



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Long serving Shoalhaven District volunteers honoured

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) volunteers from across the Shoalhaven District have been honoured for their longstanding commitment to the local community at a special medal presentation this evening.

Member for Kiama Gareth Ward and NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Stuart Midgley presented 20 National Medals and 15 Long Service Medals to 27 NSW RFS volunteers in recognition of their service and dedication to the community.

“In total, this represents 749 years of combined service across the Shoalhaven District,” Mr Ward said.

“The dedication of all the volunteers being recognised is inspiring.”

Assistant Commissioner Midgley made particular mention of Marlene Thornley of the St Georges Basin Brigade, who has received the Long Service Medal 4th Clasp and National Medal 3rd Clasp in recognition of her 50 years of service.

“A Brigade Life Member, Marlene has held many positions during her time with the brigade, including Deputy Captain, Secretary and President of the Junior Brigade,” Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.

“Marlene has attended many fire incidents over the years and her diligence and commitment to protecting her community is outstanding.

“I would also like to acknowledge Lindsay Parnell, current Deputy Captain of the Basin View Brigade, who is being recognised for his 45 years’ active service.

“A member since 1972 when he first joined the Tomerong Brigade, Lindsay continues to support his Brigade and local community and is worthy of the National Medal 2nd and 3rd Clasp and Long Service Medal 3rd Clasp.

“Every one of these volunteers are worthy of our most sincere thanks and I would like to personally commend them, not only for their commitment to the Service, but also to their community.”

Assistant Commissioner Midgley said the hard work and professionalism of all Shoalhaven District 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.,” Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.

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