



Great Lakes volunteer firefighters recognised for service

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Assistant Commissioner Dominic Lane has congratulated 26 volunteers from the Great Lakes district who have been recognised for their long and diligent service.

Assistant Commissioner Lane said the volunteers from Booral, Bungwahl, Tea Gardens, Girvan, Tuncurry, Bulahdelah and Pacific Palms have each made an invaluable contribution to their communities.

“These volunteers have served with distinction, accumulating more than 500 years of service between them which is an incredible milestone.

“In particular I would like to acknowledge Arthur Skinner who has dedicated more than 60 years to the NSW RFS, his steadfast commitment to the safety of the community is an inspiration.

“John Smith is also a shining example of the dedication displayed by RFS volunteers, serving for more than 30 years.”

Assistant Commissioner Lane presented the volunteers with their medals at a ceremony held at Bulahdelah Golf Club today.

“Each of these members has played an integral role in their communities, whether fighting bush fires or assisting during storms, floods or road accidents.

“It’s wonderful to see so many of our volunteers receiving recognition for their years’ of dedication. It’s an indication that the NSW RFS tradition in this region is thriving.

Assistant Commissioner Lane said that volunteers are the backbone of the NSW RFS and deserved sincere gratitude from the community for their selfless work.

“While our members don’t volunteer for awards or accolades, this is a way for the Great Lakes and wider NSW community to express our sincere thanks for their ongoing contribution,” Assistant Commissioner Lane said.