



State of the art Rural Fire Brigade Station opens in Holgate

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSWRFS) Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons today congratulated volunteers from the Matcham/Holgate Rural Fire Brigade in Gosford, at the official opening of their new \$479,000 fire station.

At the official ceremony Commissioner Fitzsimmons thanked the Brigade volunteers for their commitment, praising them for their longstanding and dedicated service.

"This purpose-built station is a tremendous boost for local volunteer firefighters and the community they protect, providing them with significantly upgraded operating and training facilities.

The Commissioner also acknowledged the brigade for their fundraising efforts which helped secure the project.

"More than \$30,000 was raised by the volunteers which is a commendable achievement and an indication of the brigade's standing within the community.

"These funds have enabled the brigade to acquire many key items for the new station including office furniture, an additional rainwater tank and whitegoods.

"This new station represents the Matcham/Holgate Brigade's commitment to the bush fire and emergency protection of their community.," Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

Officially opening the station Commissioner Fitzsimmons, said the new station included space for three firefighting trucks, storage for essential equipment, kitchen facilities, additional training space and improved operations and administrative resources.

"The Matcham/Holgate Brigade has a proud history of protecting its local community for more than five decades, as well as towns and cities further afield when the call for help has gone out.

"I congratulate the members for their hard work in bush fires and other emergencies and thank them for their unwavering dedication, both to the NSW Rural Fire Service and their community. I am sure this new facility will serve them well into the future," Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

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