



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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## Mooneba / Turners Flat Rural Fire Brigade celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> year

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) members today gathered to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mooneba / Turners Flat Rural Fire Brigade (RFB) and honour its members for their long-standing dedication and commitment to protecting the community.

NSW RFS District Manager Superintendent Lachlann Ison congratulated members past and present for building the Mooneba / Turners Flat RFB into the community institution it is today.

“This brigade, formed in 1968, has a proud history of community service and spirit,” Superintendent Ison said.

“Originally founded by the needs of local families protecting their properties, this brigade has grown through the years with more members and a larger area to protect.

“Today, the brigade continues its high level of dedication and responds to a wide range of emergency incidents ranging from bush and grass fires to structure fires and motor vehicle accidents, as well as lending a helping hand at community events and helping locals prepare for the fire season.”

Superintendent Ison said Mooneba / Turners Flat’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary was a great opportunity for the Service and community to say thank you to all volunteer members.

“The hard work and professionalism of NSW RFS members does not go unnoticed and while celebrating this milestone for the brigade, we should also acknowledge the hard work, dedication and spirit of its members,” Superintendent Ison said.

“The Lower North Coast Zone is afforded a world-class level of fire protection due to the experience and dedication of our 30 Rural Fire Brigades and we cannot thank them enough.”

A Category 7 tanker was also officially handed over to the Mooneba / Turners Flat Rural Fire Brigade.

“This vehicle represents a \$178,000 investment in the local community, the new tanker replaces the older unit and will enable the brigade to continue its outstanding work providing a world-class level of fire protection to their local community,” Superintendent Ison said.

“The NSW RFS and state and local governments are committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the equipment they need to carry out the important work they do.”