## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## Long serving volunteers welcome new firefighting equipment

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Volunteer firefighters from the Warringah/Pittwater District have been recognised for their long and dedicated service in an official ceremony today that also saw the handover of seven new vehicles.

NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Assistant Commissioner Bruce McDonald presented 38 volunteers with Long Service Medals and ten members with National Medals.

"In total, these medal recipients have accumulated 998 years of service between them," Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

"Each and every one of these volunteers is 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 ten of the medal recipients had individually given more than 30 years of dedicated service to their Brigades and local community.

"They have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to their community over many years and these medals are a fitting token of our appreciation," Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

Assistant Commissioner McDonald congratulated members of the Beacon Hill, Belrose, Davidson, Ingleside and Headquarters Rural Fire Brigades on the newest additions to their firefighting fleets.

In addition to the five firefighting trucks handed over to brigades, two vehicles were also presented to the Warringah/Pittwater District for use by the Catering Unit and the Communications Unit.

"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," Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

"These new vehicles are replacing older style models, allowing firefighters to continue providing a high level of emergency service to Warringah/Pittwater residents."

