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## Long serving volunteers honoured as members celebrate new station

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Volunteer firefighters from the Bland Temora Zone had their long and dedicated service recognised during an official ceremony this today that also saw the official opening of the new Quandary Pucawan Brigade station.

NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Assistant Commissioner Bruce McDonald presented Long Service Medals to a group of 25 volunteers who have amassed an impressive 1049 years of service between them.

"This significant commitment demonstrates that the tradition of volunteering is thriving in this region," Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

"Each of these men and women provide a vital service to their community, whether they're fighting bush fires, attending road accidents or assisting during storms or floods.

"It is an honour to present these awards and reflect upon the outstanding achievements of these members."

At the same ceremony, Assistant Commissioner McDonald urged the Quandary Pucawan Brigade to celebrate the opening of their new station, which is the culmination of a number of years of hard work by brigade members.

"This station is a testament to how diligently and tirelessly the Quandary Pucawan Brigade volunteers have worked to turn their dream of a new station into a reality," Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

"The brigade is understandably thrilled that they now have the space to comfortably move around their new station and a suitable home for their fire truck and firefighting equipment."

Assistant Commissioner McDonald said the new Quandary Pucawan station would enable volunteers to provide an even greater level of protection to the local community.

"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 from fire," Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

