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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

RFS honour Gum Flat volunteer firefighters

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Today the New South Wales Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) opened a new station and acknowledged the ongoing dedication of two volunteer firefighters at an official ceremony held in their honour.

The Director of Regional and Infrastructure Services, Chief Superintendent Bruce McDonald, had the pleasure of declaring the brand new Gum Flat Rural Fire Brigade Station open.

“This station is a testament to how diligently and tirelessly volunteers from the Gum Flat Rural Fire Brigade have worked to turn their dream of a new station into a reality.

“These volunteers are actively involved in their community providing fire education and training sessions at various agricultural shows, community events, and Brigade open days.

“Together over many years these volunteers managed to fundraise towards the overall cost of for the station. This substantial fundraising effort demonstrates the unwavering support they have from their local community.

“The brigade is understandably thrilled that they now have space to comfortably move around in their new \$37,500 station which boasts two truck bays, its own water tank and electricity,” he said

Chief Superintendant McDonald posthumously awarded Lionel White, a dedicated member of the Elsmore Rural Fire Brigade, a Long Service medal with 1st, 2nd and 3rd clasps.

“Starting with the Rural Fire Service back in 1971, Lionel always remained a committed, devoted and dedicated member. During his service Lionel held various positions, including that of Captain, always keeping up his enthusiasm in everything he did.

“Today I had the pleasure of presenting Lionel’s wife Coral with this award as small token of appreciation for an incredible 43 years of service,” Chief Superintendent McDonald said.

Mr McDonald also awarded Robert Albinus of Gum Flat Brigade with a Long Service Medal

“This medal is presented in recognition for the consistent and dedicated work Robert has done with the Gum Flat Brigade for the last 28 years,” said Chief Superintendent McDonald

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