

# Queen's Honours for staff

The dedicated work of Department of Emergency Service personnel has again been recognised during this year's Queen's Birthday Honours list.

We salute the seven individuals who received medals to honour a variety of roles they've fulfilled within the department.



**John Cawcutt (Australian Fire Service Medal)**

A/Executive Manager, State Operations Directorate

QFRS procedures have been in safe hands thanks to the work of John Cawcutt.

Always willing to tackle challenges and responsibilities beyond those defined within his role, John has been instrumental in coordinating and compiling the QFRS Operation's Doctrine and the design, development and implementation of the QFRS State Incident Management Team project.

He also provided outstanding service to the Brisbane Region, most recently as Area Director, Hendra before moving to Kedron Park in his current role.



**Daryl Rush (Australian Fire Service Medal)**

Area Director, Warwick

Much of the reason for Queensland's outstanding record in Road Accident Rescue challenges can be attributed

to the hard work of Daryl Rush.

Daryl has put a lot of time, work and commitment in the area of Road Accident Rescue and advancing the capabilities of QFRS in this rapidly evolving area. He has also worked in curriculum development, policy review and assessing new equipment for the Service.

During his 15 year career in QFRS, Daryl has also put his heart and soul into the Rockhampton region and more recently as Area Director of Warwick.

**Charles (Charlie) Bowie (Emergency Services Medal)**

SES Volunteer, Brisbane Unit

For more than 40 years Charlie Bowie has been helping the people of South Brisbane in their time of need, as a member of the Civil Defence and State Emergency Service (SES).

No matter what the activity or event, you could always be sure Charlie would be there in his orange uniform, flying the flag for his beloved Southern Group. He was an active and dedicated Deputy Group Leader, and was one of the pioneers involved in vertical rescue.

He has always undertaken his role with vigour, dedication and professionalism but went about his business without requiring acknowledgements and rewards.

**Henry Christie (Emergency Services Medal)**

Local Cadet Advisory Committee Member, Ipswich

The diversity of Henry Christie's contribution to emergency services in Queensland over the past three decades shows his passion for giving back to his community.

A foundation member of the State Emergency Service (SES), Henry has worked tirelessly for the organisation both as a volunteer and employee.

He was instrumental in developing numerous training courses including the department's first Road Accident Rescue training manual, and was also a member of the inaugural State Government helicopter rescue crew.

Henry was responsible for developing the SES Cadet Scheme, and continues to contribute to the ongoing success of the scheme as a member on the Ipswich Local Cadet Advisory Committee.

**Desmond McConachy (Ambulance Service Medal)**

Manager, Information Support Unit, QAS

Des has been instrumental in the conceptualisation and development of the Queensland Ambulance Case Information Reporting (QACIR) project, which set the benchmark for operational reporting.



**Bronwyn Betts (Ambulance Service Medal)**

Legal Officer

Bronwyn has worked tirelessly to increase staff awareness about their responsibilities in the areas of confidentiality, the need for detailed and accurate documentation, and the legal system in general.



**Michael Gaskin (Ambulance Service Medal)**

Station Officer, Officer in Charge

Michael has served the QAS at numerous Ambulance Stations in the State's north since 1988, but it has been during his current posting at Winton that Michael has become extensively involved in community and service activities.

He is held in the highest regard by all levels of the community and other emergency and allied health services.