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Long-serving City of Albany bushfire volunteers honoured

Almost 70 of Albany's long serving bushfire brigade volunteers were honoured at a ceremony at the City of Albany last night.

Among the volunteers who received medals were individuals who have provided more than 45 years' service to their communities.

Many volunteers received DFES medallions for service of over 5 or 10 years. More than 30 received National Medals for service of more than 15 years.

Twelve of the longest-serving volunteers have served their communities for periods of more than 25, 35 and 45 years.

Bornholm Bush Fire Brigade's Dennis Coombe, Youngs Siding Bush Fire Brigade's Kevin Martin and King River Bush Fire Brigade's Alan Hawley each earned National Medals for more than 45 years' service.

Addressing the volunteers, Albany Mayor Dennis Wellington said Albany simply could not survive without its volunteers.

"The work you do is fantastic. It can be extremely dangerous but it's vitally important to our community."

Mr Wellington encouraged current volunteers to do all they can to encourage the younger generation to becoming involved in volunteering.

The City of Albany has 16 Bush Fire Brigades: Bornholm, Elleker, Gnowellen, Green Range, Highway, Kalgan, King River, Kojaneerup, Manypeaks, Napier, Redmond, South Coast, South Stirling, Torbay, Youngs Siding and Wellstead.

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