



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Cobar HQ RFS Brigade celebrates new station

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The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Far West Team is today welcoming a more than \$1.5 million investment with the official opening of the Cobar HQ Rural Fire Brigade Station.

Assistant Commissioner Kelly Browne AFSM joined Council, NSW RFS District staff and Brigade members at an event to mark the station's official opening and thank volunteers for their ongoing service to the community.

"This excellent new station is a modern, standalone, fit for purpose building," Assistant Commissioner Browne said.

"I also wish to thank Cobar Council for its contribution of \$240,000 towards its completion.

"The new station has space for three tankers, as well as a training room, kitchen, office, toilets and change room.

"After sharing space at the Fire Control Centre, this is now a dedicated place the Cobar HQ Rural Fire Brigade can call home. This new station is a real boost to the Cobar HQ Brigade and will assist with vehicle housing, training and the fighting of fires locally as we come into the current fire season.

"I am sure it is greatly welcomed by the 38 current volunteer members of the brigade as well as the local community," she said.

Assistant Commissioner Browne added the NSW RFS is committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the equipment, infrastructure and resources they need to carry out the important work of protecting their local communities from fire and a diverse array of incidents.

"I would like to take this time to praise all our volunteers for their ongoing efforts each and every day, particularly when dealing with emergencies here in the Far West.

"We also thank the families, friends, employers and colleagues of these and all of our volunteers. We know it takes their ongoing support and patience which in turn enables NSW Rural Fire Service volunteers to do what they do to save lives and property."

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