



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Veteran Gloucester/Great Lakes volunteers honoured

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Longstanding volunteers from across the Gloucester/Great Lakes were today honoured by the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) for their ongoing commitment to the local community.

NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Steve Yorke presented 15 Long Service Medals and 13 National Medals to 26 volunteers at two ceremonies today.

“In total, these 26 medal recipients have accumulated an impressive 582 years of service between them,” Assistant Commissioner Yorke said.

“Each and every one of these volunteers are 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.

“These medals are our proud acknowledgement of their efforts and well deserved.”

Assistant Commissioner Yorke made particular mention of Bungwahl Rural Fire Brigade Captain Bruce Wildie, who has been a dedicated member of the Service for 55 years and was today awarded his National Medal 1st Clasp.

National Medals recognise years of diligent service and are awarded to members who go above and beyond for their Brigade.

“Bruce has held many positions within the Brigade and for that reason he is held in high regard by the Bungwahl members,” Assistant Commissioner Yorke said.

“He is responsible, quite literally, for the Bungwahl shed’s new extension, having completed most of the build himself.”

Assistant Commissioner Yorke said Gloucester/Great Lakes volunteers consistently demonstrate an exceptional level of commitment to the local community.

“I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers for their ongoing efforts to protect their community, each and every day,” Assistant Commissioner Yorke said.

“Their hard work and professionalism doesn’t go unnoticed and this is also an opportunity for the broader community to express their gratitude and say thank you to all Gloucester/Great Lakes volunteers.”

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