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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

## Long Service Medals for Greater Taree Volunteers

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Deputy Commissioner Rob Rogers has congratulated volunteer firefighters from Greater Taree for their long and dedicated service.

Deputy Commissioner Rogers said the volunteers have made an enormous contribution to the community and are the back bone of the Service.

“Together these 16 volunteers have dedicated over 360 of service to the NSW RFS and it is an honour to recognise their commitment to their community.

“I would like to highlight the significant achievements of two volunteers, Donald and Edward Gibson, brothers who have both committed 45 years service, and have been instrumental in the development of the Killabakh Rural Fire Brigade.”

“Their hard work and professionalism doesn’t go unnoticed and this is the chance for the community to express their gratitude and say thank you,” Deputy Commissioner Rogers said.

The volunteers were presented with their long service medals at a ceremony at the Greater Taree City Council Chambers.

“All of the members being awarded medals today are examples of the selfless commitment demonstrated by volunteers across NSW.

“These men and women each play a vital role in their community, whether fighting bush fires or attending road accidents, assisting during storms or floods. It is an honour to present these medals, the years committed by these volunteers is inspiring”.

“I would like to take this time to thank the volunteers for their efforts each and every day, particularly dealing with major incidents in the Mid North Coast and right across New South Wales.

“While NSW RFS members don’t volunteer for awards or accolades, this is a way for the Greater Taree and wider NSW community to express our sincere thanks for their ongoing contribution,” Deputy Commissioner Rogers said.

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