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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

## Lake George Zone RFS volunteers thanked for dedicated service

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons has congratulated 43 NSW RFS volunteers from Lake George RFS brigades who have been recognised for their long and outstanding service.

Commissioner Fitzsimmons said the volunteers had made an invaluable contribution to local communities and were the backbone of the NSW RFS.

“Between them, these men and women have served with distinction for more than 900 years.

“I would particularly like to acknowledge the three members who have been committed to the RFS for over 40 years. Wilfred Gray and Andrew Douglas have notched up 40 and 47 years consecutively, and the remarkable Thomas Moore who has 51 years experience under his belt.

“These are commendable achievements and reflective of the ongoing dedication displayed by members of the NSW Rural Fire Service.

“All of the members being recognised here today are shining examples of the selfless commitment demonstrated by volunteers across NSW,” Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

The volunteers were presented with their medals at a ceremony at Queanbeyan Fire Control Centre where NSW RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons also handed over two new bush fire tankers.

“These men and women have each played an integral role in their community, whether fighting bush fires or assisting during storms, floods or road accidents. These new trucks will help local volunteers continue their important work.

“It’s inspiring to present these awards in recognition of their years as committed volunteers. It’s a wonderful sign that the NSW RFS tradition in our region is continuing.”

“While NSW RFS members don’t volunteer for awards or accolades, this is a way for the Lake George area and wider NSW community to express our sincere thanks for their ongoing contribution,” Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.