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## **Bowthorne - Hinton Rural Fire Brigade celebrates 75 years**

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The Bowthorne – Hinton Rural Fire Brigade (RFB) has proudly protected the local community since it was first formed in 1939 and today, members gathered to mark a milestone anniversary.

NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons said he was honoured to celebrate the brigade's 75 years of community service with its committed and dedicated volunteers.

"I would like to sincerely thank the volunteers, both past and present, who have given so much of their time and vast experience to transform the Bowthorne – Hinton Brigade into the community institution it is today," Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

"These volunteers will continue to serve their local community for many years to come and share their experience and firefighting skills both locally and further afield.

"The Service also recognises this would not be possible without the support of the volunteers' families and loved ones and we thank them also."

Commissioner Fitzsimmons said the Bowthorne – Hinton RFB is highly regarded and well supported by the local community.

"The volunteers work tirelessly, not only in fire fighting roles, but also to ensure the community has a high level of fire safety awareness," Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

"Members of this Brigade have been running a highly successful 'Juniors Programme' for the past three years and are always available to lend a helping hand to community groups and local schools.

"These men and women remain on-hand 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and we are extremely proud and grateful for their contribution."