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Celebrations for NSW RFS Namoi Gwydir Team

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Namoi Gwydir Team has recognised the achievements of volunteers and celebrated the official opening of two new fire stations at two ceremonies in the region today.

NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Rebel Talbert congratulated the members of the Maules Creek Rural Fire Brigade on the official opening of their new station.

“This new station will enable volunteers to provide an even greater level of protection to the local community,” Assistant Commissioner Talbert said.

“The Maules Creek Brigade is understandably pleased that they now have the space to comfortably fit their vehicle.

At a second ceremony, The Deep Creek Brigade’s Station was also officially opened near the Narrabri Airport. Assistant Commissioner Talbert said this was the result of many years of hard work by Brigade members.

“Today, members of this Brigade continue to protect their community from an array of incidents and this new facility will also be utilised by the Namoi Gwydir Support Brigade Aviation Section.

“Its location will allow for quick emergency response and improved facilities for airbase personnel.

“I commend both the Maules Creek and Deep Creek Brigade’s fundraising efforts to assist with the cost of these facilities, together worth over \$778,000.

Assistant Commissioner Talbert also presented 31 Long Service Medals to Narrabri District volunteers in recognition of their ongoing commitment to the local community.

“The 31 medal recipients have accumulated a total of 875 years of service between them, with one member having dedicated more than 50 years to their brigade.

“Keith Thompson, a member of the Brooklyn Brigade for 55 years has held many positions including Senior Deputy Captain. His time and service to the community is very much valued.

“Each of the volunteers being recognised 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.”

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