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North West District celebrates new Brigade Station and dedicated members

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Marthaguy Rural Fire Brigade members will celebrate the official opening of their newly built station today and acknowledge the commitment of District members at a special ceremony this morning.

RFS Assistant Commissioner Jayson McKellar said the station, located on a donated site on Bullagreen Lane in Warren, features a single truck bay, kitchenette, accessible bathroom, storage facilities and features solar power and water tank.

“This new station worth \$240,000, includes amenities which will improve the experience and operational needs of our volunteers,” Assistant Commissioner McKellar said.

“This is an exciting time as it’s the first station the brigade has had, with their fire truck previously housed on private property.

“I thank the generosity of Mr Sam Hunt who has donated the land on which the station has been built.

“The RFS is committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the equipment they need to carry out the important work of protecting their local communities from fire and a diverse array of incidents.”

The dedication and commitment of 17 members of the North West District will also be acknowledged with the presentation of Long Service Medals at the ceremony.

Assistant Commissioner McKellar said the volunteers being recognised had together given a total of more than 500 years of service to the community.

“The 17 members being recognised today with Long Service Medals and clasps range from 11 to 60 years of service,” he said.

“I would like to make special mention of Harry Barclay, a member of the Ewenmar Rural Fire Brigade since 1962, who is recognised for an impressive 61 years of dedicated service, receiving the 60 years’ Long Service Medal 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Clasp.

“Harry has been an integral part of the brigade, holding the role of Deputy Captain from 2003-2012 and Fire Permit Officer from 2005-2012, where he has helped ensure landowners did the right thing managing fire and hazards on their property.

“Members of the North West District have always answered the call, not only assisting with incidents locally but across the state,” he said.

“The RFS members being celebrated today have and 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 property.”

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