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Cumberland RFS members honoured for dedicated service

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The dedication and commitment of more than 25 RFS volunteers from across the Cumberland District will be recognised today at a special ceremony in Penrith.

RFS Deputy Commissioner Peter McKechnie will join Cumberland District Manager Superintendent Angelo Baldo to present four National Emergency Medals, one Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal, nine National Medals and 13 Long Service Medals.

The National Emergency Medal is awarded to persons who rendered sustained or significant service during nationally significant emergencies in Australia, including the 2019-20 bush fires.

“With years of service ranging from 11 to 61 years, many of these volunteers have dedicated a significant portion of their life to protecting others, and for that we say thank you,” Deputy Commissioner McKechnie said.

“I commend each recipient for their selfless dedication, with a special mention of Kevin Crameri, who is being recognised for an impressive 61 years of dedicated service.

“Since joining the Llandilo Brigade in 1962, Kevin has consistently answered the call for his community, including as a Deputy Captain for 14 years.”

Deputy Commissioner McKechnie will also present two members with the Commissioners Certificate of Commendation (Unit). This award recognises service or outstanding actions in relation to fire service duties, administrative leadership, or exemplary performance of a specific project or task.

“Craig Stewart and Gary Chapman demonstrated service above and beyond what is expected during the 2019-20 season,” Deputy Commissioner McKechnie said.

“The hard work and professionalism of all RFS members does not go unnoticed and while they don’t do the work for praise, the contribution and commitment to the community is outstanding and today we thank them for that.”

Deputy Commissioner McKechnie also acknowledged those who support the volunteers receiving awards.

“I thank the family, friends, employers and colleagues of all RFS volunteers,” he said.

“We know it takes their ongoing support and patience to assist and enable our volunteers to do what they do to save lives and property.”