



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Namoi Gwydir Team continues milestone celebrations

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Celebrations continued today for the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Namoi Gwydir Team, with Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall and NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Rebel Talbert recognising the achievements of veteran volunteers, the opening of a new station and handover of new vehicles.

At a ceremony in Warialda Rail, Mr Marshall congratulated volunteer firefighters and staff for carrying out the important work they do to protect their local communities.

“Each of the volunteers recognised today have demonstrated an exceptional level of commitment to their community over the years and these medals, new facilities and resources are one way to show appreciation for the level of service they provide,” Mr Marshall said.

Assistant Commissioner Talbert said 21 Long Service Medals and Clasps were presented to members of the Gwydir District.

“Notably four of the recipients today have given more than 50 years each in service to their communities. While our volunteers certainly don't expect awards or accolades, all of them are most worthy of our sincere gratitude and thanks,” Assistant Commissioner Talbert said.

“Congratulations to Alf King on 64 dedicated years to the Service, an active member of the Bangheet Brigade having held the position of First Aid Officer for six years.

At a second ceremony in Moree, three Long Service and three National Medals were presented to the members of the Moree District.

“A very worthy recipient of the National Medal, Robert Gallagher has been recognised for his 26 years service, attending over 720 incidents since 2000.

“All recipients must be commended on their dedication, commitment and service to the local community.

NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Rebel Talbert congratulated the Stonefield Brigade on the opening of their new station which features two truck bays, meeting room, kitchen and bathroom.

“This station may have cost \$218,000 but to the Brigade and the community it protects it is a priceless resource,” Assistant Commissioner Talbert said.

The celebrations continued with the handover of new vehicles to the Warialda and Boomi Brigades.

“Warialda and Boomi Brigades have both received a new Category Six vehicle, assisting to protect their communities and others in the area,” Assistant Commissioner Talbert said.

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