



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Celebrations for Mid Lachlan Valley Team

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) members gathered today to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Brundah Rural Fire Brigade (RFB), honour volunteers for their long-standing dedication and welcome the handover of a new fire vehicles.

NSW RFS Senior Assistant Commissioner Bruce McDonald AFSM said members past and present should be congratulated for building the Brundah RFB into the community institution it is today.

"This Brigade, formerly known as the Cowra Road Brigade, has a proud history of community service and spirit," Senior Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

"Today, the 42 members of the Brundah Brigade continue this level of dedication and respond to a wide range of emergency incidents including grass and bush fires, as well as helping locals prepare for the fire season."

At the celebration held at the Grenfell Country Club, 35 Long Service Medals were presented to 35 members, with Senior Assistance Commissioner McDonald recognising this represented their combined 1402 years of service.

"Every member is worthy of the highest praise, however I would like to make particular mention of Ross Pereira, who is receiving the Long Service Medal 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Clasps in recognition of his dedicated 66 years of service," Senior Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

"Ross, who has been a committed member since joining in 1952, has fought many fires over the decades and should be congratulated for his courage and actions assisting the community.

"I'd also like to congratulate Nevin Hughes on his 64 years service and David Cobham, for the 61 years he has dedicated to protecting the local community.

"The hard work and professionalism of all 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."

During the ceremony, new Category 7 tankers were also officially handed over to both the Caragabal and Greenethorpe Brigades, worth a combined \$374,000.

"These two new vehicles, replacing an older style models, will enable the brigades to continue their outstanding work and I would personally like to congratulate everybody on their ongoing hard work and professionalism," Senior Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

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