



**NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Glenbrook/Lapstone Rural Fire Brigade celebrate half century milestone**

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Acting District Manager Inspector Rob Vinzenz congratulates members past and present of the Glenbrook/Lapstone Rural Fire Brigade who will gather to celebrate the brigades 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary tomorrow afternoon.

Inspector Vinzenz said the Glenbrook/Lapstone Brigade, located within the Blue Mountains District, was formed in 1969 in response to the 1968 fires, with an initial membership of 48 volunteers.

“Over the last half century we have watched the Glenbrook/Lapstone Brigade go from strength to strength and currently has 86 members protecting the community,” Inspector Vinzenz said.

“The Brigade, led by Captain Chris McKay, respond to local incidents including bush and grass fires, particularly in the Blue Mountains National Park, along with motor vehicle accidents and searches, as well as lending a hand in other areas where assistance is required.

“The brigade also actively undertakes community engagement activities within the community and actively promotes bush fire safety and preparedness wherever possible.”

Inspector Vinzenz said the respect afforded to members of the Glenbrook/Lapstone 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,” Inspector Vinzenz said.

“We must also thank the family, friends, employers and colleagues of these and all volunteers, we know it takes their support to help Rural Fire Service members do what they do.

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

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