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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Long Service of Hay Headquarters Brigade members celebrated**

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The dedication and commitment of 50 RFS volunteers from the Hay Headquarters Brigade will tonight be recognised with the presentation of Long Service Medals.

RFS Chief Superintendent Kelwyn White will join the members and their family and friends at the Brigade Station to present the awards to volunteers who have given a total of more than 1,550 years of dedicated service to their community.

“With years of service ranging from 10 to 52 years, many of these volunteers have dedicated a significant portion of their life to protecting others, and for that we say thank you” Chief Superintendent White said.

“I would like to make special mention of Ronald Headon AFSM, who tonight will be recognised for an impressive 52 years’ service

“Ron was the first Captain to be appointed of the Hay Headquarters Brigade in 1992; a position he held until 2013.

“The RFS members being celebrated tonight have and continue to give their time, to not only protect their communities, but to carry out critical behind-the-scenes work, which enables our frontline firefighters to do their job.

“As we face another potentially tough season ahead, I know these volunteers will likely be called upon and tonight is an opportunity to show our appreciation for their work.”

Chief Superintendent White also acknowledged those who support the volunteers who will be receiving awards.

“We thank the family, friends, employers and colleagues of all RFS volunteers. We know it takes their ongoing support and patience to assist and enable our volunteers to do what they do to save lives and property.”



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