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4 December 2023

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY

Tuesday 5 December is International Volunteer Day.

Officially recognised by the United Nations, International Volunteer Day is a time to acknowledge and thank volunteers for the enormous contributions they make to society and to celebrate the spirit of volunteerism.

Emergency services organisations especially rely heavily on the generosity of volunteers and DFES is no exception. As a volunteer-based organisation, it is estimated that there are close to 30,000 volunteers providing the true backbone to our work and the often lifesaving roles we fulfil. Without them, our ability to serve the community would not be nearly as great as it is.

This year's theme – If Everyone Did – focuses on the power of everyone and asks us to imagine a world where every person donated a little of their time to elicit positive change, so we are looking at other volunteer roles some DFES staff undertake to complement the efforts of the emergency service volunteers.

This International Volunteer Day, join us for a virtual morning tea. Tim McNaught, Chair of the People and Culture Committee, will interview Janet, Jason and Penelope about the different ways they volunteer time in their communities outside of their day-to-day roles with DFES, providing an insight into the depth of the volunteering spirit and focus on community that flows through our organisation. Make yourself a cuppa and jump online at 10am on Tuesday 5 December to hear some volunteering stories.



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Fire & Emergency Services**



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5 December 2023

10am to 10.30am (interviews until 10.20am)

[Microsoft Teams meeting link](#)

Individual teams and business areas are encouraged to get together on the day.
Share a plate – and your own volunteering stories – after the interviews conclude.

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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

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