

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## Praise for veteran Lake George Zone volunteer firefighters

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More than 60 NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) firefighters today received medals in honour of their long-standing service and commitment to the local community.

NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Steve Yorke presented 55 Long Service Medals and 12 National Medals to 66 volunteers, who have collectively amassed an impressive 1,506 years of service.

"I sincerely thank each and every one of these volunteers for their unwavering dedication and for selflessly giving up their time to help the community," Assistant Commissioner Yorke said.

"Each of these men and women provide a vital service to their community, whether they're fighting bush fires, attending road accidents or providing assistance during storms or floods.

"It is an honour to present these awards and reflect upon the outstanding achievements of these members."

Four members – Reginald Ffrench, John Sealey, Stanley Wisbey and Ronald "Charlie" Harrison – received Long Service Medals in honour of their more than 50 years of service.

Assistant Commissioner Yorke also commended Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade members Donald Evans and Peter Greenwood, who were awarded the National Medal 1<sup>st</sup> Clasp in recognition of their years of exceptional service.

National Medals acknowledge years of diligent service and are awarded to members who consistently go above and beyond for their Brigade.

Assistant Commissioner Yorke said all NSW RFS members share the same selfless commitment to their local community.

"I would like to take this time to praise all Lake George Zone volunteers for their ongoing efforts each and every day," Assistant Commissioner Yorke said.

"Their hard work and professionalism does not go unnoticed and this is a great opportunity for the broader community to express their gratitude and say thank you.

"This significant commitment demonstrates that the tradition of volunteering is thriving in this region."

