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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

NSW RFS Bumbaldry volunteers recognised for service

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Three members of the New South Wales Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) from the Bumbaldry Brigade have had their long and committed service to the community recognised at a ceremony held in their honour today.

NSW RFS Region West Manager, Paul Smith presented the volunteers with their Long Service Medals and congratulated them on their hard work and dedication.

"Each of the volunteers here today has served their brigade with distinction, accumulating more than 139 years of service between them, which is a huge achievement.

"Two cousins are being recognised today for their long standing commitment to their local Brigades, Ronald Fox-Ashwin and David Fox-Ashwin.

"They have both been committed members of the Bumbaldry Rural Fire Brigade since 1964 and are receiving medals today in recognition of 47 years of dedicated service."

Paul Smith said everyone receiving medals is an excellent example of the commitment demonstrated by NSW RFS volunteers and their community has every reason to be proud of their achievement.

"The individuals being awarded with medals today have all played an integral role in protecting their community, through fighting bush fires, house fires, attending road accidents or assisting during storms and floods.

"Their fundraising work and community education efforts must also be recognised as a valuable part of their role as RFS members.

"Volunteers are the backbone of the NSW RFS and deserve sincere gratitude from the community for their selfless work.

"While our members don't volunteer for awards or accolades, this is a way for the wider community area to express our sincere thanks for their ongoing contribution," Region West Manager Paul Smith concluded.

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