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\$9 million dollar NSW RFS training centre to be built in Dubbo

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The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) has partnered with the Dubbo Regional Council to build a state of the art training facility for NSW RFS volunteers and staff in Dubbo.

NSW RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons said the \$9 million training centre will enable its members to undertake specialist training in areas such as in incident management, road crash rescue and fire investigation, as well as member induction training.

“This significant investment in training is great news for Dubbo and is a welcome investment in regional NSW and will ensure NSW RFS volunteers and staff have access to a dedicated training facility to build their skills to respond to emergencies across the state.

“It will be used by volunteers and staff from across the state, allowing NSW RFS members access to a modern and purpose-built facility for training and education.”

Through a partnership between the NSW RFS and Dubbo Regional Council, the facility will be built at Dubbo Airport, and be established as a ‘Centre for Excellence’.

Commissioner Fitzsimmons said the facility will provide residential style training for around 40 people at a time.

“The centre will include a large auditorium and lecture theatre, training rooms, outdoor training areas, and services such as catering.

“It will provide a variety of environments for emergency service training, whether it be in a classroom or with practical outdoor scenarios.

“While it will be principally used by the NSW RFS, the facility will also be available for the use of other emergency services.”

Dubbo Regional Council Administrator, Michael Kneipp said the construction of a new training facility on Council owned land is a most exciting development for the region.

“This partnership between Dubbo Regional Council and the NSW RFS secures, for Dubbo, a state-of-the-art training facility that will be used by emergency services from all over NSW,” Mr Kneipp said.

“The construction activity and long-term use for ongoing training will have significant economic benefit for the City,” he said.

“This facility will be a real asset to Dubbo and the wider region.”

Construction on the facility is expected to commence mid next year and be completed by 2020.

