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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Long serving Hills volunteers honoured

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Volunteer firefighters from The Hills area have been recognised for their long and dedicated service in an official ceremony today.

NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Assistant Commissioner Bruce McDonald presented Long Service Medals to the group of volunteers who have amassed an impressive 1,009 years of service between them.

“This significant commitment demonstrates that the tradition of volunteering is thriving in this region,” Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

“These men and women play a vital role amongst their community, whether they’re fighting bush or house fires, attending road accidents or even assisting during storms or floods.

“It is an absolute honour to present these awards and reflect upon the exceptional contribution shown by these members.

“I would particularly like to acknowledge Sam Bolzan who is tonight receiving an award for 49 years dedicated service to his community.

“Sam who is a member of the Annangrove Brigade has a wealth of knowledge and remains a vital member within the brigade. In his younger years Sam attended many incidents right across the district. Now days Sam helps mentor and support new members as well as assisting at Hazard Reductions.

“All of the members receiving Long Service Medals and National medals today are shining examples of the selfless commitment demonstrated by NSW RFS volunteer’s right throughout NSW.

“Their hard work and professionalism doesn’t go unnoticed and this is a great opportunity for the broader community to express their gratitude and say thank you.

“I would like to take this time to commend all our volunteers for their ongoing efforts each and every day, particularly when dealing with emergencies here in The Hills area,” said Assistant Commissioner McDonald

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