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Mowrock Rural Fire Service Brigade Station Opening

Brigade members of the Mowrock Rural Fire Service (RFS) welcomed the opening of the Brigade's first Brigade Station opened on Saturday, 29 June 2019.

"The Mowrock RFS Brigade has never had a station, forcing the members to garage the Category 7 and Category 9 fire trucks at RFS members' private properties"said Warrumbungle Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Denis Todd "This project has been a great addition to the Mowrock Brigade, which is very active in the Castlereagh Zone."

"The new station will provide an area for the volunteers to meet and train along with benefiting tanker replacements in the future as the station has been designed to facilitate upgrades to the service fleet", said Cr Todd.

"The station has been constructed to be self sufficient with energy storage and solar system to allow the shed to be run completely off the grid. The complete solar electrical system was designed, supplied and constructed locally. The water supply to the building is a 50,000L water tank that was installed to capture the storm water from the building."

"The building is fully accessible with a disability accessible bathroom, storage room, electric roller doors, provision for a kitchenette, off grid power supply and staff parking. With the building being constructed to the specific needs and requirements of the Mowrock RFS staff, it will be invaluable if an emergency eventuates in the future", explained Cr Todd.

"The building was constructed from the excavation stage to handover utilising local trades people and local suppliers where possible and this has had financial benefits to the local community", concluded Cr Todd.

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Image: NSW RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons, Warrumbungle Shire Council Mayor Denis Todd and George Haley opening the new Mowrock Brigade Station.