



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Clarence Valley volunteers acknowledged for their continued dedication

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The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) today honored Clarence Valley volunteers for their ongoing commitment to the local community.

A total of 49 volunteers were presented with Long Service Medals by Member for Clarence Mr Chris Gulaptis and NSW RFS Senior Assistant Commissioner Bruce McDonald AFSM.

Mr Gulaptis recognised that in total, these Medal recipients have accumulated an impressive 1,130 years of service between them.

“This is testament to the ongoing commitment shown by Clarence Valley volunteers to both the NSW RFS and the local community,” Mr Gulaptis said.

“Notably four of the recipients today have given more than 40 years each in service to their communities.”

Senior Assistant Commissioner McDonald gave particular mention to John Lawrence from the Brooms Head Brigade and Harry Green of the Woodford Brigade for their 43 years service each.

“John Lawrence has been a valued member of the NSW RFS since 1973 and was awarded with Life membership of the Brigade back in 2006,” Senior Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

“I also congratulate Harry Green on being a worthy recipient, a member whose vast local knowledge and leadership is highly respected.

“Thanks is also given to both Chris Robertson, a current member of the Gulmarrad Brigade and Alan Tucker, a member of the Clarence Valley Fire Control Centre and Southampton Brigade, for their 41 years of service.

“Today’s recipients, as do all NSW RFS volunteers, dedicate themselves to providing a vital service to the community and these medals are our proud acknowledgement of their efforts,” Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

“The hard work and professionalism of all Clarence Valley volunteers does not go unnoticed and this is a great opportunity for the broader community to express their gratitude and say thank you.

“We must also thank the family, friends and colleagues of these and all volunteers. We know it takes their support and patience to help Rural Fire Service members do what they do.

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

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