



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Jemalong Brigade honours volunteers and celebrates new station**

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The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Mid Lachlan Valley Team today celebrated the achievements of long serving volunteers while celebrating the official opening of the Jemalong Rural Fire Brigade station.

Assistant Commissioner Steve Yorke AFSM said the new facility at Forbes will provide enhanced support to the Brigade and local community.

“The NSW RFS and state and local governments are committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the equipment and resources they need to protect their local communities,” Assistant Commissioner Yorke said

“This new station, a first for the brigade, will provide more facilities for volunteers to utilise.”

“The single bay station, worth almost \$40,000 includes a water tank and will house the brigades category seven vehicle.”

Eleven Long Service medals were also presented to members of the Jemalong Brigade in recognition of their dedication, commitment and service to the local area.

Assistant Commissioner Yorke said the 11 medal recipients have accumulated a total of 253 years of service between them.

“I’d particularly like to congratulate the two members who have given 40 or more years’ service each, including Paul Doust who was recognised for 48 years commitment,” Assistant Commissioner Yorke said.

“Ernest Alcorn must also be commended for his 42 years dedication to the Jemalong Brigade, especially as he held the role of Captain for a number of years, as did Paul.

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

“I know the Brigade and its members will continue to serve their local community for many years to come and share their knowledge, experience and firefighting skills both locally and further afield when needed.”



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