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## **Bland Temora Zone celebrates volunteers, new training facility and tankers**

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The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Bland Temora Zone today celebrated the achievements of veteran volunteers while welcoming the handover of a new vehicle worth \$414,700 and the official opening of a Hot Fire Training Facility.

NSW RFS Chief Superintendent John Parnaby said the new \$43,000 training facility would provide enhanced support to Bland Temora Zone volunteers in training for the communities they protect.

“Ensuring our men and women in the NSW RFS have the most modern training facilities to protect their local communities has been a key priority of the service,” Chief Superintendent Parnaby said.

“We’ve seen recently how hard our skilled firefighters work to keep us safe when bush fires threaten and I offer my sincere thanks and gratitude to all the NSW RFS staff and volunteers for their outstanding efforts.”

The new \$43,000 firefighting tanker replaces an old 1996 Hino tanker which will greatly assist the Bland Creek Brigade. This new tanker will see a greater capacity of water and quicker response times.

“This new firefighting tanker is a state of the art vehicle which will improve the firefighting capability for the local brigade.

Chief Superintendent Parnaby also presented Long Service to twelve members from the Bland Temora Zone in recognition of their ongoing commitment to their local communities.

“The twelve medal recipients have accumulated a total of 488 years of service between them,” Chief Superintendent Parnaby said.

“I’d particularly like to congratulate John Curry, on his 65 years with the Service and Gordon Troy for his 63 years of service to the community.

“Each volunteer being recognised has demonstrated an exceptional level of commitment to their community and these medals are our proud acknowledgement of their efforts.”



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