



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Volunteers honored as Corinella Brigade celebrates new fire station

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Regional Manager Paul Smith recognised the achievements of dedicated volunteers at a special ceremony in Forbes today.

10 members of the Corinella Brigade were recognised for their service, accumulating 309 years of service between them.

Mr Smith said everyone in the region is aware of the hard work that comes with being a NSW RFS volunteer.

“Each of the volunteers being recognised today has demonstrated an exceptional level of commitment to their community over the years and these medals are our proud acknowledgement of their efforts,” Mr Smith said.

“Notably four of the recipients today have given more than 40 years each in service to their communities.

“While our volunteers certainly don't expect awards or accolades, all of them are most worthy of our sincere gratitude and thanks.

“I'd particularly like to congratulate Kevin Maguire, who joined the Corinella Brigade in 1974, and Andrew McDonald who joined in 1975. Their service and commitment to their brigade and community is commendable.

The ceremony also saw the official opening of the new station, which Mr Smith said was the first for the Brigade.

“The Corinella Brigade is understandably thrilled that they now have this space, which includes a single bay, transportable shed and water tank.

“The NSW RFS is committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the equipment they need to carry out the important work they do to protect their local communities.

“Today, members of this Brigade continue to protect their community from bush and grass fires as well as a diverse array of incidents.

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

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