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Thirlmere Rural Fire Brigade celebrates 75 years

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The Thirlmere Rural Fire Brigade has proudly protected the local community since it was first formed in 1940 and today, members gathered to celebrate a milestone anniversary.

NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Assistant Commissioner Steve Yorke said it was a great honour to be celebrating 75 years of community service.

"We'd like to say a sincere thank you to the volunteers and also their families and loved ones for their support," Assistant Commissioner Yorke said.

"I know these volunteers will continue to serve their local community for many years to come.

"The Thirlmere Brigade remains a strong institution in the community and in recent times that has been reflected by their growing membership numbers.

Assistant Commissioner Yorke said Thirlmere Brigade members share their experience and firefighting skill both in their local districts and further afield.

"Thirlmere Brigade attends an average of 50 incidents each year in the local area, including motor vehicle accidents and bush or grass fires," Assistant Commissioner Yorke said.

"The ladies and gentlemen of the Thirlmere Brigade are also the first to put their hand up to assist with emergencies in other parts of the State."

Assistant Commissioner Yorke said everyone living in the region is aware of the hard work, and commitment that comes with being a NSW RFS volunteer.

"Whether it's responding to bush fire emergencies, or assisting with flood rescue and recovery, our volunteers are on hand 24 hours a day, seven days a week," Assistant Commissioner Yorke said.

"The Thirlmere Brigade and all its members are most worthy of our sincere gratitude and thanks."

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