



## Cunningar volunteer firefighters recognised for service

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Assistant Commissioner Dominic Lane has congratulated 12 volunteers from the Cunningar Rural Fire Brigade who have been recognised for their long and diligent service.

Assistant Commissioner Lane said the volunteers being presented their medals, have made an invaluable contribution to their communities.

“These volunteers have served with distinction, accumulating more than 1,000 years of service between them which is an incredible milestone.

“Four of the volunteers receiving Long Service Medals today have each recorded 35 or more years in the NSW RFS, with two serving for over 36 years and two surpassing 49 and 57 years. This is an astounding record of dedication.

“Peter Holding, Neville Alcorn, Eric Collins and Donald Collins are all shining examples of the steadfast commitment demonstrated by NSW RFS volunteers across the State.

Assistant Commissioner Lane presented the volunteers with their medals at a ceremony held at the Cunningar Rural Fire Station.

“All of the members being recognised here today have played an integral role in their communities, whether fighting bush fires, attending road accidents or assisting during storms, or floods.

“It’s wonderful to see so many of today’s medal recipients receiving recognition for their years as volunteers. 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 Far South Coast and wider NSW community to express our sincere thanks for their ongoing contribution,” Assistant Commissioner Lane said.