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Erskine Park Brigade celebrates 60th anniversary and honours members

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RFS members will gather in Erskine Park this afternoon to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Erskine Park Rural Fire Brigade and present members with medals in recognition of their dedication and service.

RFS Commissioner Rob Rogers will join special guests and brigade members to congratulate members past and present for building the brigade into the community focal point it is today.

“This brigade has a proud history of community and spirit,” Commissioner Rogers said.

“Formed in 1963, the brigade now boasts 52 members and is very active within the community.”

Commissioner Rogers said the celebration was an opportunity to not only congratulate the brigade on this milestone but also thank members for their ongoing commitment and service with the presentation of four Long Service Medals.

“Today, we recognise dedicated volunteers who have given between 10 and 33 years of service to the community,” he said.

“I particularly wish to congratulate Garry Orsborne, who is receiving the Long Service Medal 1st and 2nd Clasps for 33 years of dedicated service.

“Since joining the brigade in 1990, Garry has been appointed to the ranks of Senior Deputy Captain and Deputy Captain and has filled numerous roles including Brigade President and Brigade Treasurer.”

Commissioner Rogers will also present one Emergency Services Medal, which is awarded to persons who rendered sustained or significant service during nationally significant emergencies in Australia, including the 2019-20 bush fires.

“I would like to take this time to praise the brigade members and all our volunteers for their ongoing efforts every day, particularly when dealing with emergencies here in the Cumberland area.

“The hard work and professionalism of all RFS members does not go unnoticed and while they do not ask for praise, we acknowledge their contribution to their community.

“We must also thank the family, friends, employers and colleagues of these and all volunteers. We know it takes their support to allow our members do what they do, to save lives and property.”