

Qld firefighters honoured with AFSMs



Iain MacKenzie



Alan Titman

Two Queensland firefighters have received the Australian Fire Service Medal in this year's Australia Day honours list.

Brisbane Region Assistant Commissioner Iain MacKenzie and Central Region Manager for Strategic Development Alan Titman are the latest recipients of the firefighting profession's highest accolade.

Iain's award was in recognition of his distinguished service to the QFRS, particularly through his involvement, leadership and management of several projects that have had a positive impact on emergency services in Queensland.

These include negotiating departmental Enterprise Partnership Agreements; leading key departmental reforms including the amalgamation of QFRS Brisbane Region and the recent CDRS restructure and

organisational improvements; and leading the project responsible for the development of the State Operations Coordination Centre, which was opened late in 2005.

Alan received his medal for many years of dedicated service to the QFRS, particularly in the area of community safety.

Alan has led the way in broadening the role of community safety to include a major focus on community education, and has overseen the implementation of a number of key QFRS safety initiatives and programs in several Queensland communities.

Alan was also instrumental in coordinating the QFRS response to the tragic Childers hostel fire of 2000, providing input into the new legislation arising from it and managing the subsequent *Building and Other Legislation Amendments Act* inspection program.

ASMs for two outstanding paramedics

The National Ambulance Service Medal (ASM) is the highest Ambulance award and recognises excellence in service to the community.

This year QAS paramedics Ian Day and Leanne Stevens were awarded ASMs for their work in pre-hospital care.

Ian is the Officer in Charge of Palm Island Station and his paramedic career has spanned two decades and two ambulance services.

Ian began with the South Australian Ambulance Service in 1982 before heading to the Sunshine State and joining the QAS in 1990.

His work within the Palm Island community is somewhat legendary in the Northern Region and he is highly respected by members of the local Indigenous community.

He has been instrumental in developing Indigenous community health programs and through his personal efforts has mentored two Indigenous Ambulance Attendants who both hold a Certificate Three.

Leanne also has an impressive ambulance-based CV with experience gained in the Tasmanian and Queensland ambulance services.

An Intensive Care Paramedic and Area Director for Ipswich, Leanne has worked hard developing an expanded clinical role for paramedics in rural and remote locations.

She has also contributed to policy development on major issues facing the QAS such as responses to chemical, biological and radiological incidents and the deployment of personal protective equipment.



Leanne Stevens



Ian Day