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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Long serving Central Coast volunteers honoured

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Volunteer firefighters from the Central Coast area have been recognised for their long and dedicated service in an official ceremony today.

NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Assistant Commissioner Stuart Midgley presented Long Service Medals to the group of volunteers who have amassed an impressive 355 years of service between them.

“This significant commitment demonstrates that the tradition of volunteering is thriving in this region,” Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.

“These men and women each play a vital role in their community, whether they’re fighting bush fires, attending road accidents or even assisting during storms or floods.

“It is an honour to present these awards and reflect upon the outstanding commitment shown by these members.

“I would particularly like to acknowledge Phil Williams who today is receiving an award for 43 years dedicated service to his community.

“Mr Williams, since joining the Mangrove Mountain Brigade in 1970, has had many roles within the brigade including that of Deputy Captain and Captain. He was also elected by his peers to the position of Group Captain, a position that he held for 17 years.

“All of the members being awarded Long Service Medals today are examples of the selfless commitment demonstrated by NSW RFS volunteers right throughout NSW.

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

“I would like to take this time to praise all our volunteers for their ongoing efforts each and every day, particularly when dealing with emergencies here in the Central Coast area,” said Assistant Commissioner Midgley.

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