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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

\$200,000 boost and praise for Frogmore volunteer firefighters

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons has praised volunteers from the Frogmore Rural Fire Brigade on their long-standing commitment to the community.

“The volunteers of the Frogmore Brigade have served the community with distinction for over a century.

Commissioner Fitzsimmons presented the 21 volunteers with Long Service Medals at the official opening of the Frogmore Rural Fire Brigade’s new Station where he also presented the brigade with the keys to a new bush firefighting truck.

“Between them, these 21 members have more than 900 years of experience in the Rural Fire Service. This is a remarkable achievement, with many of the recipients here today dedicating more than 50 and 60 years to the local brigade and community.

“I would particularly like to pay tribute to Theo Fogg who is sadly being awarded his Long Service medal posthumously, and I would like to thank his wife Judy for accepting the accolade on his behalf,” Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

“I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of Jack O’Malley who has notched up more than 70 years in the RFS.

“Like all of the Members being recognised here today, Theo and Jack are a demonstration of the inspirational and selfless contribution of our volunteers.”

Commissioner Fitzsimmons also officially handed over a new bush fire truck to the brigade.

“The NSW RFS is committed to ensuring that our volunteers are equipped with the necessary equipment needed in order to go about their duties. This new fire station, and new vehicle which replaces an older style model, will help the volunteers continue their outstanding work in the community.

“Whether fighting fires, assisting with flood and storm recovery or attending road accidents, the volunteers here today are always on hand when needed, and the Frogmore community should be most proud” he said.

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