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## AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS – ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

The Australia Day Honours List was announced on 26 January 2022 by the Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia, David Hurley AC DSC (Retd). In the Australian honours system appointments to the Order of Australia (OAM) are the highest and most prestigious recognition for outstanding achievement and service.

On behalf of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services I would like to extend my congratulations to the following three Western Australian emergency services volunteer recipients of the Medal of the OAM.

**Anthony Fowler OAM** was awarded for his service to conservation and the environment. Anthony has served as a firefighter with the Kalamunda Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade since January 1998 and is a life member. Anthony's other volunteer service includes various roles with the Art Gallery of WA and the ship replicas HM Bark Endeavour and Duyfken. He was a co-founder of the Nature Reserves Preservation Group in 1989 and is currently serving as the vice president.

**Brian Landers OAM AFSM** served as a career firefighter and a station officer for 45 years and now serves as a volunteer with the Kalgoorlie Fire and Rescue Service. His other volunteer service includes as an ambulance officer with St John Ambulance and as a volunteer driver with Meals on Wheels. Brian was honoured for his service to the community of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

**Walter Lord OAM** was also awarded for his service to the community through a range of organisations, including nearly 60 years' volunteer service at Acton Park North Bush Fire Brigade. Just a few of the many other organisations that Walter has served as a volunteer include the Southern Districts Agricultural Society, Busselton Hockey Association, Junior Farmers and St John Ambulance.

Congratulations once again to these worthy recipients. The OAM is a fitting tribute to these selfless and hard-working volunteers who have had a profound impact on emergency services and their local communities throughout Western Australia.

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