



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Hunter Valley volunteers celebrate long serving members and new station**

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The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Hunter Valley Team today acknowledged the achievements of long serving volunteers while celebrating the official opening of Mangoola station.

NSW RFS Senior Assistant Commissioner Bruce McDonald AFSM presented long service medals to 43 volunteers and officially opened the new station.

Senior Assistant Commissioner Bruce McDonald said the new facility would provide enhanced support to the volunteers and the communities they protect.

“The NSW RFS remains committed to providing our volunteer firefighters with the equipment and resources they need to protect their local communities,” Senior Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

“This new station encompasses three tanker bays, meeting rooms, a kitchen and storeroom.”

Forty-three Long Service medals were also presented to members of the Hunter Valley Team in recognition of their dedication, commitment and service to the local area.

Senior Assistant Commissioner McDonald said the forty-three medal recipients have accumulated a total of 966 years of service between them.

“I’d particularly like to congratulate the seven members who have given more than 40 years of service each,” Senior Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

“I must commend William Tindale for his 60 years of service to the NSW RFS.

“William joined Widden Valley Bridage in 1958 and has filled a number of operational positions across a number of brigades. Today, William’s focus is with the Hunter Valley Catering Brigade, where he supports frontline firefighters during operations.”

Senior Assistant Commissioner McDonald recognised the exceptional level of commitment given by all medal recipients.

“I 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.”

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