## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## Towrang volunteers recognised for their continued dedication

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Southern Tablelands Zone volunteers were today honored by the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) for their ongoing commitment to the local community.

A total of 16 volunteers were presented with Long Service Medals by NSW Rural Fire Service Assistant Commissioner Stuart Midgley.

Assistant Commissioner Midgley said the medal recipients have accumulated an impressive 534 years of service between them.

"This is testament to the ongoing commitment shown by Southern Tablelands Zone volunteers to both the NSW RFS and the local community," Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.

"Notably, 10 of the recipients today have given more than 35 years each in service to their communities.

"I'd like to give particular mention to John and Rose Divall from the Towrang Brigade, who have been valued members of the NSW RFS for 48 years after joining in 1969, along with Andrew Studdert and Majorie Izzard who have given 45 and 46 years of service respectively."

Assistant Commissioner Midgley said NSW RFS volunteers dedicate themselves to providing a vital service to the community and the medals presented are a proud acknowledgement of their efforts.

"The hard work and professionalism of all Southern Tablelands Zone volunteers does not go unnoticed and this is a great opportunity for the broader community to express their gratitude and say thank you," Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.

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

"It is an absolute honor to present these awards and to take a moment in which we can reflect upon the outstanding achievements of these members."