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Mid Coast District applauds dedicated RFS volunteers

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The achievements of more than 60 dedicated RFS Mid Coast District volunteers will be celebrated tonight with the presentation of medals in honour of their long service and the commitment to protect communities.

RFS Area Commander, Chief Superintendent Kam Baker said members and special guests will attend the ceremony as eight National Emergency Medals are presented.

Chief Superintendent Baker said the National Emergency Medal was awarded to persons who rendered sustained or significant service during nationally-significant emergencies in Australia.

“Members of the Mid Coast District played an integral part in the firefighting response during the 2019/20 fire season and rose to the challenge to protect communities,” he said.

Also being honoured for a combined 1,036 years of service, 47 RFS firefighters will be presented with National Medals and Long Service Medals.

“The members being recognised today range from 10 to 53 years of service, with a special mention of Bonny Hills Rural Fire Brigade member Hans Krawitz for his incredible 53 years of service to the RFS,” Chief Superintendent Baker said.

“We also congratulate 10 exceptional Mid Coast volunteers with National Medals which are earned for long service which has gone above and beyond normal expectations,” he said.

Chief Superintendent Baker congratulated each of the Mid Coast District volunteers on their dedication, commitment and service to their communities.

“You only have to look at the 2019/20 season to see how hard our skilled firefighters and support crews work to keep us safe when fires threaten, as experienced here on the Mid Coast and across the state during the Black Summer fires,” he said.

“I would like to take this time to praise all our volunteers for their ongoing efforts each and every day.

“We also thank the family, friends, employers and colleagues of all RFS volunteers. We know it takes their ongoing support and patience to assist and enable our volunteers to do what they do to save lives and property.”

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