



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Two new stations, eight long serving volunteers and a 50th anniversary

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The dedication and hard work of volunteers in the Lower Hunter Zone was celebrated by the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) in two official ceremonies today.

NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Deputy Commissioner Rob Rogers urged both the Thornton Brigade and the Lochinvar Brigade to be proud of their new stations, which are both the culmination of years of hard work by brigade members.

"These stations are testament to how diligently and tirelessly the Thornton and Lochinvar Brigades have worked to turn their dream of new stations into a reality," Deputy Rob Rogers said.

"Together, over many years, these volunteers managed to fundraise \$57,000 towards the overall cost of the station."

"Both Brigades outgrew their last station and so did their fire trucks. The new stations were constructed to house the newer and larger tankers that have been introduced into the brigade."

Deputy Commissioner Rogers also presented Long Service Medals to a group of eight volunteers and celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Lochinvar Rural Fire Brigade.

"This significant milestone demonstrates that the tradition of volunteering is thriving in this region," Deputy Commissioner Rogers said.

"Each of these men and women provide a vital service to their community, whether they're fighting bush fires, attending road accidents or assisting during storms or floods."

Deputy Commissioner Rogers said the Lochinvar Brigade has been a strong institution in the community throughout their 50 year history.

"Their hard work and professionalism doesn't go unnoticed and this is a great opportunity for the broader community to express their gratitude and say thank you," Deputy Commissioner Rogers said.

"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 Hunter area."