



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Celebrations for Sutton River Rural Fire Brigade on 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) members will gather tonight to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Sutton River Rural Fire Brigade (RFB) and honour the long-standing dedication and commitment to protecting the community by its members.

Member for Goulburn Wendy Tuckerman and NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Peter McKechnie congratulated members past and present for building the Brigade into the community institution it is today.

“Formed back in 1949, this Brigade has a proud history of community service and spirit,” Mrs Tuckerman said.

“Over the years, this brigade has put in a lot of effort developing its members and strengthening its relationship with the community.

“Today, the 100 member strong brigade responds to a wide range of emergency incidents ranging from bush and grass fires, to motor vehicle accidents and fires, to lending a helping hand at community and fundraising events and helping residents prepare for the fire season.

Assistant Commissioner McKechnie said long serving volunteers will also be acknowledged with the presentation of 10 National Medals and 5 Long Service Medals to 13 recipients, representing a combined 311 years of service.

“I’d particularly like to mention James Bingley on his 48 years and William Bingley on 43 years’ service to the brigade and community,” Assistant Commissioner McKechnie said.

“The hard work and professionalism of 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.”

Assistant Commissioner McKechnie said the Southern Tablelands is afforded a world-class level of fire protection due to the experience and dedication of its 63 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 Rural Fire Service members do what they do,” Assistant Commissioner McKechnie said.



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