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Volunteers celebrate North West Zone veterans and station upgrades

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) firefighters will be presented with medals honouring their long-standing service and commitment to the local community.

NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Steve Yorke will present 35 Long Service Medals to 35 volunteers at three ceremonies being held in the North West Zone today and tomorrow.

The medal recipients, who have collectively amassed an impressive 1,067 years of service, are members of the Murrawombie, Buckkiinguy Lemongrove, Collarenebri Town, Cumborah Village and Glengarry/Grawin Rural Fire Brigades (RFBs).

"I sincerely thank each and every one of these volunteers for their unwavering dedication and for selflessly giving up their time to help the community," Assistant Commissioner Yorke said.

"Each of these men and women provide a vital service to their community, whether they're fighting bush, grass, crop or structure fires or attending road accidents.

"It is an honour to present these awards and reflect upon the outstanding achievements of these members."

Assistant Commissioner Yorke made particular mention of Jim Marr, who was posthumously awarded the Long Service Medal and 5th Clasp in honour of his 63 years of service.

The Collarenebri Town RFB also officially celebrated upgrades to their station, which include a kitchen/meeting area, toilet and shower facilities and electric roller doors.

"I would like to thank both the Walgett Shire Council and the Rural Fire Service Association for their generous contributions, which made these upgrades possible," Assistant Commissioner Yorke said.

Assistant Commissioner Yorke thanked the medal recipients for their commitment and dedication to providing the North West Zone with a world class firefighting service.

"I would like to take this time to praise all North West Zone volunteers for their ongoing efforts each and every day," Assistant Commissioner Yorke said.

"Their hard work and professionalism does not go unnoticed and this is a great opportunity for the broader community to express their gratitude and say thank you.

"This significant commitment demonstrates that the tradition of volunteering is thriving in this region."

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