



# station profile

## Coolangatta – Bilinga Fire Station

Opened in 1976, Coolangatta-Bilinga Fire Station is Queensland’s southern-most fire and rescue station and is staffed by a permanent crew of one Station Officer and three firefighters.

The station is located close to the New South Wales border and the Coolangatta airport.

As a result, the station’s fires conduct a number of training exercises with their Northern NSW counterparts and also with airport firefighters.

The recent signing of a Mutual Aid Agreement by the QFRS and NSW Fire Commissioners has strengthened this arrangement.

The agreement provides the community with rapid response of resources from both QFRS and New South Wales Fire Brigades during instances of major structural fires and other emergencies in the Tweed Heads-Coolangatta border region.

Crews from the station have been called out to a number of large and challenging incidents over the years.

These include a light plane crashing into the ocean off Currumbin Surf Club, the Coolangatta Hotel fire in the early 1980s, and number of tanker rollovers on the Pacific Motorway and Gold Coast Highway.

Some of the tanker rollovers utilised the resources of the airport

firefighters who provided extra foam to help contain the incident.

The station is small but is kept busy, having attended a total of 443 incidents in the 12 months to June 2005.

The Coolangatta-Bilinga fires are also proud of their unique ‘Walk of Fame’, where past and present firefighters are remembered by a row of small ceramic figures bearing a likeness to their appearance.

Vital Statistics	
Region	South East Region, Area 6, Station Number 34
Station Age	30 years
Crewing	Permanent crew of one and three
Resources	634 Alpha Firepac Medium Urban Pumper