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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Media note:

Official opening of the Windeyer Brigade Station, 1882 Windeyer Road, Windeyer NSW
1230 Sunday 14 July 2013

Community pulls together to help Windeyer volunteer firefighters

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The Windeyer community has come together with the NSW Rural Fire Service to help build the local NSW RFS brigade a new Station.

The new Station was officially opened today by NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Bruce McDonald and the Mayor of Mid Western Regional Council Councillor Des Kennedy who both commended Windeyer Brigade members and the community on the results of their hard work.

"This station is a testament to how diligently and tirelessly volunteers from the Windeyer Brigade have worked, alongside their community, to turn their dream of a new station into a reality," Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

"These volunteers have raised more than \$4,300 towards the overall cost of the station, along with extra fundraising for furniture and a fridge. This significant endeavour demonstrates the unwavering support the Windeyer Brigade has from their local community.

"I'd also like to thank the Mid Western Regional Council who contributed towards the building of this important community asset and acknowledge those local businesses and community members who helped out with discounts and donated materials.

"The Station is a clear step up from the original facility, a shed built in the 1960s. This new Windeyer Station builds on the improvements made in 2000 and now boasts an air-conditioned training room and kitchen area, along with secure accommodation for the brigade's tankers and equipment.

"This brigade has a long and proud history, with members first banding together in the 1950s to help protect each other and their neighbours from the dangers of bush fire.

"The men and women of this Brigade remain on-hand 24 hours a day, seven days a week to defend their community from bush fire as well as attending a diverse array of incidents including grass fires, house fires and motor vehicle accidents. We are extremely proud of their hard work and grateful for their contribution," said Assistant Commissioner McDonald.

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