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**2024 WAFES Awards finalists announced**

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I am delighted to announce the finalists for the 2024 WAFES Awards.

Our judges have selected 44 finalists from an exceptional pool of nominations for the 15 award categories below:

**Career Fire and Rescue Individual Achievement Award**

Doug Spear, Station Officer  
Jayden Edwards, Firefighter  
Mark Papadopoff, Station Officer

**DFES Corporate Staff Individual Achievement Award**

Anni Fordham, Public Information Manager  
Kathleen Colgate, Executive Manager Land and Buildings  
Lynelle Fozard, Youth in Emergency Services Coordinator

**DFES Operational Staff Individual Achievement Award**

Rebecca Benson, District Officer Marine  
Victoria Gardener, Volunteer Management Support Officer  
Lisa Bishop, District Officer Trainee Firefighter School

**Marine Rescue Individual Achievement Award**

Fabio Renzullo, Marine Rescue Windy Harbour  
Bradley Nicholas, Marine Rescue Cockburn  
Cameron Bell, Marine Rescue Dampier

**Murray Lang Bush Fire Service Award**

Anthony Mort, Cuballing/Popanyinning Bush Fire Brigade  
Luke Johnson, West Swan Bush Fire Brigade  
Murray Brooker, Mount Lindesay Bush Fire Brigade

**Peter Keillor Award**

Craig Makin, SWORD State Emergency Service Logistics  
Danny Jeater, Swan State Emergency Service  
Nathan Donald, Broome State Emergency Service



**Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services Individual Achievement Award**

Jessica Jenkins, Marble Bar Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services  
Peter Stark, Lower South West Region Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services  
Michael Simpson, Waroona Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services

**Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service Individual Achievement Award**

Brian Dunphy, Kalgoorlie Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service  
Harry Casey, Cue Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service  
Tom Kusters, Lancelin Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service

**DFES Staff Team Achievement Award**

Strategic Volunteer and Youth Programs  
DFES Pilbara Regional Team  
Asset Design Fleet Delivery

**Firefighting Team Achievement Award**

Broome Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service  
Kununurra Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service  
Tom Price Bush Fire Brigade

**Marine Rescue Team Achievement Award**

Marine Rescue Port Denison  
Marine Rescue Esperance  
Marine Rescue Port Walcott

**SES Team Achievement Award**

Swan State Emergency Service  
Roebourne District State Emergency Service  
Gary Littlewood and Maxine Burrell - SES Standard Equipment List for Deployment

**Firefighting Youth Achievement Award**

Andre Bradley, Tom Price Bush Fire Service  
Chais O'Dwyer, Kununurra Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service  
Lily Ludgate, Secret Harbour Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service

**Marine Rescue Youth Achievement Award**

Tristan Rausch, Marine Rescue Geraldton  
Byron Schaffer, Marine Rescue Broome

**SES Youth Achievement Award**

Corey Wozencroft, Mandurah State Emergency Service  
Joshua Yates, Margaret River State Emergency Service  
Jack Watson, Tom Price State Emergency Service

Congratulations to every finalist. They were chosen from a talented group of nominees who each had an inspiring story to tell.



I look forward to hearing more about their accomplishments at the WAFES Awards gala dinner on Saturday 7 September 2024 at Crown Perth, where the winner of each award category will be announced.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the volunteers and DFES personnel who were not successful with their nominations. Being nominated alone demonstrates your genuine desire to make a positive contribution to the community and I encourage your peers to consider nominating you again in future years.

**DARREN KLEMM AFSM**  
**COMMISSIONER**