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Celebrations for Towrang Rural Fire Brigade on 80th anniversary

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) members will gather tomorrow night to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Towrang Rural Fire Brigade and honour the long-standing dedication and commitment to protecting the community by its members.

Member for Goulburn Wendy Tuckerman and NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Stuart Midgley AFSM will congratulate members past and present for building the brigade into the community institution it is today.

"This Brigade has a proud history and has put in a lot of effort developing its members over the years and strengthening its relationship with the community," Mrs Tuckerman said.

"Today, the brigade responds to a wide range of emergency incidents ranging from bush and grass fires, to motor vehicle accidents and fires, to lending a helping hand at community events and helping residents prepare for the fire season."

Assistant Commissioner Midgley said long serving volunteers will also be acknowledged with the presentation of 14 Long Service Medals, representing a combined 363 years of service.

"There will be five members who will be acknowledged for more than 30 years' service each," Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.

"This includes Myrna Burman for 31 years, Andrew Divall for 33 years and Clinton Landow, a committed volunteer who will be recognized for 33 years dedication to the community.

"We will also show appreciation to Rose Divall, who has been heavily involved in the provision of catering services for firefighters over 50 years, and who will accept the Long Service Medal for 50 years which will be given posthumously to her late husband, John Divall.

"The hard work and professionalism of all NSW RFS members does not go unnoticed and while they do not ask for praise, we should take this milestone to acknowledge their contribution and commitment."

Assistant Commissioner Midgley said the Southern Tablelands is afforded a world-class level of fire protection due to the experience and dedication of its 63 Rural Fire Brigades.

"We must also thank the family, friends, employers and colleagues of these and all volunteers, we know it takes their support to help Rural Fire Service members do what they do," Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.

