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Big celebrations in the Riverina Highlands District

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A big week of celebration is underway for the NSW Rural Fire Service's Riverina Highlands District, with the opening of a new station, the delivery of new fire fighting vehicles, and hundreds of volunteers recognised for their service and bravery.

At a special ceremony today, RFS Deputy Commissioner Kyle Stewart will officially open the Tumorrumba Rural Fire Brigade's new station.

"The new facility features two truck bays and will further help our volunteers meet their operational needs in protecting the local community," Deputy Commissioner Stewart said.

"The brigade's trucks were previously housed on private property, so to now have a permanent base located adjacent to Tumorrumba Hall is very welcomed."

More than 500 members will also be presented with Long Service Medals, Humanitarian Overseas Service Medals, National Emergency Medals and National Medals, at two separate ceremonies in Tumut and Tumbarumba this week.

Deputy Commissioner Stewart said the members being recognised had dedicated between 10 to more than 80 years to the RFS.

"Volunteers of the Riverina Highlands have always answered the call, not only assisting with incidents locally but across the state and overseas," he said.

"They continue to give their time, to not only protect their communities, but to carry out critical behind-the-scenes work, which enables our frontline firefighters to do their job.

"I also thank the family, friends, employers and colleagues of all 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 protect property."

During these events, Deputy Commissioner Stewart will also present new vehicles to the Glen Mannus, Tumbarumba, Ournie, Snowy Valleys, Tumut, Darlow and Bombowlee Rural Fire Brigades.

"The RFS is committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the equipment they need to carry out the important work of protecting their local communities," Deputy Commissioner Stewart said.