



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Volunteers honored as Bournemouth celebrates new station

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Orana Team and Parliamentary Secretary for Western NSW Sarah Mitchell MLC today recognised the achievements of veteran volunteers at two separate ceremonies across the region.

Mrs Mitchell said the NSW Government is committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the equipment they need to carry out the important work they do to protect their local communities.

“Each of the volunteers being recognised today has demonstrated an exceptional level of commitment to their community over the years and these medals are an acknowledgement of their efforts,” Mrs Mitchell said.

At the official opening of the new Bournemouth Fire Station, NSW RFS Senior Assistant Commissioner Bruce McDonald was honored to present 29 Long Service Medals and Clasps to members of the Bournemouth Brigade, in recognition of their ongoing commitment to the local community.

“These 29 medal recipients, all from the Bournemouth Brigade have accumulated a total of 1027 years of service between them, showing the significant dedication they all have to the NSW RFS,” Senior Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

“Sadly one long standing Bournemouth member, John Philipson, passed away earlier this year. Our deepest sympathies are with John’s family as we pay tribute to the amazing 64 years of service with his posthumous award.

“This new station will provide secure parking and storage for firefighting vehicles and equipment, members will also benefit from new amenities including a kitchenette.

A second ceremony held at the Dubbo Fire Control Centre saw a further 20 members of the Orana Team recognised for their service, accumulating 650 years of service between them.

Members from Benelong, Burrabadine, Cuttabulloo, Eulomogo, Pembroke and Wongarbon Brigades were acknowledged for their outstanding dedication to the protection of not only their local communities, but their willingness to respond to calls near and far.

Senior Assistant Commissioner McDonald said everyone living in the region is aware of the hard work that comes with being a NSW RFS volunteer.

“Notably eight of the recipients today have given more than 50 years each in service to their communities. While our volunteers certainly don’t expect awards or accolades, all of them are most worthy of our sincere gratitude and thanks,” Senior Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

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