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Celebrations for Trenayr Rural Fire Brigade on 60th anniversary

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) members will gather in Grafton later today to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Trenayr Rural Fire Brigade within the Clarence Valley District.

NSW RFS Area Commander Chief Supt Michele Cooper will be joined by State Member for Clarence, Chris Gulaptis MP and Clarence Valley Mayor Cr Jim Simmons to congratulate members past and present for building the brigade into the community focal point it is today.

"This Brigade has a proud history and has put in a lot of effort developing its members over the years and strengthening its relationship with the community," Chief Supt Cooper said.

"In fact the Brigade has welcomed 18 new members since December 2019. Trenayr Brigade is located in a moderate to high risk fire zone and members fought valiantly to save lives and properties during the devastating Clarence Valley fire of November 2019."

Chief Supt Cooper said the Trenayr Brigade was a very active Brigade with attendance at around 340 general incidents over the past 10 years.

"The Brigade is well established in the community and attends a broad range of incidents including grass fires, structure fires, motor vehicle accidents and has also provided assistance to other agencies with flood and search/rescue incidents." she said.

"The Trenayr Brigade Station is a pivotal part of the Clarence Valley District with the Station site also housing a District Training and Catering facility for other brigades in the district."

Chief Supt Cooper said the event was an opportunity to congratulate the brigade on this milestone and to thank members for their ongoing commitment and service.

"The hard work and professionalism of all NSW RFS members does not go unnoticed and while they do not ask for praise, we should take this milestone to acknowledge their contribution and commitment to their community."

Chief Supt Cooper said the Clarence Valley is afforded a world-class level of fire protection due to the experience and dedication of its 40 Rural Fire Brigades.

"We must also thank the family, friends, employers and colleagues of these and all volunteers. We know it takes their support to help our members do what they do to save lives and property," Chief Supt Cooper said.

