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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Lower North Coast volunteers recognised for their service

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NSW Rural Fire Service Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons and local dignitaries recognised the outstanding service of volunteer firefighters on the Lower North Coast over the weekend.

Commissioner Fitzsimmons presented 44 Long Service Medals to local volunteers who have amassed an outstanding 885 years of collective service.

“It is an honour to present these awards and witness the dedication and enthusiasm our volunteers have for protecting their local community.

“I am proud of the efforts of these ladies and gentlemen and all of our members throughout the Lower North Coast.

“It has been a particularly challenging bush fire season and their commitment throughout this busy summer has been exemplary.

“I would particularly like to acknowledge Mr Darryl Lang of the Gumma Brigade who will be receiving an award for an outstanding 55 years service to his community,” said Commissioner Fitzsimmons.

Group Captain Glenn Brown will also receive a National Medal for the service and leadership he has shown during his 35 years of service. The National Medal is awarded to members who go above and beyond the call of duty.

“Our members don’t volunteer their time for awards or accolades, however this weekend is an opportunity for the wider NSW community to express our sincere thanks for their ongoing contribution,” said Commissioner Fitzsimmons.

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