



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Long serving Warren District volunteers honoured

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) volunteers from across the Warren District have been honoured for their longstanding commitment to the local community.

NSW RFS Regional Operations Manager Superintendent Paul Whiteley presented eight Long Service Medals to volunteers at a ceremony today in recognition of their service and dedication.

“In total, this represents 305 years of combined service across the Warren District,” Superintendent Whiteley said.

“The dedication of all the volunteers being recognised today is truly inspiring.

“I would like to make particular mention of John Wild, who has received the Long Service Medal 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Clasps in recognition of his 53 years of service with the Noonbah Brigade.”

“John joined the Noonbah Brigade in 1965 and was the Brigade Captain from that year to 2003, then Deputy Captain following up until 2016.”

Superintendent Whiteley also acknowledged Stephen Perry for his 39 years with the Noonbah Brigade, along with Michael O’Brien and Larry Garnsey who have both given 38 years to the Quambone Brigade.

“Every one of these volunteers are 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,” Superintendent Whiteley said.

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

“We also thank the family, friends and colleagues of these and all volunteers,” Superintendent Whiteley said.

“We know it takes their support and patience to help Rural Fire Service members do what they do.

“It is an absolute honour 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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