

What I Need to Know

Australian Honours

- These awards are available to Rural Fire Service volunteers. They are awarded to members of Australian fire services for bravery, meritorious service or long service.
- Types of honours include:
 - **Cross of Valour** (and bar to the Cross of Valour): awarded only for acts of most conspicuous courage in circumstances of extreme peril.
 - **Star of Courage** (and bar to the Star of Courage): awarded only for acts of conspicuous courage in circumstances of great peril.
 - **Bravery Medal** (and bar to the Bravery Medal): awarded only for acts of bravery in hazardous circumstances.
 - **Commendation for Brave Conduct**: awarded for other acts of bravery which are considered worthy of recognition.
 - **Australian Fire Service Medal**: awarded only for distinguished service, i.e. service distinguished from ordinary work. Carrying out one's duties effectively and efficiently is no more than should normally be expected of a person throughout their service. However, it could be regarded as distinguished if it were seen to demonstrate a high degree of initiative and devotion to duty in a particular situation, or in the exemplary discharge of special duties above and beyond normal work.
 - **National Medal** (and clasps to the National Medal): awarded for diligent service for a total period of 15 years (with clasps awarded for each additional 10 years) in any Australian Police Force, Fire Service, Ambulance Service, Correctional Service or Emergency Service. Defence Force service up to 19 April 1982 can be included. Periods of service in two or more services may be added together. Fire service can be taken into account only if the person has been trained as a firefighter or fire warden and has carried out the primary duties of that position. Periods of service in both firefighter and fire warden roles can be combined.

QFRS Diligent and Ethical Service Medal

- This award is instituted by the Commissioner to recognise and encourage diligent and ethical service by QFRS members and is not granted as a 'right' by virtue of long service. It may be awarded to a member or former member who has accrued thirty years qualifying service continuously as an employee or volunteer of the QFRS and is, in the opinion of the Commissioner, a fit and proper person to receive the medal. Qualifying service may be accrued through full-time service, part-time service, volunteer service or any combination of these.
- A person can be awarded a clasp to this Medal for each additional period of 10 years continuous service. The nominations must be submitted to the Area Director Rural Operations, endorsed by the Regional Manager, Rural Operations and the Assistant Commissioner, Rural Operations, and ultimately approved by the Commissioner.

Australia Day Achievement Awards

- This is an initiative of the Australia Day Council, with the aim of promoting a sense of national pride and a commitment to the country and its future. Two types of awards are issued:
 - Medallions are presented to volunteers and staff who have made a noteworthy contribution to the work of a brigade or the QFRS/RFS during the past year and or have given outstanding service over a number of years.
 - Certificates are presented to organisations and staff for consistent and outstanding commitment and support to staff and volunteers.

How I do it

- Brigades should forward nominations for all awards to the Area Director Rural Operations (ADRO) in the first instance, giving full details of the person and all other relevant information regarding service and/or the incident.
- No volunteer may nominate himself or herself for an award; another individual must place the nomination.
- All recommendations are to be treated in confidence. Nominees should not be advised of the recommendation as not all nominees necessarily will receive an honour or award.
- Nominations for Australia Day Achievement Awards are need to be received by the ADRO by mid-September.
- Nominations for the National Medal and Clasps to the Medal may be made on the attached document.
- Allow a reasonable amount of time for nominations to be processed.
- Following the awarding of National Medals by the Governor General, the Area Director Rural Operations will arrange for the medal to be presented by the Minister for Emergency Services or his/her representative.
- Recipients of an Australia Day Achievement Award will be contacted directly by a representative of the Department of Emergency Services.
- Other awards may be presented to individuals in any manner that seems appropriate, and presentations may be timed to occur with other significant events.

Reference Materials

- Area Reference Manual - Business Rule: C2.3 Recognise and Reward for Service
- National Medal/Clasp to the Medal nomination form (attached)



Cross of Valour



Star of Courage



Bravery Medal



Commendation for Brave Conduct



Group Citation for Bravery



Australian Fire Service Medal



National Medal



QFRS Diligent and Ethical Service Medal



QUEENSLAND FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
RURAL FIRE SERVICE



- National Medal (15 years service)
- 1st National Medal Clasp
- 2nd National Medal Clasp
- 3rd National Medal Clasp

PART 1 – NOMINEE DETAILS:

SURNAME: _____ GIVEN NAMES: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: ____/____/____

PRIVATE ADDRESS: _____ POSTCODE: _____

NAME OF BRIGADE / FIRE WARDEN'S DISTRICT: _____

MEDALS / AWARDS HELD: _____

SERVICE DETAILS:

NAME OF BRIGADE	SERVICE		POSITIONS HELD
	D:/M:/Y:	D:/M:/Y:	
TOTAL SERVICE: _____ YEARS			

PART 2 – BRIGADE USE

A detailed report on the nominee's involvement with the Brigade during his/her period of service must be completed in the space provided below. *(Attach an additional page if space is insufficient)*

