



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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### Davidson Brigade celebrates station extension

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Celebrations were held today for Davidson Rural Fire Brigade when State Member for Davidson Jonathan O’Dea and NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons AFSM officially declared the extension of their station open.

Mr O’Dea said the extension is the culmination of a number of years of hard work by brigade members.

“This station is a testament to how diligently and tirelessly the Davidson Brigade volunteers have worked to turn their dream of the new facilities into a reality,” Mr O’Dea said.

“This stations extension is a milestone for the dedicated volunteers, who have contributed through fundraising to the cost of the work done.”

Commissioner Fitzsimmons said the extension included two new vehicle bays and a workshop.

“With the extension completed, the station now features four trucks bays, workshop, training rooms, storage bay, kitchen and amenities, along with a new rendered exterior,” Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

“The \$769,000 facility was funded by the NSW Rural Fire Fighting Fund, local council and the fundraising efforts of the Davidson Brigade.

“I sincerely thank Northern Beaches Council, a principal partner who along with the NSW Government make sure our brigades and members are suitably equipped with the facilities and equipment needed to look after our communities.”

Commissioner Fitzsimmons said the Davidson Brigade has protected the local community since it officially formed in the 1940s, originally known as the Forestville Brigade.

“The need for more room has highlighted the steady increase in Brigade membership and commitment to the region,” Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

“Today, the more than 130 members of this Brigade continue to protect their community from bush fires as well as a diverse array of incidents including structure and vehicle fires, motor vehicle accidents and assisting with other emergencies.

“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, and thank their families and colleagues for their continued support.

“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 Northern Beaches District.”

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