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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Brand new Rural Fire Station buoys Kentlyn's volunteers

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Macarthur's volunteers are celebrating today as NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Assistant Commissioner Dominic Lane officially declared the brand new Kentlyn Rural Fire Station open.

At the opening Assistant Commissioner Lane said that the new station, which took seven months to build, has excellent facilities and will provide a tremendous boost for the brigade's volunteer firefighters.

"In a major step forward for local members, this spacious and well designed new station not only has room for all of the brigade's equipment and trucks, but it features a training room, kitchen, bathrooms, computerised access as well as water harvesting and storage," said Assistant Commissioner Lane.

The station, worth more than \$600,000, will also encourage inter-agency cooperation as it has been designed to allow all Emergency Services agencies to use the facility during incidents.

"I have no doubt that not only this busy brigade, but the entire Macarthur community will benefit from the development of this first-class facility.

"The station is also a testament to the strong relationship that exists between the Campbelltown City Council, who generously contributed to the building of this station, and their commitment to ensuring adequate facilities are provided for their local volunteers," said Assistant Commissioner Lane.

"This station also goes a long way in demonstrating the ongoing support from communities in the broader Macarthur area who have supported the Kentlyn Rural Fire Brigade's dedicated fundraising drive.

"NSW RFS volunteers are highly skilled professionals trained to attend a variety of incidents from bush and grass fires to car fires - and this brigade sees it all.

"Their assistance has been invaluable at a number of major fires over the years including the Christmas fires in 2000, the Canberra Fires in 2003, and the Victorian Black Saturday Fires in 2009.

"More recently the diversity of brigade members' skills have been on show when they assisted the SES during the recent floods.

"The Macarthur area is lucky to have such a wealth of firefighting experience in the community, particularly as we move into the next bush fire season, and see the inevitable return of fire conditions," concluded Assistant Commissioner Lane.

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