



**NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**



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## **Celebrations continue for Mid Murray Zone**

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At a ceremony held in Moama today, NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Senior Assistant Commissioner Bruce McDonald recognized the ongoing and outstanding commitment made by volunteers from the Moama Rural Fire Brigade.

“The 11 recipients receiving Long Service medals have accumulated a total of 242 years of service between them, with one member recognised for giving an amazing 61 years of service to the Moama community,” Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

“Edward Gilmore, who joined the Moama Brigade in 1955, has been a well respected member of the community for many decades.

“Congratulations also to Richard Wearne for his 32 years service and Kerry Barlow, who over the last 38 years has held the positions of Deputy Captain and President since joining the Brigade in 1978.

“These medals are an acknowledgement of the effort volunteers have put in to protecting their community and the level of commitment they have given to their Brigade.

“I know all those recognised today will continue to serve their local communities for many years to come and share their knowledge, experience and firefighting skills both locally and further afield.”

During the ceremony three new vehicles were also officially handed over to three Mid Murray Zone Brigades. The Tullakool Brigade and the Koraleigh Brigade each received a new Category 1 tanker, and Deniliquin Brigade was handed over a new command vehicle.

“The NSW RFS is committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the equipment they need to carry out the important work they do to protect their local communities from fire,” Senior Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

“It is a wonderful day for members of these Brigades, who are receiving these impressive new firefighting resources, valued at \$740,000 combined.

“These vehicles are replacing older style models and will allow firefighters to continue providing a high level of emergency service response to residents in the area.

“I’d like to extend the thanks of not only the Service, but also local community, for the exceptional level of fire protection provided by the Brigades in the Mid Murray Zone.”

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