



## Clarence Valley volunteers recognised for service

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Three members of the Wooloweyah Rural Fire Service have had their long and diligent service to the community recognised at a ceremony held in their honour.

NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Region North Manager Chief Superintendent Brett Condie presented the volunteers with their Long Service Medals and congratulated them on their hard work and dedication.

"Each of these three men has served with distinction, accumulating more than 60 years of service between them which is an admirable achievement.

"Ian Southwick has been a member of the Wooloweyah Rural Fire Brigade for more than 15 years with Paul Mascord and Ron Judd celebrated 24 and 25 years consecutively.

"They are all shining examples of the commitment demonstrated by NSW RFS volunteers across the Clarence Valley and their community should be rightly proud of their achievement," Chief Superintendent Condie said.

"Ian, Paul and Ron have all played an integral role in their community, whether fighting bush fires, house fires, attending road accidents or assisting during storms and floods.

"Their fundraising work and community education efforts must also be recognised as a valuable component of their role as RFS members.

"Volunteers such as these gentlemen being awarded today are the backbone of the NSW RFS and deserve 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 Wooloweyah and wider Clarence Valley community to express our sincere thanks for their ongoing contribution," Chief Superintendent Condie said.

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