



**NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Celebrations for Fifield and Melrose Plains volunteers, station opening and a new tanker**

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Fifield Brigade celebrated the official opening of a new fire station and the handover of a new vehicle to Melrose Plains Brigade today.

NSW RFS Regional Manager Mr Paul Smith congratulated the members of the Fifield Park Rural Fire Brigade (RFB) on the official opening of their new station.

“The new station will enable volunteers to provide an even greater level of protection to the local community.

“I’d like to thank the Lachlan Shire Council because without their significant contribution this project wouldn’t have been able to go ahead.”

Mr Smith also officially handed over a new fire truck to the Melrose Plains Brigade.

"This new fire tanker will enable the brigade to continue their outstanding work, and I would personally like to congratulate everybody on their ongoing hard work and professionalism."

“The NSW RFS state and local governments are committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the equipment they need to carry out the important work they do to protect their local communities from fire.

“Today, members of this brigade continue to protect their community from bush and grass fires, as well as a diverse array of incidents including storm damage, house fires and motor vehicle accidents,” Mr Smith said.

“These men and women remain on-hand 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and we should all be extremely proud and grateful for their contribution.

“I would also like to take this time to praise all our NSW RFS volunteers for their ongoing efforts each and every day, particularly when dealing with emergencies here in the Mid Lachlan Valley.”