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2025 KING'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

The King's Birthday Honours List was announced today by the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, Her Excellency The Honourable Sam Mostyn AC. The Honours List includes the recipients of the prestigious Australian Fire Service Medal (AFSM) and Emergency Services Medal (ESM).

The AFSM and ESM recognise distinguished service by a volunteer or career member of an Australian fire or emergency service. Only a limited number of medals are awarded each year.

I would like to congratulate the following six recipients.

Anthony Dodd AFSM

Anthony (Tony) has dedicated over four decades to volunteer firefighting, making a lasting impact across multiple VFRS units in Western Australia. Between 2000 and 2015 alone, he responded to more than 900 incidents, demonstrating unwavering commitment and reliability, particularly in the Kalgoorlie area. His extensive experience across various emergency situations, including road crashes and large-scale fires, has made him an invaluable asset to his brigade. Additionally, his leadership in junior and senior firefighting competitions has significantly contributed to training, recruitment and community engagement within WA's VFRS.

Danny Mosconi AFSM

Danny has devoted 31 years to emergency services in Western Australia, demonstrating exceptional leadership in managing large-scale incidents across various hazards. As Incident Controller, he played a critical role in responses to major disasters, including fires in Esperance, Yanchep, Wooroloo and Bridgetown, coordinating multi-agency efforts under immense pressure. In 2021, as Chief Superintendent of DFES State Operations Centre, he oversaw the response to Tropical Cyclone Seroja, ensuring seamless interstate collaboration while maintaining COVID-safe protocols. His commitment to service improvement has driven key initiatives such as the Capes Enhanced Service Delivery Project, strengthening firefighting capabilities in Margaret River. As Assistant Commissioner, Danny has led significant reforms in DFES asset management, enhancing infrastructure, technology and operational efficiency to support both volunteer and career personnel.



Ian MacGregor AFSM

Ian "Macca" MacGregor has been a dedicated volunteer with Toodyay VFRS since 1993, demonstrating exceptional leadership and resilience in high-pressure emergency situations. In 2022, he served as Incident Controller at a tragic road crash in WA's Wheatbelt, where his swift and compassionate response ensured the safe extrication and medical transfer of six children. Beyond emergency response, Ian has been a driving force behind mental health support for brigade captains, establishing a peer support system to address leadership wellbeing. His commitment to inclusivity led to a successful program in 2020 that increased female participation in Toodyay VFRS, making it one of the most gender-diverse brigades in the State. Through mentorship and advocacy, Ian has significantly strengthened both his brigade and the broader emergency services community.

Philip Brandrett AFSM

Phil has dedicated 32 years to emergency services in Western Australia, rising through the ranks to become Superintendent Lower South West in 2018, where he has played a key role in regional emergency management. His leadership in significant incidents, including the 2021 Calgardup and 2022 Bridgetown bushfires, has reinforced his expertise in managing complex emergencies. As Deputy Incident Controller during Tropical Cyclone Seroja in 2021, he coordinated long-term recovery efforts across 16 local governments, ensuring effective resource allocation despite limitations. Phil has also led initiatives to enhance emergency preparedness, including the Blackwood Valley Zone Response Plan and a collaborative community engagement program in Busselton. Beyond operations, his commitment to mentoring and mental health support has strengthened the resilience and wellbeing of both DFES staff and volunteers.

Simone Conklin AFSM

Simone has been a dedicated member of emergency services since 1994 and currently serves as the Captain of Eucla VFES, overseeing responses along 550km of the Eyre Highway. With limited local resources, she has managed critical incidents with remarkable leadership, often acting as the sole responder for extended periods. Her decisive actions during emergencies, such as preventing a catastrophic explosion during a truck fire at Border Village in 2021, highlight her ability to remain calm under pressure. Beyond operational duties, Simone has championed community safety initiatives, including the development of an evacuation plan for Eucla in collaboration with local authorities, which has prompted discussions with South Australia's Country Fire Service on broader evacuation strategies for Border Village.

Lincoln Heading ESM

Lincoln dedicated over 34 years to Western Australia's emergency services, playing a vital role in disaster response efforts across Kununurra and the Kimberley region. His leadership was instrumental in coordinating major flood and cyclone responses, including the 2023 Fitzroy Crossing flooding, where he oversaw critical rescue operations and evacuations in remote communities. Beyond his hands-on involvement, Lincoln significantly contributed to the region's emergency infrastructure by securing land for the Kununurra Emergency Services Collocation Facility and influencing the design of the Kununurra Vertical Rescue Tower. His unwavering



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commitment and strategic leadership have strengthened emergency response capabilities in one of Australia's most challenging regions, ensuring personnel are better equipped, trained, and supported.

For more information and to read the full citations for each recipient, please visit the Governor General's [website](#)

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