



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Clarence Valley applauds dedicated long serving RFS volunteers

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The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Clarence Valley District today celebrated the achievements of dedicated volunteers with the presentation of 44 long service medals and one national medal to volunteers.

NSW RFS Area Commander North Eastern, Chief Superintendent Michele Cooper, joined State Member for Clarence, Chris Gulaptis MP and other special guests to mark the occasion.

Mr Gulaptis said the 45 recipients had together given a total of 856 years of service to the community.

“The members being recognised today with long service medals and /or clasps range from 10 to 61 years of service, with a special mention of John (Spud) Murphy of Glenreagh Brigade for his incredible 61 years of service to the NSW RFS and receipt of his long service medal and fifth clasp,” Mr Gulaptis said.

“Today we also congratulate Group Officer Nick Clark of Gulmarrad Brigade with the receipt of his 15 year national medal which is earned for long service which has gone above and beyond normal expectations”

Chief Supt Cooper congratulated each of the Clarence Valley volunteers on their dedication, commitment and service to their communities.

“You only have to look at 2019/2020 season to see how hard our skilled firefighters and support crews work to keep us safe when fires and emergency situations threaten. Last season, many of these volunteers were also helping with grass fires and extensive flood rescues and clean up,” she said.

“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 Clarence Valley.

“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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