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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

## Greatly improved facilities for Wollondilly firefighters

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Chief Superintendent Bruce McDonald welcomed a new era for local NSW RFS firefighters after officially opening a newly refurbished Fire Control Centre at Picton earlier today.

During the opening ceremony, Chief Superintendent McDonald noted how the improved facilities will assist in the effective management of fires and other emergencies throughout the Wollondilly area.

“The facility boasts a greatly improved office area, a refurbished training room, kitchen and dining area as well as a redesigned operations room which will aid Emergency Services to better coordinate the response to major incidents in the area.

“NSW RFS volunteers throughout the Wollondilly area attend around 600 emergency calls for help each year.

These facilities will allow our volunteers to continue to be effectively supported whilst they assist their local communities in times of need,” said Chief Superintendent McDonald.

The opening of the refurbished Fire Control Centre coincides with the official opening of a new joint facility on the same site, shared with the NSW State Emergency Service (NSW SES).

The shared station will house equipment and vehicles used by the local NSW SES unit as well as the local NSW RFS Support Brigade from the Southern Highlands.

“NSW RFS and the NSW SES work closely together in communities all around NSW. This is particularly evident in rural areas, where many people are members of both organisations,” Chief Superintendent McDonald said.

The official opening of both facilities is a boon for the local community who can rest assured that emergency services volunteers are being supported with the infrastructure they require to fulfil their critical roles.

“Our volunteers are committed to helping their communities at any time of the day or night, and these new facilities will assist them in doing so,” concluded Chief Superintendent McDonald.

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