



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



MEDIA RELEASE

Central Coast volunteers praised for their continued dedication

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Volunteers were today honored by the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) for their ongoing commitment to the local community.

A total of 71 volunteers from the Central Coast District were presented with Long Service Medals and two volunteers with National Medals by Mr Scot MacDonald MLC and NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Stuart Midgley AFSM at a special ceremony in Doyalson.

Mr MacDonald recognised that in total, these medal recipients have accumulated an impressive 1381 years of service between them.

“This is testament to the ongoing commitment shown by Central Coast volunteers to both the NSW RFS and the local community,” Mr MacDonald said.

“One volunteer, Allan Ferguson, was honoured for giving 42 years of dedicated service to his Brigade.

“Receiving the Long Service Medal and 3rd Clasp, Allan first joined the Killcare / Wagstaff Brigade in 1974 and since then transferring to Empire Bay, has held the positions of Brigade President and Deputy Captain.

“Congratulations to Neville Koch on his 39 years. The current Captain of the Mandalong Brigade has been volunteering since he first joined the Gosford Headquarters Brigade in 1978.”

Assistant Commissioner Midgley also applauded both Dale Horn from Gosford Communication and Peter Ardill of Gosford Aviation on their National Medals.

“Both members have gone above and beyond what is expected from their Brigades with 30 and 34 years service respectively,” Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.

“The hard work and professionalism of all Central Coast District volunteers does not go unnoticed.

“Today’s recipients, as do all NSW RFS volunteers, dedicate themselves to providing a vital service to the community and these medals are our proud acknowledgement of their efforts.

“It is an absolute honor to present these awards and to take a moment in which we can reflect upon the outstanding achievements of these members.”

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