



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Dunmore Rural Fire Brigade celebrates 60th year and veteran volunteers

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) members today gathered to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Dunmore Rural Fire Brigade (RFB) and honour Illawarra District volunteers for their long-standing dedication and commitment to protecting the community.

NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Stuart Midgley congratulated members past and present for building the Dunmore RFB into the community institution it is today.

“This Brigade has a proud history of community service and spirit, formed in 1958 following a fire a few years previously which was fought by locals with no equipment, no truck and no station,” Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.

“Today, the Brigade responds to a wide range of emergency incidents ranging from bush and grass fires, motor vehicle accidents and flood events, as well as lending a helping hand at community events and helping locals prepare for the fire season.”

Assistant Commissioner Midgley also presented Long Service Medals to 10 members in recognition of their combined 248 years of service.

“Every member is worthy of the highest praise, however I would like to make particular mention of Tony Hardy and David Green, who are receiving the Long Service Medal 2nd Clasp in recognition of their 45 and 38 years of service,” Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.

“Tony joined the Dunmore Brigade in 1973 and was soon elected Captain, a position he held for 21 years before he was elected as a Group Captain, while David has filled a variety of roles, including Deputy Captain, Brigade Secretary, Training Officer and First Aid Officer.”

“The hard work and professionalism of NSW RFS members does not go unnoticed and, while they do not ask for praise, we gladly award these medals as a proud acknowledgement of their contribution and commitment.”

Assistant Commissioner Midgley said Dunmore’s 60th anniversary and medal presentation was a great opportunity for the Service and community to say thank you to all volunteer members.

“The Illawarra District is afforded a world-class level of fire protection due to the experience and dedication of our 22 Rural Fire Brigades and we cannot thank them enough,” Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.

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