



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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National Emergency Medal awarded to NSW RFS members from Far West

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Members of the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) Far West District have been awarded the National Emergency Medal for their efforts during the 2019-20 fire season.

Assistant Commissioner Paul Seager presented the medal to 13 members who provided sustained or significant service during the devastating fire season.

The medal is awarded to those whose service must be in the protection of lives and property or in the service of interests that are not their own and who supported the emergency response for a minimum of five days between September 2019 and February 2020.

Members of the Far West District played an integral part in the firefighting response during that season, deploying to multiple regions across New South Wales.

Personnel were dispatched to assist with the firefighting efforts across the state, including Mudgee, Kempsey, Cooma and Tumut.

The team rose to the challenge and continued to assist local brigades battling fires throughout the season through a range of roles, including as firefighters and strike team leaders.

NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Seager praised the medal recipients for their courage.

“Today we recognise brigade members from across the region and thank them for their incredible contribution over the 2019-20 season,” Assistant Commissioner Seager said.

“Every single one of these members should be proud of themselves and their dedication to protecting communities across the state.

“They performed admirably during an incredibly difficult fire season and went above and beyond when deployed to other regions to help local brigades battle devastating blazes.”



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