



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Dondingalong RFS Team celebrates new station and award recipients

The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Lower North Coast Zone applauded the achievements of dedicated volunteers while celebrating the official opening of the new Dondingalong Rural Fire Brigade Station today.

The Hon Catherine Cusack MLC, State Member for Oxlely, The Hon Melinda Pavey and NSW RFS Senior Assistant Commissioner Bruce McDonald AFSM joined Kempsey Council representatives as well as NSW RFS leaders, members and guests to mark the occasion.

Ms Cusack said the new station was modern and fit for purpose, easily accommodating the swelling ranks of the volunteer membership and accommodating three tankers.

“The new fire station features three truck bays, an office, training area, storage space and toilet and shower facilities. Power was upgraded at the site and the carpark was resealed, while the building has CCTV installed for additional security and water tanks to service the building and as a back up when fighting fires,” she said.

The old station has been transferred to the Kalateenee Reserve to provide additional meeting space for the community.

Additionally, 23 members of the Dondingalong Brigade were awarded Premier’s Bushfire Emergency Citations for their efforts during the Black Summer bush fires – 10 of whom received them at the formal opening event.

“Congratulations to all of the Citation recipients on their dedication, commitment and service to their communities,” Senior Asst Commissioner McDonald said. “You only have to look at the last season to see how hard our skilled firefighters and support crews work to keep us safe when bush and grass fires and emergency situations threaten.”

Senior Asst Commissioner McDonald said the NSW RFS is committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the equipment, infrastructure and resources they need to carry out the important work of protecting their local communities from fire and a diverse array of incidents.

“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 Lower North Coast.

“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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