worked to turn their dreams of a new station into a reality."

"Previously housed in local sheds, these new stations are a first for all three Brigades.

Assistant Commissioner McDonald said the 52 Brigades in the Liverpool Range Zone respond to a range of bush, grass and house fires, as well as motor vehicle accidents and other emergencies, each year.

"The hard work and professionalism of volunteers in the Liverpool Range Zone doesn't go unnoticed and this is a great opportunity for the broader community to express their gratitude and say thank you."

Details of the events appear on page 2



Friday 25th July 2014

- > Scone Tanker Handover, Long Service Medal and Life Membership presentation
 - > Upper Hunter Shire Council Office, 6:00pm
 - > Two new fire trucks are being handed over. One to the Stewarts Brook Brigade, and one to the Wingen Brigade. Three Long Service Medals will be presented, along with eight Life Membership Certificates.

Saturday 26th July 2014

- > Collaroy Rural Fire Brigade station opening and tanker handover
 - > Comialla Road, Merriwa, 9:30am
 - > One fire truck being handed over to the Collaroy Brigade
- > Killoe Rural Fire Brigade Station Opening
 - > Flight Springs Road, Merriwa, 12:00pm
- > Settlement Rural Fire Brigade Station Opening
 - > 990 Ringwood Road, Merriwa, 2:00pm
- > Merriwa River Rural Fire Service Operations Centre dedication and Long Service Medal presentation
 - > Merriwa RFS Operations Centre, Bettington Street, Merriwa, 5:30pm
 - > Five Long Service Medals and one National Medal will be presented

