



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Macarthur Zone volunteers recognised for their continued dedication

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Macarthur Zone volunteers were today honored by the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) for their ongoing commitment to the local community.

A total of 15 volunteers were presented with Long Service Medals and six volunteers were presented with National Medals by the Hon David Clarke MLC and NSW Rural Fire Service Assistant Commissioner Steve Yorke AFSM.

Mr Clarke recognised that in total, these Medal recipients have accumulated an impressive 450 years of service between them.

“Notably four of the recipients today have given more than 30 years each in service to their communities,” Mr Clarke said.

“This is testament to the ongoing commitment shown by Macarthur Zone volunteers to both the NSW RFS and the local community.”

Assistant Commissioner Yorke gave particular mention to Col Spinks from the Camden West Brigade, who has been a valued member of the NSW RFS for 52 years, after joining in 1965.

“Col has held many ranks and been a member of many committees over the years, recently electing to assume the role of retired Group Captain, continuing in a mentoring role.

“I also congratulate Allan Harding from the Wedderburn Brigade on being a worthy recipient of the National Medal, with 37 years of service.

“Allan has given so much to his local community and brigade and is seen as a great wealth of knowledge to the younger members who gain so much from his experience.”

“Today’s recipients, as do all NSW RFS volunteers, dedicate themselves to providing a vital service to the community and these medals are our proud acknowledgement of their efforts,” Assistant Commissioner Yorke said.

“The hard work and professionalism of all Macarthur Zone volunteers does not go unnoticed and this is a great opportunity for the broader community to express their gratitude and say thank you.

“We must 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 honor to present these awards and to take a moment in which we can reflect upon the outstanding achievements of these members.”

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