



**NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**



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## **Volunteers recognised at 100 Year Anniversary of Mathoura Brigade**

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The Mathoura Rural Fire Brigade has proudly protected the local community for a century and today, members from the Mid Murray District gathered to celebrate the milestone anniversary, the addition of three new trucks to the District and the achievements of veteran volunteers.

NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons said it is a great honour to celebrating 100 years of community service.

"I would like to say a sincere thank you to past and present Mathoura members for the time and effort they have devoted to their Brigade and also thank their families and loved ones for their ongoing support," said Commissioner Fitzsimmons.

"The hard work and professionalism of the Brigade does not go unnoticed and this 100 year anniversary is a great opportunity for the broader community to express their gratitude and say thank you."

Commissioner Fitzsimmons also had the honour of presenting 10 Long Service Medals to members, who have accumulated 245 years of service between them.

"I would like to make particular mention of William 'Bill' Berryman and Rhys Glenn, who are being recognised with Long Service Medals for 60 and 65 years of service respectively," Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

"Each and every one of these volunteers are 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 their community.

"It is an absolute honour to present these awards and to take a moment in which we can reflect upon the outstanding achievements of these members."

At the same ceremony, Commissioner Fitzsimmons congratulated members of the Moama, Mathoura and Murray East Brigades on the newest additions to their firefighting fleets.

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

"These new vehicles are replacing older style models, allowing firefighters to continue providing a high level of emergency service to Mid Murray residents."

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