



The reward for 12 years long and distinguished service with Brisbane Water District Ambulance was a National Medal for Mr Jack Ryan (right) of Gosford. Jack's fellow officers caught him by surprise when the presentation was made by station Superintendent Ken Herd at Point Clare on Friday.

## Ambulanceman honoured

**It was a proud moment for Mr Jack Ryan of Taylor Street, Gosford, when he received his National Service medals awarded to him for 12 years distinguished service with Brisbane Water District Ambulance.**

The presentation of the attractive award was made by station superintendent at Point Clare, Mr Ken Herd. A celebration afternoon tea at the station with ambulance personnel and Mrs Ryan as invited guest, followed the presentation.

Jack began as an ambulance officer with Brisbane Water Ambulance in September, 1963, and has been on hand to give immediate assistance in many difficult situations.

The National Medal is an outstanding award

reserved for distinguished long service in the police force, ambulance, fire brigade and the armed services.

Mr Ryan is the 11th officer from the ranks of Brisbane Water Ambulance to receive the award since it was first introduced. Brisbane Water Ambulance now has a staff of 81.

Other recipients of the National Medal have been Messrs Kevin Ellis, Eric Cook, John White, John Dixon, Bruce McDougall, Ashley Caton, Superintendent Ken Herd and three men now retired, Messrs Bill Harris, Alan Long and Jock Claydon. The awards were first made to ambulance officers when ambulance stations came under the control of the government Department of the NSW Health Commission.