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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

New station, facilities and medals for Far South Coast brigade

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A coastal Rural Fire Brigade in the Eurobodalla region celebrated when their new Station, complete with training rooms, was opened at an official ceremony this weekend.

NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Superintendent John Cullen said the new Mogo Rural Fire Station is an excellent resource for volunteers, as well as the local community.

Superintendent Cullen also presented two volunteers, Stanley Towers and Geoffrey Flemming with Long Service Medals, in recognition of their dedicated years of service.

Superintendent Cullen said the Mogo Brigade have been a valued fixture in the community since 1968.

“This brigade began when a group of locals banded together in the late 1960’s. These original members built their first brigade station themselves, using their own materials.

“Throughout the years the Mogo Brigade has gone from strength to strength, actively educating the community about how to prepare for bush and grass fires, as well as continuing to recruit and train younger members.

“While this brigade is busy all year round, they see spikes in the incidents they attend during the holiday season, due to their coastal location.

“Members of this brigade have been involved in numerous major fires including the fires of 2002 and 2003 as well as fires burning in remote locations in the Eurobodalla area in 2009.

“This new station will help the Brigade continue its important work in the local area, particularly in the lead up to the 2012-13 bush fire season.

“The new \$165,000 station has two vehicle bays, a training room and kitchen; a major step up from the original shed of the 1960’s,” said Superintendent John Cullen.

During the ceremony, Superintendent Cullen also praised both members receiving Long Service Medals for their on-going commitment to their fellow brigade members, their community and the Service.

“NSW RFS volunteers right across the State all have one thing in common: their selfless dedication to helping others when they need it most.

“Our members don’t ask for awards or thanks, but today it gives me great pleasure to officially open the new Mogo Station and present these members with a token of our thanks,” Superintendent Cullen said.

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