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Dangar Island brigade celebrates new station and fire truck

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A new era began for the Dangar Island Rural Fire Brigade today when NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons officially declared their new station open and handed over the keys to a new fire truck.

Commissioner Fitzsimmons said the new purpose built station, constructed on the concrete slab of the brigade's previous shed, features a vehicle bay, a workshop, a dedicated personnel area, an office and a kitchenette.

"The brigade is understandably thrilled with the new station and its modern amenities, having outgrown their old station," Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

"The Dangar Island Brigade celebrates its 70th anniversary this year and I cannot think of more fitting presents than a new station and a new fire truck.

"The new truck is replacing an older style model and will allow firefighters to continue providing a high level of emergency service to local residents."

Dangar Island, located in the Lower Hawkesbury estuary to the east of Mooney Mooney, has 200 residential blocks, a natural bush reserve, an inland recreational park and a beach reserve. The island is only accessible by boat.

The Dangar Island RFB responds to bush fires, boat fires and house fires both on and off the island.

"Members of this Brigade protect their community from fire by attending incidents and educating island residents about fire safety," Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

"These men and women remain on-hand 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and we should be extremely proud and grateful for their contribution.

"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 Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai District."