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### Cudgegong RFS members celebrated for service

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The dedication and commitment of more than 50 RFS volunteers from across the Cudgegong District was recognised today with the presentation of Medals.

Acting Area Commander Western Superintendent Nicholas Medianik and Cudgegong District Manager Superintendent Troy Porter joined RFS members and their family and friends at a special event at Club Mudgee today.

Superintendent Medianik said the 54 volunteers being awarded had together given a total of more than 1,300 years of service to the community.

“The members being recognised today with Long Service Medals and clasps range from 10 to 67 years of service,” he said.

“I would like to make special mention of James ‘Barry’ Baker of Cooyal Rural Fire Brigade, who is recognised for an impressive 67 years of dedicated service.

“Barry has gone above and beyond the requirements for his brigade countless times, serving as a valuable member for the entirety of his adult life.”

Superintendent Medianik presented a further two medals, being one National Medal for 30 years’ service and a National Emergency Medal for service across the 2019/20 fire season.

“Members of the Cudgegong District have always answered the call, not only assisting with incidents locally but across the state,” he said.

“The RFS members being celebrated today have and continue to give their time, to not only protect their communities, but to carry out critical behind-the-scenes work, which enables our frontline firefighters to do their job.

Superintendent Medianik also acknowledged those who support the volunteers receiving awards.

“We thank the family, friends, employers and colleagues of all 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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