



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Central Coast District thanks volunteers and honours veteran firefighters

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The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) today honoured Central Coast District members for their long-standing commitment and thanked volunteers from all agencies and organisations for their continued dedication towards both helping and protecting the community.

NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Rebel Talbert attended a ceremony as part of Central Coast Volunteer Appreciation Day, where 17 National Medals and 50 Long Service Medals were presented to 63 recipients in recognition of their extraordinary achievements and combined 1,383 years of service.

“The hard work and professionalism of these and indeed all NSW RFS members does not go unnoticed and while they do not ask for praise, we gladly award these medals as a proud acknowledgement of their contribution and commitment,” Assistant Commissioner Talbert said.

“The Central Coast District is afforded a world-class level of fire protection due to the experience and dedication of our 57 Rural Fire Brigades and we cannot thank them enough.”

Assistant Commissioner Talbert said seven of the 63 medal recipients have dedicated more than 40 years each to the Service and the community.

“Every member is worthy of the highest praise, however I would like to make particular mention of Rodger Wilson, who is being awarded the Long Service Medal 4th Clasp and Jennifer Farrell, who is receiving the National Medal 3rd Clasp,” Assistant Commissioner Talbert said.

“Rodger joined the Kulnura Brigade in 1967 and has since become a brigade Life Member, while also serving as Treasurer, Maintenance Officer and Deputy Captain.

“A member of the Matcham/Holgate Brigade, Jennifer joined the NSW RFS in 2012 after many decades with National Parks and Wildlife, serving in a variety of roles in her brigade including Senior Deputy Captain.

“It is an absolute honor to present these awards and to take a moment to reflect upon the outstanding achievements of all of these members.”

Assistant Commissioner Talbert thanked the Central Coast public for embracing the opportunity to say thanks to local volunteers, who selflessly spend time away from their family and friends to contribute to the community.

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