



**NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**



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## **More than 100 long serving volunteers honoured**

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Volunteer firefighters from the Canobolas Zone had their long and dedicated service recognised during an official ceremony this week.

NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Deputy Commissioner Rob Rogers presented National Medals and Long Service Medals to a group of 101 volunteers who have amassed an impressive 2336 years of service between them.

"This significant commitment demonstrates that the tradition of volunteering is thriving in this region," Deputy Commissioner Rogers said.

"Each of these men and women provide a vital service to their community, whether they're fighting bush fires, attending road accidents or educating the community about fire safety and preparation.

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

Deputy Commissioner Rogers said the National Medal and Long Service Medal recipients demonstrate the same selfless commitment shown by all NSW RFS volunteers.

"Each and every one of these volunteers are worthy of our most sincere thanks and I would like to personally commend them, not only for their commitment to the Service, but also to their community."

Deputy Commissioner Rogers made particular mention of Kevin Breen and Keith Spicer, who have both been valued members of the Service for 57 and 62 years respectively.

"Both of these men have both shown significant commitment to the Service and their communities, both in the number of years served and their time spent leading their brigades as Captain," Deputy Commissioner Rogers said.

"Kevin was Captain of the Torrington Brigade for 19 years and Keith was Captain of the Lower Lewis Pond Brigade for 37 years. The contribution of both these men, along with their colleagues recognised today, is greatly appreciated by brigade members, community members and the Canobolas Zone."

"I would like to take this time to praise all our volunteers for their ongoing efforts each and every day, particularly when dealing with emergencies here in the Canobolas Zone," said Deputy Commissioner Rogers.

National Medals are presented to volunteers who go above and beyond what is expected of active members within their Brigade.



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