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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

NSW RFS volunteers recognised for Queensland flood work

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Superintendent Bryan Daly has congratulated 59 volunteers for their work assisting communities devastated by the Queensland floods and cyclones in 2011.

Superintendent Daly said the Queensland Government has recognised members from the north-eastern corner of NSW by presenting them with Flood and Cyclone Citations for the vital part they played in the clean-up effort.

“On 16th January 2011, a convoy of 10 NSW RFS trucks travelled to Brisbane to help residents affected by flooding with the clean up and recovery process.

“As soon as the taskforce arrived in Brisbane they were deployed to a badly flooded area next to the CBD known as ‘The Corso’ where they began the enormous task of hosing out water and mud from houses, streets, backyards and businesses.

“This gruelling and dirty work continued for the next three days, but volunteers were buoyed by the gratitude shown by the home owners they were helping, some who had lost it all.

“Members were in awe of the generous contributions from businesses that were spared from the flooding; and the willingness of the public to get stuck into the recovery work alongside emergency services personnel.

“It was an overwhelming and emotional deployment for members from the Far North Coast, Northern Rivers and Tablelands who were reunited this week to be presented with their well-earned Queensland Flood & Cyclone Citations by Queensland Fire & Rescue Service Chief Superintendent John Gresty.

“It was noted that the Fire Services in Australia are akin to a big family, and when one member of the family is in trouble, they can always rely on other members to rally around and help,” concluded Superintendent Daly.

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