



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Tamworth volunteers recognised as brigades receive new fire trucks

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Volunteers from the Tamworth District were honoured today by NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons for their ongoing commitment to the local community.

Commissioner Fitzsimmons presented 32 Long Service Medals and three National Medals to 35 volunteers who have accumulated 792 years of service between them.

“Each and every one of these volunteers 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 the community,” Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

“All the volunteers here today have demonstrated an exceptional level of dedication to their community over the years and these medals are a proud acknowledgement of their efforts.

“The hard work and professionalism of all Tamworth volunteers does not go unnoticed and this is a great opportunity for the broader 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.

Local brigades also celebrated the official handover of four new state-of-the-art fire trucks and support vehicles that will help volunteers fight fires more efficiently.

“The NSW RFS is committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the equipment they need to carry out the important work they do to protect their local communities from fire,” Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

“It is a wonderful day for members of the Kootingal, Gowrie and Limbri/Mulla Creek Brigades, who are receiving these impressive new firefighting resources.

“These new vehicles are replacing older style models and will allow firefighters to continue providing a high level of emergency service response to residents in the Tamworth District.

“I’d like to extend the thanks of not only the Service, but also local community, for the exceptional level of fire protection provided by the 38 Brigades in the Tamworth District.”