



**NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Naradhan Brigade congratulates volunteers and celebrates new station**

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The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Bland Temora Zone today recognised the achievements of long serving volunteers and officially opened the new Naradhan Rural Fire Brigade station.

NSW RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons presented four Long Service Medals to volunteers in recognition of their ongoing commitment to the local community and the Service.

Commissioner Fitzsimmons said the four medal recipients have accumulated a total of 115 years of service between them, with one member having dedicated more than 40 years to their brigade.

“Each of the volunteers being recognised has demonstrated an exceptional level of commitment to their community over the years and these medals are our proud acknowledgement of their efforts,” Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

“I’d particularly like to congratulate Robert Templeton on receiving his Long Service Medal 3<sup>rd</sup> Clasp.

“Robert is being recognised for his 42 years of service, joining the Naradhan Brigade at the age of 16.

“A great role model and leader, Robert’s last 19 years has been as Brigade Captain and Permit Issuing Officer.

“Well done also to Alan Moulds on his 27 years’ service, along with Kerrie Johnstone and Alan Johnstone for their 23 years’ service each to the Naradhan Brigade.

“I know all of these volunteers will continue to serve their local communities for many years to come and share their knowledge, experience and firefighting skills both locally and further afield.”

Commissioner Fitzsimmons also congratulated the members of the Naradhan Rural Fire Brigade on the official opening of their new \$150,000 station, which features two truck bays, a kitchenette, store room, bathroom amenities and a 50,000 litre water tank.

“The NSW RFS is committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the equipment they need to carry out the important work they do to protect their local communities,” Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

“Today, members of this Brigade continue to protect their community from bush and grass fires as well as a diverse array of incidents.

“These men and women remain on-hand 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and we should be extremely proud and grateful for their contribution.”

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