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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

## Long Service Medals and new station for Garema RFS volunteers

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Assistant Commissioner Dominic Lane has congratulated members of the Garema Rural Fire Brigade as they receive Long Service Medals at the official opening of their new station.

Assistant Commissioner Lane said the new \$22,000 facility which includes a water tank, will provide storage and security for the Garema Brigade tanker and associated equipment.

“This purpose-built station, housed on the property of NSW RFS volunteer Adam Nicholson, is a tremendous boost for local volunteers, providing them with a significantly upgraded facility,” he said.

“The development of this station is a demonstration of the support of the local RFS brigade and its members. The facility will no doubt build on the brigade’s commitment to the bush fire and emergency protection of their community.”

As part of the official proceedings, Assistant Commissioner Lane presented seven members of the Garema Rural Fire Brigade with Long Service Medals.

“Garema RFB is a tight-knit brigade, with a proud history of protecting the local community for over 50 years, as well as assisting with emergencies further a field when the call for help has gone out,” Assistant Commissioner Lane said.

“I congratulate all of today’s medal recipients who between them have amassed a combined total of more than 220 years in the RFS.

“I would particularly like to acknowledge Robert Bradtke and Graham West who have each dedicated close to 50 years service to their local RFS brigade, this is an inspirational achievement.

“Whilst I know that RFS members don’t give up their time for awards or accolades, each of the volunteers here today are worthy of our sincere thanks,”