



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Lake George Zone volunteers recognised for long service

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The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Lake George District will tonight recognise and celebrate the dedication and commitment of long serving members.

NSW RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons AFSM will join local volunteers to present 22 Long Service medals and eight National Medals at a special at the Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council Chambers.

“These members do not volunteer their time for the accolades, however these medals are a proud acknowledgement of the commitment shown by these individuals over the years,” Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

“More than 490 years of service will be recognised tonight and I know that the community is thankful for the world-class level of fire protection afforded to them by volunteers across the Lake George District.

“I personally extend my gratitude to all of our dedicated firefighters for their continued service to and for the community.”

Commissioner Fitzsimmons is honoured to present Christine McGrath with the 3rd Clasp of her NSW RFS Long Service Medal.

“Chris has been a dedicated volunteer member of the NSW RFS for 43 years after joining Bombay Brigade in 1975. She recently joined the Lake George Support unit after a time with the Palerang Communications unit in 2015.

“Today Chris continues to be a valued member of the Bombay Brigade attending fires and other emergency incidents and also coordinates the running of the Braidwood cadets, just some of the many roles she currently undertakes.

Commissioner Fitzsimmons also acknowledged the contribution of John Rolfe, who received the 1st and 2nd Clasp of his National Medal in recognition of his 44 years of service to the community.

“John has been a diligent member of the NSW RFS for an exceptional period of time for which we are truly grateful,” Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

“He has been a member since 1975 and continues to provide leadership and expertise to his brigade.

Commissioner Fitzsimmons said that each volunteer being recognised has demonstrated an exceptional level of commitment to their community.

“I offer my sincere thanks and gratitude to all the NSW RFS staff and volunteers who continue to work hard for their communities.

“We must also thank the family, friends, employers 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.”



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