



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Oldest brigade in the Hills celebrates 75 years with Long Service Medals

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Assistant Commissioner Stuart Midgley has congratulated the volunteers of the Kellyville Rural Fire Brigade on their 75th Anniversary.

Assistant Commissioner Midgley said that local volunteers have been serving the Kellyville since the late 1930s when major fires occurred in the area, inspiring locals to form the brigade.

“From its humble beginnings, we have watched the Kellyville Rural Fire Brigade grow into the professional and dedicated firefighting service we are celebrating today.

“Three quarters of a century ago the people of Kellyville banded together to help each other during emergencies, and that same community spirit lives on 75 years later.”

“Established in 1939, the Kellyville Rural Fire Brigade is the oldest in the Shire and has a strong history of working tirelessly to attend emergencies both locally and further afield when needed.

The Brigade’s anniversary was marked at a ceremony today where Assistant Commissioner Midgley also presented 17 volunteers with Long Service Medals.

“It is an honour to present these awards and reflect upon the outstanding achievements of these members.

“Between them, these 17 volunteers have amassed a 400 years of experience in the NSW RFS, this is an inspirational achievement.

“The two longest serving today have both been with the Service for 37 years, Anthony Stocker and Grahame McLeod.

“The experience of fire behaviour and local knowledge that both these men bring to Brigade has been a tremendous asset over the years.

“It is the commitment of volunteers like these gentlemen, along with all those receiving medals today, that will see the Kellyville Brigade maintain a strong presence in the community into the future,” Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.