



**NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Clarence Valley volunteers honoured as brigades receive new trucks**

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Volunteer firefighters from the Clarence Valley District have been recognised for their long and dedicated service in an official ceremony today that also included the handover of five new trucks.

NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Assistant Commissioner Stuart Midgley presented 32 volunteers with Long Service Medals and three members with National Medals.

"In total, these 35 medal recipients have accumulated 802 years of service between them," Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.

"Each and every one of these volunteers is worthy of our most sincere thanks and I would like to personally commend them, not only for their commitment to the Service, but also to their community."

Assistant Commissioner Midgley said 11 medal recipients had individually given more than 30 years of dedicated service to their Brigades and local community.

"They have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to their community over many years and these medals are a fitting token of our appreciation," Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.

National Medals are presented to NSW RFS members who go above and beyond, in recognition of their years of diligent service.

Assistant Commissioner Midgley also congratulated members of the Grafton City, Halfway Creek, Wooloweyah, Lawrence and Gulmarrad Rural Fire Brigades on the newest additions to their firefighting fleets.

"The NSW RFS is committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the equipment they need to carry out the important work they do in protecting their local communities from fire," Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.

"These new vehicles are replacing older style models, allowing firefighters to continue providing a high level of emergency service to Clarence Valley residents."