



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



MEDIA RELEASE

First sod of Sandy Point Fire Station turned

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The start of a new era for local NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) firefighters was marked today as the first sod of the new Sandy Point Fire Station was turned.

Member for Holsworthy Melanie Gibbons MP and NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Stuart Midgley AFSM said the new \$1.4 million station would provide the Sandy Point Rural Fire Brigade with a state-of-the-art firefighting and training facility.

“This will be a brand new, first class facility that will provide a tremendous boost to the Sandy Point Brigade members, as well as the local community,” Ms Gibbons said.

“I would like to thank the Sutherland Shire Council for its generous \$650,000 contribution towards the construction of this important firefighting resource.

Assistant Commissioner Midgley said NSW RFS volunteers are committed to helping their communities 24 hours a day, seven days a week and this new station will assist them to carry out that important work.

“The new Sandy Point station will feature a purpose-built operations and administration office, training room, storeroom, workshop, kitchen, bathroom amenities and an outdoor terrace,” Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.

“The facility will not only be used by the Brigade, but also be available for use by other emergency services and Sutherland Shire Council if required.

“Construction of the new station on St Georges Road, Sandy point, is due for completion mid December 2017.

“It will replace the current station which was originally built in 1970 and extended in 1975.

“The Sandy Point Brigade is extremely active within the local community and, in addition to responding to local incidents and attending fires further afield, regularly undertakes community engagement.”

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