



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Southern Highlands Team volunteers recognised for long service

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The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Southern Highlands Team will tonight recognise and celebrate the dedication and commitment of long serving members.

Lou Amato MLC and NSW RFS Senior Assistant Commissioner Bruce McDonald will join local volunteers to present 17 National Medals and 39 Long Service Medals at a special ceremony to be held at the Mittagong RSL Club.

“These members do not volunteer their time for the accolades, however these medals are a proud acknowledgement of the commitment shown by these individuals over the years,” Mr Amato said.

“More than 1,077 years of service will be recognised by this evenings recipients and I know that the community is thankful for the world-class level of fire protection afforded to them by volunteers across the Southern Highlands Team area.

“I personally extend my gratitude to all of our dedicated firefighters for their continued service to and for the community.”

Senior Assistant Commissioner McDonald is honoured to present Peter Shearer with the NSW RFS Long Service Medal 4th Clasp.

“Peter has been a dedicated volunteer member of the NSW RFS for 50 years after joining the Wilton Brigade in 1968,” Senior Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

“Over five decades with the Service, he has been a very active member and is currently Brigade Captain.

Senior Assistant Commissioner McDonald also acknowledged the contribution of Arthur Griffiths and Peter Fallon, who will each receive be recognised for 46 years of service.

“Receiving the NSW RFS Long Service Medal and National Medal 2nd and 3rd Clasp, Peter is currently Deputy Captain of the Alpine Brigade and is highly respected by his colleagues,” Senior Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

“Arthur joined the Exeter Brigade in 1973 and as an integral member, is worthy of the Long Service Medal 1st, 2nd and 3rd Clasps.”

Senior Assistant Commissioner McDonald said that each volunteer being recognised this evening has demonstrated an exceptional level of commitment to their community.

“I offer my sincere thanks and gratitude to all the NSW RFS staff and volunteers who continue to work hard for their communities,” Senior Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

“We must also thank the family, friends, employers 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.”



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