



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Long serving Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai volunteers honoured

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Veteran volunteers from the Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai District were today honoured by the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) for their ongoing commitment to the local community.

NSW RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons presented 36 Long Service Medals and nine National Medals.

"In total, these 45 medal recipients have accumulated an impressive 881 years of service between them," Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

"It is an absolute honour to present these awards and to take a moment to reflect upon the outstanding achievements of our members.

"Each and every one of the medal recipients is 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."

Commissioner Fitzsimmons said six of the medal recipients had given more than 40 years of dedicated service to their Brigades and local community.

"They have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to their community over many years and these medals are a fitting tribute of our appreciation," Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

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

National Medals are presented to NSW RFS members who go above and beyond, in recognition of their years of diligent service.

Commissioner Fitzsimmons praised the Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai District's 19 brigades, who regularly attend a variety of incidents, including bush, grass and house fires as well as motor vehicle accidents on the M1 Pacific Motorway.

"The NSW RFS is at the cutting edge of firefighting due to significant improvements in technology, training, equipment and communications, however the real strength of the Service is its people," Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

"These men and women have been part of the Service during an incredible period of growth and transformation and the experience and knowledge within their ranks illustrates this.

"All of the volunteers here today have demonstrated an exceptional level of commitment to their community over the years and these medals are just a small token of our appreciation."

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