



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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## Southern Tablelands Zone celebrates volunteers, new station and tanker

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The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Southern Tablelands Zone today celebrated the achievements of veteran volunteers while welcoming the handover of a new vehicle and the official opening of a new station.

Member for Goulburn Pru Goward joined NSW RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons at the ceremony where they inspected the new facility for the Goulburn Mulwaree Support Brigade and thanked volunteers for their ongoing commitment to the Southern Tablelands Zone and the Service.

Ms Goward said the new \$500,000 station would provide enhanced support to the volunteers as well as the communities they protect.

“This new station features three vehicle bays, store room, meeting and training room, office, kitchen and amenities,” Ms Goward said.

“We continually see how hard our skilled firefighters work to keep us safe when bush fires threaten and I offer my sincere thanks and gratitude to all the NSW RFS members for their outstanding efforts.”

Commissioner Fitzsimmons said the NSW RFS, working cooperatively with the state and local governments, is committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the equipment, infrastructure and resources they need to carry out the important work of protecting their local communities from fire and a diverse array of incidents.

“I’d like to thank Goulburn Mulwaree Council for funding the new location of the station and I acknowledge the work put in by Brigade members adding the finishing touches,” Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

Along with the Marulan Brigade receiving a new Category 1 tanker worth \$300,000, Commissioner Fitzsimmons also presented 37 Long Service Medals to members from the Southern Tablelands Zone in recognition of their ongoing commitment to their local communities.

“The 37 medal recipients have accumulated a total of 1013 years of service between them,” Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

“I’d particularly like to congratulate Alfred Sendall from the Parkesbourne Brigade, on his 60 years with the Service, and on receiving the Long Service Medal and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Clasps today.

“This level of dedication is inspiring and I know that Alfred continues to protect his local community as an extremely valued member of his Brigade and the Service.

“Each volunteer being recognised has demonstrated an exceptional level of commitment to their community and these medals are our proud acknowledgement of their efforts.”

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