



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Tamworth District celebrates long serving members

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The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Tamworth District today recognised and celebrated the dedication and commitment of long serving members to the local community.

NSW RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons presented 21 recipients with Long Service Medals at a ceremony held at the West Tamworth Leagues Club, in recognition of their combined total of 402 years of service to the local community.

“These members do not volunteer their time in return for recognition or praise, however we do gladly present them with these medals as a proud acknowledgement of their efforts,” Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

“While all the members being recognised are worthy of praise, I would like to make particular mention of Colin Barton and Jack Hahn, who have devoted 50 and 51 years to the Service respectively.”

“Colin is a well-respected member of the Gowrie Brigade who has attended many fires across the Tamworth District in the past half century while Jack, captain of the Dungowan brigade, is well renowned for his chainsaw operations and training skills,.”

Commissioner Fitzsimmons said the occasion was the perfect opportunity for the community to acknowledge and pay tribute to the efforts of local volunteers and their families.

“Their hard work and professionalism does not go unnoticed and today’s event is a good opportunity for the community to express our gratitude and say thank you to all NSW RFS members,” Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

“We also thank the family, friends 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.

“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.”