



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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## Thornton Rural Fire Brigade celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> year

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) members today gathered to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Thornton Rural Fire Brigade (RFB) and honour its members for their long-standing dedication and commitment to protecting the community.

NSW RFS Deputy Commissioner Rob Rogers congratulated members past and present for building the Thornton RFB into the community institution it is today.

“This brigade, formed in 1968 after the bush fires of that year, has a proud history of community service and spirit,” Deputy Commissioner Rogers said.

“Thornton Brigade has grown through the years and although it has seen setbacks, like the flooding of the station in April 2015 following storm activity, it continues to flourish with even more members joining in the last year.

“Today, the brigade continues its high level of dedication and responds to a wide range of emergency incidents ranging from bush and grass fires to structure fires and motor vehicle accidents, as well as lending a helping hand at community events and helping locals prepare for the fire season.

Deputy Commissioner Rogers said Thornton Brigade’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary was a great opportunity for the Service and community to say thank you to all volunteer members.

“The hard work and professionalism of NSW RFS members does not go unnoticed and while celebrating this milestone for the brigade, we should also acknowledge the hard work, dedication and spirit of its members,” Deputy Commissioner Rogers said.

“The Lower Hunter District is afforded a world-class level of fire protection due to the experience and dedication of our 44 Rural Fire Brigades in the area and we cannot thank them enough.

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