



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Volunteers celebrate opening of the new Crossroads brigade station

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Members of the Crossroads Rural Fire Brigade (RFB) today celebrated the official opening of their brand new \$1.3 million station.

The station has been purpose-built for the recently formed Crossroads RFB, an amalgamation of the Erawal Bay, Sanctuary Point and Hyams Beach RFBs.

Situated in a more central location within the Shoalhaven District than the previous RFB sheds, the Crossroads station has five truck bays, a kitchen, outdoor areas, a training room, store rooms and a workshop with breathing apparatus maintenance facilities as well as emergency power generators.

NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons said the new state-of-the-art facility will enable the Crossroads RFB to provide an even greater level of protection to the ever growing local community.

"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," Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

"I would like to thank the Shoalhaven City Council and State Government for their contribution to this wonderful new station.

"I also extend the thanks of the Service and the local community to all 35 Shoalhaven District brigades for the exceptional level of fire protection they provide."

Commissioner Fitzsimmons also presented four volunteers with Long Service Medals, in recognition of their ongoing commitment to the local community.

The four medal recipients have accumulated 55 years of service between them.

"Each of these volunteers is worthy of our most sincere thanks and I would like to personally commend them for their service," Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

"They have demonstrated an exceptional level of commitment to their community over the years and these medals are our proud acknowledgement of their efforts.

"These volunteers have been part of the Service during an incredible period of growth and transformation and I know their experience and knowledge will greatly benefit the Crossroads brigade."