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### Kangaroo Valley and Kioloa Brigades celebrate station extensions

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Shoalhaven firefighters today celebrated refurbishments to fire stations at Kangaroo Valley and Kioloa, which features infrastructure that will help members provide the local community with an even higher level of protection.

State Member for Kiama Gareth Ward and NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Assistant Commissioner Jason Heffernan joined members at a ceremony at Kangaroo Valley Rural Fire Brigade Station, where they inspected the new extension and thanked firefighters for their ongoing commitment to the Shoalhaven District and the Service.

“This \$650,000 extension features an additional truck bay, new kitchen, workshop, training and office area,” Mr Ward said.

“The NSW Government, working cooperatively with the NSW RFS and local government, is committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the facilities they need to carry out the important work of protecting their communities.”

Assistant Commissioner Heffernan congratulated Kangaroo Valley members for their hard work and dedication shown in raising \$50,000 to go towards the refurbishment.

“The support that the brigade has received from their fundraising efforts is testament to their high standing within the local community.”

At a separate ceremony at Kioloa Rural Fire Brigade Station, Assistant Commissioner Jason Heffernan inspected refurbishments worth \$600,000.

“The extension of the existing station gives the brigade a dedicated training room and office space which I know the brigade will put to good use,” Assistant Commissioner Heffernan said.

“I would like to acknowledge the efforts and foresight of former Captain Brian Lynn, who proposed and initiated these important building extensions.

“Unfortunately Brian passed away suddenly four years ago, however this refurbishment will be a lasting memory of his commitment to the brigade.”

Assistant Commissioner Heffernan said that the extensions give the respective brigades the space to expand into the future as their communities continues to grow.

“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 service.”

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