



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Hawkesbury District volunteers' commitment praised

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Veteran volunteers from the Hawkesbury District were today honoured by the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) for their ongoing commitment to the local community.

NSW RFS Deputy Commissioner Rob Rogers presented Long Service Medals to 34 local volunteers.

"In total, these medal recipients have accumulated an impressive 705 years of service between them," Deputy Commissioner Rogers said.

"It is an absolute honour to present these awards and to take a moment to reflect upon the outstanding achievements of our members.

"Each and every one of the medal recipients 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."

Deputy Commissioner Rogers said six of the medal recipients had each 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 tribute of our appreciation," Deputy Commissioner Rogers said.

"Their hard work and professionalism doesn't go unnoticed and this is also a great opportunity for the community to express their gratitude and say thank you."

Deputy Commissioner Rogers made particular mention of Janice Earle, who has been a member of the Freemans Reach Rural Fire Brigade for 53 years.

"Janice became the Freemans Reach Deputy Captain in 1978 and held that position until 1992," Deputy Commissioner Rogers said.

"In addition, she has been the Brigade's Secretary since 1981, was Treasurer for four years, the Brigade's Call Out Officer for more than 40 years and is a Freemans Reach life member.

"It is an honour to present Janice with her Long Service Medal fourth clasp and applaud her long-standing service to the NSW RFS, her Brigade and the Hawkesbury community."