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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Hastings volunteering tradition thriving

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Volunteer firefighters from the Hastings area have been recognised for their long and dedicated service in a ceremony today.

NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons presented Long Service Medals to the group of volunteers who have amassed an impressive 697 years of service between them.

“This significant commitment demonstrates that the tradition of volunteering is thriving in this region,” Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

“These men and women each play a vital role in their community, whether they’re fighting bush fires, attending road accidents or even assisting during storms or floods.

“It is an honour to present these awards and reflect upon the outstanding commitment shown by these members.

“I would particularly like to acknowledge Alan Hagney who is today receiving an award for 55 years of dedicated service to his community.

“Alan is excellent example of the NSW RFS spirit and enthusiasm. He has completed almost every task in the NSW RFS whether it be on out of area deployments to major bush fires around NSW or using his experience as an ex rally driver to drive the district bulk water fire trucks.

“All of the members being awarded Long Service Medals today are examples of the selfless commitment demonstrated by NSW RFS volunteers right throughout NSW.

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

“I would like to take this time to praise all our volunteers for their ongoing efforts each and every day, particularly when dealing with emergencies here in the Hastings area,” said Commissioner Fitzsimmons.

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