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\$3.4 million Northern Tablelands Fire Control Centre declared open

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The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Northern Tablelands District today celebrated the official opening of a new Fire Control Centre (FCC) and Rural Fire Brigade (RFB) station, honoured veteran members and welcomed the handover of seven firefighting vehicles.

Member for the Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall MP and NSW RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons toured the new \$3.4 million complex at Glen Innes, which incorporates the Northern Tablelands FCC, the Glen Innes RFB station and State Mitigation Services Facilities.

“This impressive modern and centrally located structure will allow greater communication and response to major fire incidents across the District as well as being the home of the Glen Innes brigade, which is based in a separate two truck bay facility,” Mr Marshall said.

“The new firefighting vehicles being handed over today to the Glen Innes, Kings Plains, Emmaville, Inverell, Reddestone, Steinbrook and Wyaliba brigades, will provide a greater level of fire protection to the community.

“The NSW RFS and state and local governments are committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the equipment and resources they need to protect their local communities.”

Mr Marshall and Commissioner Fitzsimmons presented Long Service Medals to 29 recipients as well as Life Membership Certificates and Life Membership Plaques.

“It is an absolute honor to present these awards and to take a moment in which we can reflect upon the outstanding achievements of these members, who have accumulated 677 years of service to the community between them,” Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

“I would like to make particular mention of Terry Boyd, who is being recognised for his 59 years of service, as well as Greg Brabant, Jack Alt, Roger Kneipp, Coral White and Phil Haynes (posthumous) who are being honoured with life memberships.”

“Each and every volunteer being recognised today has demonstrated an exceptional level of commitment to their community and these medals and life memberships are our proud acknowledgement of their efforts.”