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## Berowra brigade celebrates new station and honours members

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Members of the Berowra Rural Fire Brigade (RFB) today celebrated the official opening of their new station and honoured the commitment of long standing brigade members.

Member for Hornsby Matt Kean MP and NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons declared the \$1.2 million station open and presented Long Service Medals to two members of the Berowra brigade as well as a life membership.

Mr Kean said the new station was able to house modern Category 1 fire trucks, which would help the Berowra RFB to provide an ever greater level of fire protection to the local community.

“This new three bay station features storage areas, meeting and office space, a hydrant, dedicated parking for members, a kitchen and amenities,” Mr Kean said.

“We continually see how hard our skilled firefighters work to keep us safe when bush fires threaten but they’re also busy away from the fireground as well, and I congratulate the Berowra brigade for their fundraising efforts and thank the community for their generosity which has made this station a reality.”

Commissioner Fitzsimmons thanked the NSW government and Hornsby Shire Council for their continued support and for ensuring firefighters have the equipment, infrastructure and resources needed to provide the Berowra community with a world class level of fire protection.

Commissioner Fitzsimmons also presented two Berowra brigade members with Long Service Medals, in acknowledgement of their commitment to the Service and community.

“Steven Lockard and Matthew Van Breugel have served their local communities for 32 and 14 years respectively and are worthy recipients of the Long Service Medal,” Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

“I am also honoured to present a life membership to Berowra member Nathan Macgregor, in recognition of his 30 years commitment to the Service and the local community, during which time he has served as Captain, Deputy Captain, Treasurer and Training Officer.

“Today’s recipients, as do all NSW RFS volunteers, dedicate themselves to providing a vital service to the community and these honours are our proud acknowledgement of their efforts.”



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