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**NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR THE 2025 VOLUNTEER EMPLOYER RECOGNITION
AWARDS**

Volunteers often drop everything at a moment's notice to help others. For those volunteers with work commitments, this is only possible thanks to supportive employers who provide flexible working arrangements when emergencies arise.

The Volunteer Employer Recognition Awards (VERA) provide an opportunity to champion businesses and organisations that support their staff to respond to incidents at all hours of the day and night.

VERA also recognises self-employed volunteers who close their doors at a moment's notice to respond to emergencies in their local community.

I invite volunteers and staff to nominate an employer or self-employed volunteer who deserves this recognition.

Nominations are now open on the [DFES website](#).

All award recipients can use the official VERA logo on business marketing materials for three years to showcase how much volunteers and the community appreciate their support.

Nominations close at 10am on Monday 4 August.

Recipients will be invited to a presentation ceremony in Perth on Friday 7 November where they will receive their award.

For more information about the awards please email the Events and Awards team at eventsandawards@dfes.wa.gov.au.

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