



**NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Chifley/Lithgow Team volunteers recognised for their continued dedication**

**13 September 2017**

Chifley/Lithgow Team members were today honored by the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) for their ongoing commitment to the local community.

A total of 25 volunteers were presented with Long Service Medals by NSW RFS Chifley/Lithgow Team Manager Superintendent Greg Sim at a special ceremony held at the Bathurst Fire Control Centre.

Superintendent Sim recognised that in total, these medal recipients have accumulated an impressive 576 years of service between them.

“This is testament to the ongoing commitment shown by Chifley/Lithgow Team members to both the NSW RFS and the local community,” Superintendent Sim said.

Superintendent Sim noted three of the recipients today have given 50 or more years each in service to their communities.

“I’d like to give particular mention to Jeffrey King from the Perthville/Georges Plains Brigade, who has been a valued member of the NSW RFS for 58 years,” Superintendent Sim said.

“Jeffrey joined the Service in 1959, Jeffrey has moved around and joined his local brigades, currently holding the position of Station Officer, using his exceptional level and skill and experience to provide guidance to all members of his brigade.

“Congratulations also to Harry Whalan of the Bruinbun Brigade on his 52 years’ service and Bruce Drakeford, for his 50 years with the Hill End Brigade.

“Today’s recipients, as do all NSW RFS volunteers, dedicate themselves to providing a vital service to the community and these medals are our proud acknowledgement of their efforts,”

“The hard work and professionalism of all Chifley/Lithgow Team volunteers does not go unnoticed and this is a great opportunity for the broader community to express their gratitude and say thank you.

“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.”

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