



# RFS

## Media release

### Orana members honoured for their dedicated service

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The dedication and commitment of 20 NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) volunteers from across the Orana District will be recognised today, at a special ceremony at the Fire Control Centre in Dubbo.

RFS Area Commander, Chief Superintendent Nicholas Medianik, will be joined by a number of special guests for the presentation of 14 Long Service Medals, two National Medals and four Plaques of Appreciation.

“With length of service ranging from 10 to almost 70 years, many of these volunteers have dedicated a significant portion of their life to protecting others and deserve our gratitude,” Chief Superintendent Medianik said.

“Heading the list of recipients is Wayne Morley from the Neurea Brigade, who will receive the National Medal for an impressive 67 years of service.

“Originally joining the RFS as a 14-year-old in 1957, Wayne has served as Senior Deputy Captain and Training Officer, and remains a well-respected mentor to current and new brigade members.”

Also among those to be acknowledged include husband and wife team Thomas and Elizabeth Tourle.

Chief Superintendent Medianik said the Tourles have more than a century of combined service and will receive the Long Service Medal.

“The couple joined the RFS in 1973 and remain active members of Emmagool Brigade,” he said.

“I would like to take the opportunity to thank them and the other medal recipients, and the family, friends, employers and colleagues of all 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 protect property.