



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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## Orana Team applauds dedicated members

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The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Orana Team today applauded the achievements of dedicated volunteers from the Orana area with the presentation of medals and plaques in honour of long service, appreciation and dedication.

Eight National Emergency Medals, two National Medals, four Plaques of Appreciation and 18 Long Service Medals were presented to volunteers.

Member for Dubbo Dugald Saunders and NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Paul Seager joined guests at the Orana Fire Control Centre to mark the occasion.

Mr Saunders said the National Emergency Medal was awarded to those whose service was in the protection of lives and property or in the service of interests that are not their own and who supported the emergency response for a minimum of five days between September 2019 and February 2020.

“Members of the Orana District played an integral part in the firefighting response during that season and rose to the challenge to protect communities,” he said.

Assistant Commissioner Seager said Long Service Medal and National Medal recipients had together given a total of more than 700 years of service to the community.

“The members being recognised today with long service and national medals and or clasps range from 12 to 76 years of service, with a special mention of David Lyons from Bodangora Brigade who is receiving the Long Service Medal posthumously for 76 years service.”

“Today we also congratulate John Bullock from the Bodangora and Wuuluman brigades with a long service medal and clasp for his 61 years of service.”

Plaques of Appreciation, presented to those who have recently retired in their roles of Group or Deputy Group Officer, express the appreciation of hard work and dedication those in these roles offer the Orana Team.

“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 Orana area,” Assistant Commissioner Seager said.

“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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