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### Northern Beaches communities better protected with new \$2.4 million fire station

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Duffys Forest Rural Fire Brigade members will today celebrate the official opening of their new station, which will provide a central and secure hub for members as they continue to provide their community with a high level of fire protection.

RFS Deputy Commissioner Kyle Stewart will join brigade members and special guests at the new \$2.4 million station to mark the occasion and thank volunteers for their ongoing service to the community.

Deputy Commissioner Stewart said the new station will not only accommodate the growing ranks of the brigade's volunteer membership, but also serve as a community hub and a base for the Northern Beaches Remote Area Firefighting Team.

"With four truck bays, office space and large mezzanine area, this station features amenities which will improve the experience and operational needs of our volunteers," Deputy Commissioner Stewart said.

"I am sure this facility is greatly welcomed by the more than 160 current volunteer members of the brigade and I commend them too on contributing to the overall value of the project, fundraising \$134,000," he said.

Deputy Commissioner Stewart congratulated the Duffys Forest Rural Fire Brigade members for their ongoing hard work and dedication.

"These men and women remain on-hand 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and we should be extremely proud and grateful for their contribution," he said.

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

"We also thank the families, friends, employers and colleagues of these and all of our volunteers. We know it takes their ongoing support and patience which in turn enables RFS volunteers to do what they do to save lives and property."



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