



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Praise for Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai's long-standing volunteer firefighters

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Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai District volunteers were last night honored by the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) for their ongoing commitment to the local community.

A total of 31 volunteers were presented with 29 Long Service Medals and two National Medals and clasps by NSW RFS Senior Assistant Commissioner Bruce McDonald.

Three volunteers were honoured for giving more than 30 years of dedicated service to their Brigades and the local community.

"In total, these medal recipients have accumulated an impressive 508 years of service between them," Senior Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

"This is testament to the ongoing commitment shown by Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai volunteers to both the NSW RFS and the local community."

Senior Assistant Commissioner McDonald made particular mention of Mike Vernon, who has been a valued member of the NSW RFS for 41 years.

"Mike joined the Ku-ring-gai Brigade in 1971. His contribution has also been recognized by the Ku-ring-gai Brigade awarding him as a life member in 2010," Senior Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

"The hard work and professionalism of all Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai volunteers does not go unnoticed and this was a great opportunity for the broader community to express their gratitude and say thank you.

"Last night's recipients, as do all volunteers, dedicate themselves to providing a vital service to the community and these medals are our proud acknowledgement of their efforts.

"It is an absolute honor to have presented these awards and to take a moment in which we could reflect upon the outstanding achievements of these members."