



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Praise for long serving Blue Mountains District volunteers

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) volunteers from the Blue Mountains District will be honoured for their longstanding commitment to the local community at a special medal presentation this evening.

Shayne Mallard MLC and NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Rebel Talbert will present 15 National Medals and 13 Long Service Medals to 27 volunteers in recognition of their service and dedication to the community.

“In total, this represents 791 years of combined service across the Blue Mountains District, including three members who have each given 50 years’ service to their Brigades and communities” Mr Mallard said.

“Every one of the volunteers being recognised this week are worthy of our most sincere thanks and I personally commend them, not only for their commitment to the Service, but also to their community.”

Assistant Commissioner Talbert makes particular mention of William Marks, who will receive the Long Service Medal 4th Clasp in recognition of his 50 years of service.

“William joined the Service in 1967 as a member of the Bullaburra Brigade, then Hazelbrook and then as a member of Mt Riverview Brigade since 1972, where he has since received Life Membership,” Assistant Commissioner Talbert said.

“I would also like to acknowledge Mt Riverview Brigade’s Alan Spears and Dennis Hancock for their respective 50 years’ service, their commitment and enthusiasm is much appreciated.

“The hard work and professionalism of all Blue Mountains District volunteers does not go unnoticed and this will be a great opportunity for the broader community to express their gratitude and say thank you,” Assistant Commissioner Talbert said.

“The dedication of these and all the volunteers being recognised is inspiring.”

“We must 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.

“It will be an absolute honour to present these awards and to take a moment in which we can reflect upon the outstanding achievements of these members and the untold benefit they have provided to their local communities.”



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