



## Hills volunteers recognised for service

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Assistant Commissioner Dominic Lane has congratulated 60 volunteers from The Hills District who have been recognised for their long and diligent service.

Assistant Commissioner Lane said the volunteers from The Hills Shire have made an invaluable contribution to their communities.

“These volunteers have served with distinction, accumulating more than 1,200 years of service between them which is an incredible milestone.

“Four of the volunteers receiving Long Service Medals today have each recorded 40 or more years in the NSW RFS – with one member reaching an impressive 48 years.

“Beverley Marshall, Greg Hitchcock, Peter Goldstein and Robert Arps are all shining examples of the dedication displayed by NSW RFS volunteers.”

Assistant Commissioner Lane presented the volunteers with their medals at a ceremony held at The Hills Council Chambers.

“These members have played an integral role in their communities, whether fighting bush fires, house fire, attending road accidents or assisting during storms and floods.

“It’s wonderful to see so many of today’s medal recipients receiving recognition for 10, 20 or 30 years as volunteers. It’s an indication that the NSW RFS tradition in this region is continuing.

Assistant Commissioner Lane said that volunteers are the backbone of the NSW RFS and deserved 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 The Hills and wider NSW community to express our sincere thanks for their ongoing contribution,” Assistant Commissioner Lane said.

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