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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Celebrations for Wollondilly's long-standing volunteer firefighters

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Some of the Wollondilly areas most experienced and well seasoned volunteer firefighters were applauded today for their commitment to their local community.

NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Assistant Commissioner Dominic Lane said Wollondilly Rural Fire Brigade members gathered today to mark their 60th anniversary, a significant landmark for the brigade.

"More than 60 years ago the residents of Wollondilly banded together to respond to bush and grass fires and it's heartening to see that dedication still going strong today.

"Throughout the last 60 years this brigade has become an integral part of the local community.

"Whether it's responding to bush fire emergencies, like we've seen on many occasions over the years, or assisting with flood rescue and recovery – these volunteers are on hand 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"People in this area know all too well the hard work, professionalism and pride that comes with being an NSW RFS volunteer and today we are awarding some of those outstanding members with Long Service Medals.

"Two of the members being recognised today have been with this brigade from the early days and today they are receiving Life Membership of the NSW RFS, a great honour," said Assistant Commissioner Lane.

Assistant Commissioner Lane said Shirley and Kim Casburn have both notched up noteworthy careers with the Service and still hold the positions of President and Captain respectively.

"Both of these members are shining examples of the steadfast dedication demonstrated by NSW RFS volunteer firefighters right across the state.

"In celebrating 60 years we'd like to say a sincere thank you to the volunteers and also their families and loved ones for their support.

"It is a great honour to be celebrating 60 years of community protection and I know these volunteers will still be here continuing to serve their local community in years to come," said Assistant Commissioner Lane.

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