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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

New station and medals for Krawarree volunteer firefighters

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Assistant Commissioner Keith Harrap has praised Rural Fire Brigade members for their commitment to their local community.

Assistant Commissioner Harrap presented 36 volunteers with Long Service and National Medals at a ceremony held today to officially open the Krawarree Rural Fire Station.

Assistant Commissioner Harrap said the volunteers had selflessly dedicated years to their community and were always on hand to assist with fires and other emergencies right across the region.

"Between them, these 36 men and women have more than 880 years of experience in the Rural Fire Service. This is a remarkable achievement, with several of the recipients here today dedicating more than 50 years to their local brigade.

"I would particularly like to pay tribute to Leslie Cunningham who has been with the Candelo Rural Fire Brigade for more than 60 years.

"This is an inspirational achievement, and like all of the recipients here today, Mr Cunningham is most worthy of the community's gratitude and thanks."

Assistant Commissioner Harrap also officially opened Krawarree's new Rural Fire Brigade station which is situated on the same site as Gundillion Hall.

"It's evident that the Krawarree RFS brigade is highly regarded within the local community with volunteers raising \$15,000 to help fund the new building.

"The NSW RFS is committed to ensuring that our volunteers are equipped with the necessary equipment needed in order to go about their duties. This new station will help the volunteers continue their outstanding work in the community," he said.

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