



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Replacement station rises from the ashes at Siding Spring

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It's the beginning of a new era for the Timor Rural Fire Brigade. NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Assistant Commissioner Steve Yorke officially declared their new station at Siding Spring open today.

Assistant Commissioner Yorke urged the Timor Brigade to celebrate the opening of the new station, which was rebuilt following the destructive Wambelong Fire in 2013.

"This station, housed in a building owned by the Australian National University, is a testament to how diligently and tirelessly the Timor Brigade volunteers have worked," Assistant Commissioner Yorke said.

"Together, these volunteers have protected the Siding Spring Observatory site and surrounding areas for many years.

"The Timor Brigade is understandably thrilled that they now have the space rebuilt to house their fire truck and equipment."

Assistant Commissioner Yorke said the Timor Brigade has protected the local community from bush fires since it was first formed in 1951.

"Today, members of this Brigade continue to protect their community from bush fires as well as a diverse array of incidents' including motor vehicle accidents," Assistant Commissioner Yorke said.

"Our volunteers also continue to protect the Siding Spring Observatory site as well.

"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.

"These volunteers also actively provide community fire education and training sessions whenever possible.

"The volunteers of the Timor Brigade are a testament to the real strength of the Service which resides in the quality, capability and tenacity of its people."