



**NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**



# MEDIA RELEASE

## **Celebrating 70 years with Broke Rural Fire Brigade**

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The Broke Rural Fire Brigade has proudly protected the local community since it was first formed in 1944 and today, members gathered to celebrate a milestone anniversary.

NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Deputy Commissioner Rob Rogers said it is a great honour to be celebrating 70 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,” Deputy Commissioner Rogers said.

“The Broke Brigade remains a strong institution in the community and I know these volunteers will continue to serve their local community for many years to come.”

Deputy Commissioner Rogers said Broke Brigade members share their experience and firefighting skill both in their local districts and further afield.

“While the primary response of the Broke Brigade is to bush and grass fires, the Brigade also attend motor vehicle accidents and structural incidents when required,” Deputy Commissioner Rogers said.

“The members of the Broke Brigade are also the first to put their hand up to assist with emergencies in neighbouring areas and right across the Hunter Valley area.

“The hard work and professionalism of the Broke Brigade doesn’t go unnoticed and this is a great opportunity for the broader community to express their gratitude and say thank you.

“I would like to take this time to praise all our volunteers for their ongoing efforts each and every day, particularly when dealing with emergencies here in the Hunter Valley,” said Deputy Commissioner Rogers.

“These volunteers also actively provide community fire education and training sessions whenever possible.”

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