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## Media release

### **New Taylors Flat Fire Station Opens as South West Slopes Volunteers Receive Recognition**

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Chief Superintendent Kam Baker will today join members to celebrate the official opening of the new Taylors Flat Rural Fire Brigade station while honouring volunteer service excellence at a medal ceremony at Harden Fire Control Centre.

The purpose-built Taylors Flat facility represents the first dedicated structure constructed specifically for the brigade, providing volunteers with a modern base of operations after decades of service to their community.

The two-bay station features modern amenities including unisex toilet facilities, a well-equipped kitchenette, and a multi-purpose air-conditioned room suitable for training, meetings, and community events. Beyond its primary use as a fire station, local Landcare groups and community organisations will be able to utilize the facility, making it a true community hub.

Chief Superintendent Kam Baker said this new station is a game-changer for our Taylors Flat volunteers who for the first time in the brigade's history have a purpose-built facility that meets their operational needs.

"The multi-use design ensures this investment benefits the broader community while supporting our dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly to protect lives and property," said Ch. Supt. Baker.

The medal ceremony at Harden Fire Control Centre will see the presentation of two National medals alongside 27 RFS Long Service medals, acknowledging volunteers who have served their communities with distinction over many years.

The SWS Cadets will also be honoured at the ceremony, receiving awards and trophies in recognition of their outstanding performance at the recent Holbrook Championships, demonstrating the bright future of emergency services in the region.

"These achievements represent the very best of our volunteer spirit – from our experienced members being recognized for decades of service, to our young cadets excelling in competition," Chief Superintendent Baker said.

"Each medal and trophy tell a story of dedication, skill, and community commitment that forms the backbone of our emergency services."

Both events underscore the importance of supporting volunteer emergency services across regional NSW, ensuring they have the facilities, recognition, and resources needed to continue their vital community protection role.