



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Cooma RFS Brigade celebrates long serving members

The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Monaro District applauded the achievements of 26 dedicated volunteers from Cooma Rural Fire Brigade today.

NSW RFS Deputy Commissioner, Peter McKechnie, joined Bronnie Taylor MLC and other guests to mark the occasion.

Ms Taylor said the 26 Cooma Rural Fire Brigade volunteers had together given a total of 717 years of service to the community.

“The members being recognised today with Long Service Medals and clasps range from 12 years to 46 years of service, with Ross Sherlock and Ian Brown each clocking up 46 years of service to their communities.

“All 26 volunteers were also justly awarded Premier’s Citations today for their service during the last devastating bushfire season,” Ms Taylor said.

Deputy Commissioner McKechnie congratulated each of the Cooma Brigade volunteers on their dedication, commitment and service to their communities.

“You only have to look at the last season to see how hard our skilled firefighters and support crews work to keep us safe when fires and emergency situations threaten,” he said.

He added the NSW RFS is committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the equipment, infrastructure and resources they need to carry out the important work of protecting their local communities from fire and a diverse array of incidents.

“I would like to take this time to praise all our volunteers for their ongoing efforts each and every day, particularly when dealing with emergencies here in the Monaro.

“We also thank the family, friends, employers and colleagues of all NSW RFS volunteers. 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.”

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