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Canobolas Zone welcomes \$450,000 investment in new stations

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The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) is welcoming a further investment of \$450,000 in the Canobolas Zone with the official opening of the new stations for the Baldry and North Bangaroo Rural Fire Brigade's.

Mr Sam Farraway MLC and NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Peter McKechnie will attend both official openings to inspect the brigades' new homes and thank volunteers for their ongoing commitment to the community area and the Service.

"These new stations, located on Peak Hill Road, Baldry and Casuarina Drive, Gooloogong will provide enhanced support to volunteers as well as the communities they protect," Mr Farraway said.

"The facilities will further help members of both Brigade's assist with vehicle housing and the fighting of fires locally.

"We continually see how hard our skilled firefighters and support crews work to keep us safe when bush grass and forest fires and emergency situations threaten and I offer my sincere thanks and gratitude to all the NSW RFS members for their outstanding efforts."

Assistant Commissioner McKechnie said the NSW RFS is committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the equipment, infrastructure and resources they need to carry out the important work of protecting their local communities from fire and a diverse array of incidents.

"These new stations provide our volunteers with the space to perform vital activities away from the fireground and features bays to house brigade vehicles," Assistant Commissioner McKechnie said.

"Today, members of both the Baldry and North Bangaroo brigade's continue to protect their community from grass and forest fires as well as a diverse array of emergencies including motor vehicle accidents.

"I would like to take this time to praise all our volunteers for their ongoing efforts each and every day, particularly when dealing with emergencies here in the Canobolas Zone."

"We also thank the family, friends, employers and colleagues of these and all volunteers. We know it takes their ongoing support and patience which in turn enables Rural Fire Service volunteers do what they do."

