



**NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai District volunteers recognised for their continued dedication**

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Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai District members were today honored by the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) for their ongoing commitment to the local community.

A total of 25 volunteers were presented with Long Service Medals and five members with National Medals by NSW RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons and Member for Hornsby Matt Kean, at a special ceremony held at the Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai Fire Control Centre.

Mr Kean recognised that in total, these medal recipients have accumulated an impressive 621 years of service between them.

“This is testament to the ongoing commitment shown by Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai District members to both the NSW RFS and the local community,” Mr Kean said.

Commissioner Fitzsimmons noted four of the recipients today have given 40 or more years each in service to their communities.

“I’d like to give particular mention to John Corry from the Ku-ring-gai Brigade, who has been a valued member of the NSW RFS for 51 years,” Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

“John joined the Service in 1965 and has been his Brigade’s longest serving Captain, holding the role for 19 years.

“A life member of the Brigade, John continues to use his exceptional level and skill and experience to provide guidance to all members of his brigade in his current roles of Deputy Captain and Vice President.

“Jim Fahey should also be congratulated for his 46 years’ service, a proud achievement worthy of a member of who first joined the Eloura Brigade back in 1971.

“Since then, Jim has continued to provide his vast experience and leadership skills from the Brigade to District level.

“Well done to Warwick Thomson and Alasdair McIntosh from the Dural Brigade on their 40 years’ service each as well.

“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,”

“The hard work and professionalism of all Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai 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 all 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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