



# FIREFIGHTING AWARDS 2019

## NOMINATION GUIDELINES



### ABOUT THE AWARDS

Western Australian volunteer and career firefighters protect over two million square kilometres of land and structures. The annual Firefighting Awards recognise the outstanding efforts of our volunteer and career firefighters who have made a significant contribution and demonstrated a high level of dedication and commitment to the volunteer fire services.

Awards are presented across six categories:

- ▶ WA Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service Award
- ▶ WA Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services Award
- ▶ Murray Lang Bush Fire Service Award
- ▶ Team Achievement Award
- ▶ Youth Achievement Award
- ▶ Western Australian Career Fire and Rescue Service Award

#### Murray Lang Bush Fire Service, WA Fire and Emergency Services and WA Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service Awards

These awards are the highest individual honour for Bush Fire Service (BFS), Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services (VFES) and Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service (VFRS) volunteers. They are presented to a volunteer who has gone above and beyond what is expected of them and made an exceptional contribution over the past 12 months.

#### Team Achievement Award

The Team Achievement Award acknowledges a volunteer brigade, team or taskforce who together have made a real difference in their community over the past 12 months.

#### Youth Achievement Award

This award recognises an exceptional volunteer under the age of 25 from one of the firefighting services who has stood out amongst their peers as capable and extraordinary.

### Western Australian Career Fire and Rescue Service Award

Awarded to a career firefighter or station officer who has shown dedication to duty beyond normal expectations in the past 12 months.

### HOW TO NOMINATE

#### Eligibility

Nominees of the volunteer categories must be active members of the VFRS, BFS or VFES to be eligible. Nominees of the career category must be a career firefighter or station officer to be eligible.

#### Developing a nomination

Tell the judging panel how great the nominee has been over the past 12 months. The judging panel can only make their decision based on what is included in the nomination. As a guide, the submission will need to be 500-1,000 words in length.

When completing your nomination you will be asked four key questions:

- ▶ Why are you nominating this volunteer, team, taskforce or brigade?
- ▶ Why their actions are considered outstanding?
- ▶ How have their actions affected or benefited others including the community?
- ▶ Any other information?

When answering these four questions, you need to address one or more of these criteria:

- ▶ Dedication to duty beyond normal expectations;
- ▶ Kindness, understanding, compassion or courage in the line of duty.
- ▶ Contribution beyond normal expectations to the efficiency and growth of firefighting efforts in WA.
- ▶ Achievement in community education or community based fire prevention programs.
- ▶ Helped develop or implement a new idea or initiative.

As part of the nomination include a referee(s) who can support this information.

### SUBMITTING YOUR NOMINATION

Nominations are submitted through the [nomination portal](#). You will have the ability complete your nomination in one go, or start your nomination, save and then continue at a later time.

If you are a member of the public, please contact the Events and Promotions Officer on the details below

### HOW ARE THE WINNERS SELECTED?

A judging panel will assess all of the nominations. The judging panel is made up of:

- ▶ DFES Representative
- ▶ Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services Association of WA (VFRSAWA) Representative
- ▶ Association of Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades (AVBFB) Representative
- ▶ Emergency Services Volunteer Association (ESVA) Representative
- ▶ Independent Community Member

The Judging Panel will rate all nominations on a 1-10 scale, depending on how the nominee satisfies the criteria. The highest rated nomination across the Judging Panel will be selected as the winner.

### NEED ASSISTANCE?

If you have any further enquiries or require assistance with the preparation of your nomination, please contact the Events and Promotions Officer on (08) 9395 9520 or email [awards@dfes.wa.gov.au](mailto:awards@dfes.wa.gov.au)

*"It's not about always taking, it's about giving back".*

Awards Finalist Adrian Goh,  
Bullsbrook VFES

*"I couldn't do what I do without the crew that I've got"*

Awards Finalist Darren McCarthy,  
Kambalda VFRS