



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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## Dedicated Lake George Zone volunteers honoured

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

NSW RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons presented 14 National Medals and 15 Long Service Medals to 26 recipients, in recognition of their dedication and combined 563 years of service.

“These members do not volunteer their time in return for recognition or praise, however we do gladly present them with these medals as a proud acknowledgement of their efforts,” Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

“I would like to make particular mention of Stephen Gibbs, who has received the Long Service Medal 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Clasps in recognition of his 40 years of service with the Jerrabomberra Brigade, originally known as Williamsdale when Stephen joined in 1978.

“The first to become a Life Member of the brigade back in 2010, Stephen is an active and valued member holding many roles through the years including Brigade President and Captain.”

Commissioner Fitzsimmons also acknowledged David Hubbard for his 40 years with the Service, first joining the Sutton Brigade in 1978 and then becoming a foundation member of the Wamboin Brigade, where he became a Life Member last year.

“Dave has mentored many volunteers through the years and is a worthy recipient of the National Medal 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Clasps and Long Service Medal 3<sup>rd</sup> Clasp,” Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

“The hard work and professionalism of all Lake George Zone volunteers does not go unnoticed and this occasion is a great opportunity for not only the Service, but for the broader community to express their gratitude and say thank you as well.

“We also thank the family, friends and colleagues of 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 honour to present these awards and to take a moment in which we can reflect upon the outstanding achievements of these members.”