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Celebrations for The Gap Rural Fire Brigade

Members of The Gap Rural Fire Brigade today celebrated 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.

NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) Chief Superintendent Kelwyn White joined brigade members and special guests at a ceremony to mark the occasion, where they inspected the new facility and thanked firefighters for their ongoing commitment to the Riverina District and the Service.

Chief Superintendent White said the \$213,500 facility, which is located on Gap Hall-Downside Rd, features truck bays as well as toilet facilities.

"This new station features amenities which will improve the experience and operational needs of our volunteers," Chief Superintendent White said.

"The RFS is committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the equipment they need to carry out the important work of protecting their local communities from fire and a diverse array of incidents."

Ms White congratulated The Gap Rural Fire Brigade members for their hard work and dedication, each year responding locally to incidents such as grass, crop and hay shed fires.

"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," she said.

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

"We also thank the family, friends, employers and colleagues of all NSW RFS volunteers. We know it takes their ongoing support and patience to assist and enable our volunteers to do what they do to save lives and property."



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