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Main Arm Rural Fire Brigade celebrates 75 years

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Parliamentary Secretary for Northern NSW Ben Franklin MLC and NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Regional Business Manager Ross Phillips today joined members past and present to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Main Arm Rural Fire Brigade.

Mr Franklin said the Main Arm Brigade, located within the Far North Coast District, was formed on 30 November 1942 to protect valuable timber and produce from the threat of bush fire.

“Since its humble beginnings, we have watched the Main Arm Brigade go from strength to strength, improving their equipment and the proficiency and experience of its members,” Mr Franklin said.

“Today there are 51 members in the Main Arm Brigade, who respond to local incidents including bush and grass fires, structure fires, motor vehicle accidents and floods, as well as lending a hand in other areas where assistance is required.

“The Brigade also has a very strong community engagement team and actively promotes bush fire safety and preparedness.”

Mr Phillips said the respect afforded to members of the Main Arm Brigade is testament to the dedication of both past and present members.

“Each and every one of these volunteers is worthy of our most sincere thanks and I would like to personally commend them, not only for their commitment to their Brigade and the Service, but also to their community,” Mr Phillips said.

“It is the dedication of all members that will see the Main Arm Brigade maintain a strong presence in the community into the future.”

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