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Oakville Rural Fire Brigade celebrates 70 years service to the community

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The Oakville Rural Fire Brigade has proudly protected the local community since it began in 1946. Today members gathered to celebrate a milestone anniversary.

NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Chief Superintendent Ben Watson 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," Chief Superintendent Watson said.

"I know these volunteers will continue to serve their local community for many years to come.

"The Oakville Brigade remains a strong establishment in the community. In recent times that has been reflected by their growing membership numbers.

Chief Superintendent Watson said Oakville Brigade members use their extensive experience and firefighting skill in both their local districts and further afield.

"The brigade has been involved in every major bushfire in the Hawkesbury region since the brigades inception,

"The men and women of the Oakville Brigade are also the first to put their hand up to assist with emergencies in other parts of the State and throughout Australia." Chief Superintendent Watson said.

"Whether it is responding to local incidents, across NSW or Interstate the Oakville brigade are always ready to lend a hand to protect the community.

"The brigade should be proud of their history and excited about their future.

"It is pleasing to see such a motivated, dedicated and professional group of men and women that make up the Oakville Brigade."