



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Rainbow Flat RFS Brigade celebrates new station

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The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Mid Coast District is today celebrating the opening of a new fire station at Rainbow Flat after the previous one was destroyed in the 2019/2020 Hillville Fire.

NSW RFS Commissioner Rob Rogers AFSM joined State Member for Myall Lakes, Stephen Bromhead MP, Council, NSW RFS District staff and Brigade members at an event to mark the station's official opening and thank volunteers for their ongoing service to the community.

"This excellent new station built at a cost of \$285,000 is a modern, standalone, fit for purpose building that is greatly welcomed by the volunteers and the communities they serve," Commissioner Rogers said.

"I also wish to thank MidCoast Council for facilitating the insurance claim of \$160,000 towards its completion and managing and coordinating local contractors in its build.

"The new station has space for two tankers, as well as a training room, kitchen, office, storeroom, bathroom and change room.

"After a year operating out of a temporary demountable building and storing the brigade's tanker on a neighbouring property, this new building is greatly welcomed and will assist with vehicle housing, training and the fighting of fires locally."

Commissioner Rogers added the NSW RFS 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 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 Mid Coast.

"We also thank the families, friends, employers and colleagues of these and all of our volunteers. We know it takes their ongoing support and patience which in turn enables NSW Rural Fire Service volunteers to do what they do to save lives and property."