



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Macarthur Zone volunteers recognised for their service

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Macarthur Zone volunteers were today honoured by the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) for their ongoing commitment to the local community.

A total of 39 volunteers were presented with 32 Long Service Medals and seven National Medals by NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Jason Heffernan.

Nine volunteers were honoured for giving more than 30 years of dedicated service to their Brigades and the local community.

"In total, these medal recipients have accumulated an impressive 813 years of service between them," Assistant Commissioner Heffernan said.

"This is testament to the ongoing commitment shown by Macarthur Zone volunteers to both the Service and the local community.

"The hard work and professionalism of all Macarthur Zone volunteers does not go unnoticed and this is a great opportunity for the broader community to express their gratitude and say thank you.

Assistant Commissioner Heffernan made particular mention of Garth Eggleston and Alf Raistrick, who today both received the Long Service Medal 5th Clasp in recognition of their more than 60 years of service.

"Both Garth and Alf have devoted six decades of their lives to providing dedicated and distinguished service to the local community," Assistant Commissioner Heffernan said.

"They, as do all volunteers, dedicate themselves to providing a vital service to the community and these medals are a fitting token of our appreciation.

"It is an absolute honour to present these awards and to take a moment in which we can reflect upon the outstanding achievements of these members."

National Medals are presented to NSW RFS members who go above and beyond, in recognition of their years of diligent service.