



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



MEDIA RELEASE

Cudgegong volunteers' commitment praised

18 April 2015

Longstanding volunteers from the Cudgegong District were today honoured by the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) for their ongoing commitment to the local community.

NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Bruce McDonald presented 13 Long Service Medals and two National Medals to a group of 14 volunteers.

"In total, these medal recipients have accumulated an amazing 364 years of service between them," Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

"Each and every one of these volunteers are worthy of our most sincere thanks and I would like to personally commend them, not only for their commitment to the Service, but also to their community.

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

Assistant Commissioner McDonald said four of those medal recipients have individually given more than 30 years of dedicated service to their Brigades and local community.

"They have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to their community over many years and these medals are a fitting token of our appreciation," Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

"I would particularly like to acknowledge Albert Parlett, who is today receiving an award for 70 years of dedicated service to the community.

"Albert was one of the founding members of the Clandulla Bushfire Brigade and has been a dedicated volunteer since then. In his later years, Albert has contributed to the Catering Brigade and Communications Unit.

"The hard work and professionalism of all volunteers across the District doesn't go unnoticed and this is a great opportunity for the broader community to express their gratitude and say thank you.

"I would like to take this time to praise all our volunteers for their ongoing efforts each and every day, particularly when dealing with emergencies across the Cudgegong District," said Assistant Commissioner McDonald.