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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Great Lakes volunteer firefighters celebrated

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Fifteen volunteer firefighters from the Great Lakes have had their contribution recognised at a ceremony marking their long and dedicated service.

Presenting the members with their medals, NSW RFS Region East Manager, Chief Superintendent John Parnaby praised their long-standing commitment to the community and their will to help others in times of need.

"These men and women represent the values that the Rural Fire Service prides itself on – dedication, teamwork and fortitude.

"It is a tremendous honour to present these awards today, and I know the community shares my gratitude for their tireless efforts.

"Whilst the RFS is well regarded for its work preparing for and tackling bush fires, we must also acknowledge the round-the-clock commitment of our members and their readiness to assist at all manner of emergencies.

"Our volunteers are frequently the first to arrive at traffic accidents and house fires, as well as providing invaluable support to other agencies when required."

Congratulating the medal recipients, Chief Superintendent Parnaby paid particular tribute to Richard Pratten, Peter Plain and Terry Brown who are being recognised for more than 30 years service.

"Like all of the volunteers here today these gentleman are an inspiration. Their knowledge and leadership continues to serve both the community and the Service well, and we should all be most appreciative of their tireless efforts.

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