



**NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **New England Zone volunteers recognised for their continued dedication**

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

Twenty-six volunteers were presented with Long Service and National Medals by State Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall and NSW RFS Regional Manager Chief Superintendent Brett Condie.

Mr Marshall recognised that in total, these Medal recipients have accumulated an impressive 532 years of service between them.

“This is testament to the ongoing commitment shown by New England Zone volunteers to both the NSW RFS and the local community,” Mr Marshall said.

Chief Superintendent Condie noted two of the recipients today have given more than 50 years each in service to their communities.

“I’d like to give particular mention to James Coleman from the Ben Lomond Brigade, who has been a valued member of the NSW RFS for 54 years and congratulate Dennis Saunders from the Guyra Brigade on being a worthy recipient of the National Medal, with 52 years of service.

“Both are more than happy to share their years of experience and wealth of knowledge with the up and coming members around them.”

“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,” Chief Superintendent Condie said.

“The hard work and professionalism of all New England Zone 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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