



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Celebrations for Far West Team with veteran volunteers, station opening and a new tanker

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Far West Team have recognised the achievements of veteran volunteers, celebrated the official opening of a new fire station and the handover of a new vehicle today.

At a ceremony held in Goodooga, NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Steve York presented 17 Long Service Medals and two National Medals to volunteers in recognition of their ongoing commitment to the local community.

The 19 medal recipients have accumulated a total of 423 years of service between them, with six members having dedicated more than 30 years to their brigade.

"Each of the volunteers being recognised has demonstrated an exceptional level of commitment to their community over the years and these medals are our proud acknowledgement of their efforts," Assistant Commissioner Yorke said.

"I know they will continue to serve their local communities for many years to come and share their knowledge, experience and firefighting skills both locally and further afield."

Assistant Commissioner Yorke also congratulated the members of the Goodooga Rural Fire Brigade (RFB) on the official opening of their new station.

"The new station will enable volunteers to provide an even greater level of protection to the local community.

During the ceremony Assistant Commissioner Yorke also officially handed over a new Group Vehicle to the Brewarrina District.

"This new vehicle will enable the brigade to continue their outstanding work, and I would personally like to congratulate everybody on their ongoing hard work and professionalism."

"The NSW RFS state and local governments are committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the equipment they need to carry out the important work they do to protect their local communities from fire," Assistant Commissioner Yorke said.

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