

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## Muogamarra Rural Fire Brigade celebrates 70 years of service

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai District members will celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Muogamarra Brigade later today.

NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Stuart Midgley joined State Member for Hornsby, Matt Kean MP, and a host of other special guests to congratulate members past and present for building up 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," Mr Kean said.

"The brigade was established in 1951 and has proved to be a busy and involved team, attending many major fires in and outside of the area during that time.

"The Muogamarra Brigade embodies the true meaning of volunteer, providing exceptional service to their local and broader NSW community," Mr Kean said.

Assistant Commissioner Midgley said the Muogamarra Brigade had grown to 53 members with many applications received since the Black Summer bush fires.

"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."

He said the Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai District is afforded a world-class level of fire protection due to the experience and dedication of its 20 Rural Fire Brigades.

"Today we reflect on those members who have given so much for this Brigade, in particular Syd Greathead who died whilst fighting a fire at Fiddletown in 1991.

"We 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," Assistant Commissioner Midgley said.