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Volunteer Service Awards: Special thanks to those that serve the community

Huon Valley Council has paid special tribute to our firefighters and first responders who worked hard for our communities during this year's bushfire emergency.

The awards were presented on Wednesday May 22 at a ceremony in Huonville.

In addition to the usual awards all emergency service units in the Huon Valley were presented with Certificates of appreciation.

Mayor Bec Enders said it was a small gesture but it came from all of us in the Huon Valley.

Winners of our major awards this year were Stephen and Denise Jacques from the Huon Disability Network (HDN) who received the award for Special Voluntary Service to the Huon Valley Community of the past 5- 10 years.

David Hay from the Far South Community Association was presented with the award for Outstanding Voluntary Service to the Huon Valley for over 10 years.

"Stephen and Denise helped to establish the HDN before the National Disability Insurance Scheme was rolled out to Tasmania," Cr Enders said.

"They started their service in 2012 and have worked tirelessly with the service ever since creating better outcomes for people with disability.

"David Hay has been a volunteer for the Far South Community Association for more than 15 years. He is also the secretary for the Dover RSL and has volunteered with the Southport Fire Brigade, Meals on Wheels and the Southport Progress committee."

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