



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Retired Oakville RFS Captain celebrates 60 years of service

Hawkesbury resident, Peter Speet AFSM, was today awarded the National Long Service Medal and 4th Clasp for 60 years of service with the Oakville Rural Fire Brigade.

Minister for Police and Emergency Services, David Elliott, presented Mr Speet with his medal at a small ceremony today, together with NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Assistant Commissioner, Rebel Talbert.

“Peter Speet embodies the very best qualities of our Rural Fire Service volunteers who humbly dedicate their lives to the service of their communities, asking for little in return,” Mr Elliott said.

NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Rebel Talbert said since joining the Oakville Rural Fire Brigade in 1957, Mr Speet has held the positions of Brigade Callout Officer, Permit Officer, Group Captain and Captain.

“Over the years, he has attended numerous bush, grass and structural fires, as well as tragic vehicle accidents, with many seasons including 2013 and last summer proving extremely challenging,” Assistant Commissioner Talbert said.

The Oakville Brigade has also competed in many Fire Fighting Regional Championships competing at State Championship level and taking home the NSW State Championship five times in the Seniors Division since 1998 – the most recent trophy being this year. The Junior Division also won in 2004 and 2012.

“Mr Speet shows true leadership to his team and we thank him for his 60 years of service,” Assistant Commissioner Talbert said.

“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 Hawkesbury.

“We also thank the family, friends, employers and colleagues of all NSW RFS volunteers. We know it takes their ongoing support and patience to assist and enable our volunteers to do what they do to save lives and property.”



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