Friday, 2 June 2017

More than 300 years of community service by SES volunteers recognised at two Riverland events

More than 300 years of community service by State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers will be recognised at two separate events in the Riverland next week.

SES General Manager David Carman will be at Blanchetown and Renmark SES units on Monday and Tuesday next week to present various long service medals and other awards to 15 volunteer members.

The awards are as follows:

Blanchetown SES Unit (Monday, 5 June from 7pm at the unit in Egerton Street, Blanchetown)

- Stephen Halfpenny five years
- Dianne Wooldridge five years
- Ian Tuckey 10 years
- John Nash 10 years
- Andrew Mustard 20 years
- Kaye Mustard 20 years
- Judith (Judy) Noll 30 years
- Anne Wilksch 30 years

Renmark SES Unit (Tuesday, 6 June from 7.30pm at the unit in Eighteenth Street, Renmark)

- Mark Jones 10 years
- Narelle Pinyon 15 years
- Vicki Albanese 15 years
- Paul Charnstrom 25 years
- Christine Matthews 25 years
- Jeffrey (Jeff) Matthews 35 years
- Christopher (Chris) Ylia 35 years

Mr Carman said the SES was fortunate in having a large number of members with many years of experience helping their communities stay safe and mentoring and providing training to new unit members.

"They should be congratulated for their fantastic enthusiasm and commitment over so many years," Mr Carman said.

SES Riverland District Officer Danny Wood said many of the recipients were also members of other emergency service organisations, including the Country Fire Service (CFS).

"The medals and awards they will receive next week recognise only part of what these truly committed people have done for their communities," Mr Wood said.