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Lake Munmorah Rural Fire Brigade celebrates 50 years service to the community

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The Lake Munmorah Rural Fire Brigade has proudly protected the local community since it formed and became operational in 1966. Today members gathered to celebrate a milestone anniversary.

The Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC, Government Whip said it is a great honour to be celebrating 60 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,” Ms Maclaren-Jones said.

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

“The Lake Munmorah Brigade remains a strong establishment in the community. In recent times that has been reflected by their growing membership numbers and strong community engagement.”

NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons said Lake Munmorah Brigade members use their extensive experience and firefighting skill in both their local districts and further afield.

“The Brigade attends on average 200 incidents each year ranging from structure fires, motor vehicle accidents and bush fires, to assisting other emergency services with searches and storm damage.

“Most notably, the Brigade was first on scene at the Rutley’s Road fire and has attended Section 44 Minmi and Redhead Fires in 2013. The Brigade members were also sent to the Black Saturday fires in 2009.

“Whether it is responding to local incidents across NSW or interstate, the Lake Munmorah Brigade are always ready to lend a hand to protect the community.

“The Brigade should be proud of their history and excited about their future.

Commissioner Fitzsimmons also urged the Lake Munmorah Brigade to celebrate the completion of their station refurbishment, which is the result of many years of hard work by brigade members.

“The Lake Munmorah Brigade is understandably thrilled that they now have the refreshed space to comfortably fit their vehicles, equipment and carry out the great work they do.

“It is pleasing to see such a motivated, dedicated and professional group of men and women that make up the Lake Munmorah Brigade.”

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