



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Lake George Zone opens new station and recognises dedicated members

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The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Captains Flat Brigade is welcoming the investment of \$815,000 in the Lake George Zone area with the official opening of a new station for the Captains Flat Brigade today.

Member for Monaro John Barilaro and NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Kelly Browne AFSM will inspect the new facility and thank volunteers for their ongoing commitment to their local community, the Lake George Zone area and the Service.

Mr Barilaro said the new station would provide enhanced support to volunteers as well as the communities they protect.

“This new facility will further help members of the Captains Flat Brigade assist with vehicle housing, brigade station maintenance and the fighting of fires locally,” Mr Barilaro said.

“We continually see how hard our skilled firefighters and support crews work to keep us safe when bush fires and other emergency situations threaten and I offer my sincere thanks and gratitude to all the NSW RFS members for their outstanding efforts.

“This facility provides our volunteers with the space to perform vital activities away from the fireground and features three truck bays, a training room, kitchen, office and bathroom amenities.”

Assistant Commissioner Browne said four National Medals and five NSW RFS Long Service Medals will be presented to nine recipients at a medal presentation ceremony at the new station.

“These members do not volunteer their time for the accolades, however these medals are a proud acknowledgement of the commitment shown by these individuals over the years,” Assistant Commissioner Browne said.

“I am honoured to present Kenneth Thomas with the National Medal 2nd and 3rd Clasps.

“Kenneth has been a dedicated volunteer member of the NSW RFS for 45 years after first joining in 1974 and continues to actively serve, particularly in his passing of experience to cadets.

“I’d also like to congratulate Stephen Forbes on his 27 years with the service and today receiving the National Medal 1st Clasp.

“It is an absolute honour to present these awards and to take a moment in which we can reflect upon the outstanding contribution of these members.

“We also thank the family, friends, employers and colleagues of these and all volunteers. We know it takes their support and patience to help Rural Fire Service volunteers do what they do.”

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