## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Local National Emergency Medal Recipients**

The Member for Albert, Mr Mark Boothman MP, was delighted to present local Logan SES Members with National Emergency Medals at his office. The National Emergency Medal is awarded to persons who have rendered sustained service to nationally-significant emergencies within Australia and to other persons who rendered significant service in response to such emergencies.

Logan SES recipients of the National Emergency Medal were Paul Guy, Sandy Newcombe, Trent Becker, Terry Chapman and Jim Ferguson.

Mr Boothman said "It was a great pleasure to award Logan SES volunteers that were all very deserving and have shown great perseverance in representing and responding to many of the challenges that have been placed in front of them."

"I have personally been a member of the SES for many years and have seen first-hand what it's like on the front lines of the SES. Over the past 12 months the Logan SES have participated in multiple deployments and have all worked tirelessly in these events." Mr Boothman said.

Members of the Logan SES have participated in searches for missing people in the Scenic Rim, Somerset and Gold Coast regions and the flood boat crews were formally recognised at the Regional Awards in 2012. The members participated in the search for a missing fisherman on the Albert River, looked for a child who was lost near the Logan River and also managed to recover the body of a missing swimmer from the Hinze Dam. The Logan SES are a very vibrant SES with over 180 members.

Mr Boothman said "These members deal with some very tough challenges and I was delighted to be able to formally thank them for their fantastic service and community spirit. It is humbling to see so many people volunteer their own time and perform such an essential service to the greater community."

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