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NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR THE AUSTRALIAN HONOURS MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS – KING'S BIRTHDAY 2025

Nominations for Australian Honours Meritorious Service Awards, including the Australian Fire Service Medal (AFSM), Emergency Services Medal (ESM) and Australian Bravery Decorations (ABD) are now being sought.

This is your opportunity to recognise a fellow DFES staff member or volunteer with recent operational experience who deserves recognition at the highest level. These awards recognise the gallantry, bravery, achievement and outstanding service of Australians.

The AFSM is awarded for meritorious service by a frontline member of an Australian fire service. The ESM is awarded for meritorious service by a frontline member of an Australian emergency service, or who has given distinguished service in relation to emergency management, training or education.

Australian Bravery Decorations are awarded to recognise acts of bravery by individuals and groups whose selfless actions put themselves in jeopardy to protect the lives or property of others.

Further information is available in the <u>Honours and Awards Handbook</u>, <u>AFSM</u>, <u>ESM</u>, <u>Australian Bravery Decorations</u> nomination guidelines. Nominations for the above Australian Honours can be submitted <u>online</u>.

Nominations can be submitted at any time, however nominations submitted by **Monday 14 October 2024** will be considered for the King's Birthday 2025 Honours List.

For further information, email the Honours and Awards Officer at <u>rewards@dfes.wa.gov.au</u>.

I encourage you to nominate an eligible DFES volunteer or staff member for an Australian Honours Meritorious Service Award and acknowledge the achievements of those who act as role models, make a difference, achieve their best, or have put themselves in jeopardy to protect the lives or property of others.

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