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### VOLUNTEER EMPLOYER RECOGNITION AWARD RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

More than 80 businesses have been honoured for their outstanding support of WA's emergency services at the 2024 Volunteer Employer Recognition Awards (VERA).

The awards recognise employers that go above and beyond to support staff in responding to incidents during work hours.

Since launching in 2009, VERA has recognised more than 1100 businesses.

This year's deserving recipients come from a range of industries including hospitality, retail and resources and are based right across the State, from Kununurra to Albany.

Of the 82 recipients, 17 are self-employed volunteers who often sacrifice their own earnings or pass up jobs at a moment's notice to respond to emergencies.

Flexible and supportive working arrangements are particularly vital in remote areas, where volunteers are the backbone of our response. It's great to see more than half of the VERA recipients for 2024 are based in regional WA.

Shire of Mundaring and Shire of Narrogin will this year receive Distinctions for Outstanding Support, acknowledging a combined 30 years of unwavering commitment to community safety.

All recipients will be celebrated at an official ceremony in Perth on Friday 11 October. I encourage you to view the full list of 2024 recipients below.

Thank you to the volunteers and staff who submitted a nomination.

For more information about the awards, please visit the website.

#### DARREN KLEMM AFSM COMMISSIONER



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2024 VERA recipients
Abrolhos Steel
Accenture Australia
AES Equipment Solutions
Aries Rail
ASC
AUS Logistics Solutions
Auscor, Canning Vale
Baler Primary School
BHP, Emergency Services
Big W, Mandurah
BMB Diesel
Bothe Building Contractors
Brian Child Plumbing
Brightwater Care Group, Oats Street
Bunbury Fibreglass
Bunnings, Busselton
Burger Baby
CDI Group
Celtic Construction
City of Rockingham
Cleanaway, Worsley
Concise Business Management
Cummins, Geraldton
Curtin University, Faculty of Science and Engineering
Delta Corporation
Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, Recreation Camps
Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, Kununurra Regional Office
Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
DML Contracting
Engineering Design Services
Europa Saddlery
Good Sammy, Northam
GTS Gauges Transmitters Switches
Hales Contracting Group
Hitachi Zosen Inova, East Rockingham Waste to Energy
Hitchcock Panel Beaters
John Higgins Lawn Mowing
John Sample Group
John Jampie Gloup



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2024 VERA recipients
John Wollaston Anglican Community School
Karratha Primary School
Lance Mechanics
Little Farm Eggs
Lobster Shack
MackBuild
Mackbulld Marshall Michael Chartered Accountants
McNamara Greig
OMNI GeoX
Osinski Finance
PathWest, Manjimup Regional Services Pilbara Palms Maintenance
Pilbara Ports
Programmed, Training Services
Ray White Bullsbrook Rhodes Pastoral
Rio Tinto, Rail Network Maintenance
Rio Tinto, Cape Lambert
Rocket Engineering
Roebourne District High School
Shire of Augusta Margaret River, Works Depot Shire of Carnarvon
Shire of Donnybrook Balingup
Shire of Mundaring (Distinction for Outstanding Support)
Shire of Narrogin (Distinction for Outstanding Support)
Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale
Sims Metal, Port Hedland
SMK Automotive
South East Fire and Safety
South Regional TAFE, Esperance Campus
Stantil Engineering, Bunbury
Talison Lithium
Tianqi Lithium Australia
Turfcare WA
WA Country Health Service, Plantagenet Cranbrook Health Service
Warren Valley Farm
Water Corporation, Southern Seawater Desalination
Water Corporation, Bushfire Mitigation
Water Corporation, Moora Depot
Water Corporation, Integrated Operations
Western Australia Police Force, Mid West-Gascoyne District





## 2024 VERA recipients

WesTrac, Apprentice Department