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## Volunteer firefighters celebrate new station

## 26 October 2014

The Black Mountain Rural Fire Brigade today celebrated the official opening of its new fire station.

NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Assistant Commissioner Steve Yorke said the new station would enable volunteers to provide an even greater level of protection to the local community.

The station was purpose-built for its highly active and growing Brigade and provides members with enough room to comfortably move around.

"The Black Mountain Brigade outgrew its old station, which only had one truck bay, so I am pleased that this new shed provides the room needed to house two trucks," Assistant Commissioner Yorke said.

"The old station is still being put to good use however, having been relocated to Wandsworth.

"The NSW RFS is committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the equipment they need to carry out the important work they do to protect their local communities from fire.

Assistant Commissioner Yorke said he was honoured to mark the occasion alongside the volunteers.

"I know the Black Mountain brigade will continue to serve the local community for many years to come and share their knowledge, experience and firefighting skills both locally and further afield," Assistant Commissioner Yorke said.

"They are all worthy of our most sincere thanks and I would like to personally commend them for their service.

"I would also like to extend the thanks of the Service and the local community to the members of all 48 Northern Tablelands Team brigades for the exceptional level of fire protection they provide."