



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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### Canobolas Zone volunteers to be recognised for long service

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The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Canobolas Zone will recognise and celebrate the dedication and commitment of long serving members at a special presentation tomorrow afternoon.

NSW RFS Chief Superintendent John Parnaby will join local volunteers to present 19 Long Service medals at the ceremony to be held at the Cowra Services Club.

"These members do not volunteer their time for the accolades, however these medals are a proud acknowledgement of the commitment shown by these individuals over the years," Chief Superintendent Parnaby said.

"More than 649 years of service will be recognised tomorrow and I know that the community is thankful for the world-class level of fire protection afforded to them by volunteers across the Canobolas Zone.

"I personally extend my gratitude to all of our dedicated firefighters for their continued service to and for the community."

Chief Superintendent Parnaby said he is honoured to present Tom Ryan with the 4<sup>th</sup> Clasp of his NSW RFS Long Service Medal.

"Tom has been a dedicated volunteer member of the NSW RFS for 61 years as a member of Darby's Falls Brigade. He held the position of brigade captain for an amazing 38 years, from 1972 to 2010," Chief Superintendent Parnaby said.

"This is our opportunity to thank Tom for the dedication he has shown to his brigade and the commitment to the safety of the community."

Chief Superintendent Parnaby also acknowledged the contribution of Ian Morrison, who received the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Clasps of his Long Service Medal in recognition of his 58 years of service to the community.

"John has been a diligent member of the NSW RFS for an exceptional period of time for which we are truly grateful," Chief Superintendent Parnaby said.

"Congratulations also to Alf Quigg of the Billimari Brigade, being recognised for 52 years' service."

Chief Superintendent Parnaby said that each volunteer being recognised has demonstrated an exceptional level of commitment to their community.

"I offer my sincere thanks and gratitude to all the NSW RFS staff and volunteers who continue to work hard for their communities," Chief Superintendent Parnaby said.

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



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