



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Celebrations for Riverina Zone volunteers

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Longstanding volunteers from the Riverina Zone were honoured today by the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) for their ongoing commitment to the local community.

Assistant Commissioner Jason Heffernan presented 36 Long Service and National Medals to volunteers in recognition of their ongoing commitment to the local community.

The 36 medal recipients have accumulated a total of 1,312 years of service between them, with four members having dedicated more than 60 years to their brigades.

Assistant Commissioner Heffernan made particular mention of Harold Dew, who has been a valued member of the Service for 76 years.

“Harold joined the NSW RFS at just 12 years of age in 1939. He held the position of Captain for 18 years.”

“Each of the volunteers being recognised has demonstrated an exceptional level of commitment to their community over the years and these medals are our proud acknowledgement of their efforts,” Assistant Commissioner Heffernan said.

“I know they will continue to serve their local communities and share their knowledge, experience and firefighting skills both locally and further afield.”

Assistant Commissioner Heffernan also officially opened the Lake Albert Brigade station extension and congratulated the Lake Albert Brigade for serving 110 years to the community.

“Some members of this brigade have been loyal fire fighters since the early days. People who have seen this brigade grow and flourish into the highly regarded community asset it is today. These people have been protecting residents in the Riverina Zone for well over a century”

“The extension of the station will enable volunteers to provide an even greater level of protection to the local community,” Assistant Commissioner Heffernan said.

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