



## New catering station for Hornsby / Ku ring gai volunteer firefighters

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons has congratulated members of the NSW RFS Hornsby / Ku ring gai district on the official opening of their new Catering Station.

The new \$70,000 facility includes a commercial grade kitchen, a cool room, offices and storage areas as well as garage space for the District's two purpose built mobile canteens.

Commissioner Fitzsimmons said the new facility will help brigades continue delivering their important service to local communities.

"The re-fit of the District's Fire Control Centre into this state of the art catering facility is a tremendous boost for our local volunteer firefighters who spend hours of their time assisting their communities in times of emergency.

"It will build on the local brigades' commitment to the bush fire and emergency protection of their communities," he said.

"The 19 NSW RFS brigades in the Hornsby Ku ring gai area, made up of 650 volunteer firefighters, have a proud history in the region.

"In the past the brigades have relied purely on mobile canteens and the dedication of catering volunteers for meals during operations – this new food preparation area will streamline this process."

At the ceremony to officially open the Catering Station, Commissioner Fitzsimmons also acknowledged the on going support of Ku ring gai Council.

"Volunteers are the backbone of the Rural Fire Service and it is always extremely heart-warming to see our members and brigades so well supported within the community.

"The generous financial contribution made by Ku ring gai Council has enabled this facility to be developed to the high standard we are seeing today," Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

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