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Kurrajong Rural Fire Brigade celebrates 75 years with station opening

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With 75 years of history behind them, a new era began for the Kurrajong Rural Fire Brigade today as their new station extension was officially declared open.

NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons congratulated the Kurrajong Rural Fire Brigade on their 75 years of community service and the opening of their new station extension.

“This extension is a testament to how diligently and tirelessly the Kurrajong Brigade volunteers have worked to turn their dream of a larger station into a reality,” Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

“Together, over many years, these volunteers managed to fundraise more than \$68,000 towards the overall cost of the extension. They also worked hard to secure a number of grants to fund the construction.

“The Kurrajong Brigade wanted to tangibly celebrate this milestone anniversary. The new extension was constructed to provide the space needed for training, meetings and storage.”

Commissioner Fitzsimmons said the Kurrajong Brigade has protected the local community from bush fire since it was first formed in 1939.

“We’d like to say a sincere thank you to the volunteers and also their families and loved ones for their support,” Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

“The Kurrajong Brigade remains a strong institution in the community and I know these volunteers will continue to serve their local community for many years to come.”

Commissioner Fitzsimmons said Kurrajong Brigade volunteers share their experience and firefighting skill both in their local districts and further afield.

“The ladies and gentlemen of the Kurrajong Brigade put their hand up to assist with emergencies in other parts of the State and throughout Australia, with the first recorded out of area assistance provided to Cobar in 1970.

“More recently, Kurrajong Brigade volunteers helped in the Blue Mountains and in the Wollemi National Park during the challenging season of 2013/14.

“Their hard work and professionalism doesn’t go unnoticed and this is a great opportunity for the broader community to express their gratitude and say thank you.

“I would like to take this time to praise all our volunteers for their ongoing efforts each and every day, particularly when dealing with emergencies here in the Hawkesbury area.”

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