



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Mid North Coast and Liverpool Range celebrate veteran volunteers

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The Member for Oxley Melinda Pavey MP and NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Region North Manager Chief Superintendent Brett Condie today recognised the achievements and long standing service of Mid North Coast Team and Liverpool Range Zone volunteers, and officially handed over seven new firefighting vehicles to local brigades.

Chief Superintendent Condie said he was honoured to present 36 volunteers with their Long Service Medals and National Medals in recognition of their combined 831 years of service.

“These medals are a proud acknowledgement of the volunteers’ dedication to protecting their community and the commitment they have given to their brigades and I know all those recognised today will continue to serve for many years to come,” Chief Superintendent Condie said.

“I would like to make particular mention of Keith ‘Tim’ Bake, who is being recognised for his 61 years of service to the community and who remains an enthusiastic and valuable member of the NSW RFS, currently servicing as the Deervale brigade captain.

“Also worthy of special mention is Liverpool Range Zone volunteer and permit officer Basil Bendiech, who has been an active member of the Tambar Springs Brigade for 57 years.”

During the ceremony, Mrs Pavey and Chief Superintendent Condie officially handed over seven new vehicles over to seven Brigades.

The Fernmount, Repton, Orara, Woolgoolga and Bonville Brigades each received a new Category 1 tanker, the Nana Glen Brigade received a Category 7 tanker and the Woolgoolga Brigade was handed a new support vehicle.

“The NSW RFS and state and local governments are committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the equipment and resources they need to protect their local communities and I know these new vehicles will help provide an even greater level of service,” Mrs Pavey said