



Far South Coast volunteer firefighters recognised for service

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Assistant Commissioner Dominic Lane has congratulated 38 volunteers from the Far South Coast who have been recognised for their long and diligent service.

Assistant Commissioner Lane said the volunteers from Moruya, Candlagan, Tuross Head, Broulee, Deua River, Bingie, Potato Point, Narooma and Bango RFS brigades, 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.

“Five of the volunteers receiving Long Service Medals today have each recorded 40 or more years in the NSW RFS, with two more serving for over 50 years and another two surpassing 60 years. This is an astounding record of dedication.

“Frederick Jamieson, Arthur Hurrell, Jeffrey Ganderton, Bruce Smith, Barbara Smith, Ronald Clarke, Leslie Saint, Robert Dredge and Marilyn Dredge 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 Eurobodalla Training Centre today.

“All of the members being recognised here today have 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 today’s medal recipients receiving recognition for 20 or 30 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.