

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## Hay Shire Brigades recognise long serving members

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The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) MIA District today applauded the achievements of dedicated volunteers from the Hay Shire Brigades with the presentation of 53 long service medals.

NSW RFS Commissioner Rob Rogers AFSM, joined General Manager Hay Shire Council, David Webb and other guests at a ceremony to mark the occasion.

Commissioner Rogers said the 53 recipients had together given a total of 1,472 years of service to the community.

"The members being recognised today with long service medals and /or clasps range from 10 to 60 years of service, with six members giving 60 years of service each to the NSW RFS."

Commissioner Rogers congratulated each of the MIA District volunteers on their dedication, commitment and service to their communities.

"You only have to look at the 2019/20 season to see how hard our skilled firefighters and support crews work to keep us safe when fires and emergency situations threaten," he said.

He added the NSW RFS is committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the equipment, infrastructure and resources they need to carry out the important work of protecting their local communities from fire and a diverse array of incidents.

"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 MIA District.

"We also thank the family, friends, employers and colleagues of all NSW 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."

