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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

## Far South Coast RFS volunteers rewarded with a new station

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Region South Manager, Chief Superintendent Ken Hall has congratulated 50 volunteers from the Far South Coast as they received Long Service Medals at the official opening of the Kiah Rural Fire Station.

Chief Superintendent Ken Hall said the new \$100,000 facility has been built in a new location on Kiah Hall Road so water is easier to access.

“This purpose-built station will give local volunteers a tremendous boost and has arrived just in time for the summer bush fire season.” Chief Superintendent Hall said.

“The development of this station is a demonstration of the support of the local RFS brigades and its members. I have no doubt the facility will build on the brigade’s commitment to protecting their local community from bush and grass fires.”

The building of the station began in January this year and boasts room for two trucks, a meeting room, kitchen and a bathroom.

As part of the official proceedings, Chief Superintendent Hall presented 50 members from the Far South Coast RFS with Long Service Medals.

Each of the volunteers here today has served their brigade with distinction, accumulating more than 1200 years of service between them, which is an admirable achievement.

“I would particularly like to acknowledge Wallace Williams who has dedicated more than 63 years service to the Wyndham Rural Fire Brigade. He fought his first fire at age 16 and has been a committed and valued member ever since.

“Another long serving member being awarded today is Alan Holmes, who joined the Candelo Brigade in 1950 and has continued to be a loyal member for the past 61 years.

“These individuals have all played an integral role in their community, whether fighting bush fires, house fires, attending road accidents or assisting during storms and floods.

“While our members don’t volunteer for awards or accolades, this is a way for the Far South Coast community to express our sincere thanks for their ongoing contribution,” Chief Superintendent Hall concluded.

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