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## Volunteers honoured as members celebrate new stations and fire trucks

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Yaminbah and Dunedoo Brigades (RFB) today recognised the achievements of veteran volunteers and celebrated the official opening of the new Yaminbah and Dunedoo fire stations.

NSW RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons was honoured to present 32 Long Service Medals and clasps, in recognition of their ongoing commitment to the local community.

"These 32 medal recipients have accumulated a total of 1132 years of service between them, showing the significant dedication they all have to the NSW RFS." Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

"Each of the volunteers being recognised today has demonstrated an exceptional level of commitment to their community over the years and these medals are our proud acknowledgement of their efforts.

"I know they 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 Yaminbah and Dunedoo RFB on the official opening of their new stations.

"These new stations will provide secure parking and storage for firefighting vehicles and equipment, members will also benefit from solar power, water tanks and amenities.

"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.

Commissioner Fitzsimmons also presented the keys to a new fire truck and command vehicle for use by the Queensborough Brigade and Castlereagh Group Officers.

"These new vehicles are replacing older style models, allowing firefighters to continue providing a high level of emergency service to Castlereagh residents."