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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 2024 'SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE'

National Volunteer Week, held from 20-26 May 2024, is an annual celebration of the significant role played by Australia's nearly six million volunteers. It provides an opportunity to acknowledge the dedicated individuals who generously contribute their time and effort to serve their communities.

The theme for National Volunteer Week 2024 – 'Something for Everyone' - encourages Australians to reflect on the diverse ways they can contribute and make a positive impact locally and nationally.

At DFES, we take great pride in the more than 26,000 emergency services volunteers who actively serve in the Bush Fire Service, State Emergency Service, Marine Rescue WA, Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services, Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services, Youth in Emergency Services and the Juvenile and Family Fire Awareness program.

These volunteers are essential to Western Australia's emergency services across the State. In remote and regional areas, our emergency services volunteers are often the first to arrive on the scene, offering vital support and assistance to people in their time of need.

National Volunteer Week provides an opportunity to acknowledge the commitment of our volunteers who tirelessly dedicate themselves to saving lives and protecting homes, even amidst unprecedented challenges.

Throughout the past year, Western Australia has experienced numerous significant emergency events and our volunteers have consistently risen to the challenges, demonstrating resilience and bravery in the face of adversity.

While many of our volunteers may see themselves as ordinary citizens, National Volunteer Week gives us a chance to show our gratitude for their extraordinary contribution to help keep communities safe.

Each DFES Regional Team has been provided with promotional resources for National Volunteer Week to help facilitate recognition and appreciation. We encourage you to use these resources to help celebrate in your local community. Emergency services volunteers will also be celebrated on the digital tower at Yagan Square. Keep your eye on the digital tower on Monday to Friday at 8.30am and 12:30pm, Saturday and Sunday at 1.00pm, and at random times throughout the week.

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