



ANNOUNCEMENT



2026 WAFES Awards finalists

This year's Peter Keiler Award and SES Team Award finalists for the 2026 WAFES Awards have been announced along with the winner of the SES Young Person of the Year Award.

The finalists represent the very best of our emergency services community, demonstrating exceptional dedication, skill and commitment in supporting and protecting their communities.

Their achievements reflect countless hours of service, resilience in challenging situations and a strong spirit of teamwork and leadership.

Winners of the SES individual Award, the SES Team Award and the inaugural WAFES Young Person of the Year Award, will be revealed at the WAFES Awards Gala Dinner on Saturday, 5 September 2026 at Crown Perth. Visit the [WAFES Awards website](#) for further information.

Peter Keillor Award (Individuals)

- Ben Whittle, Albany SES
- Carl Aitken, Exmouth SES
- Daniel Lansom, Wanneroo-Joondalup SES

SES Young Person of the Year Award

Zac Hill, Karratha SES
Zac and three other young People also now go forward to be considered for the inaugural the **WAFES Young Person of the Year award**, with the winner announced on the night.

SES Team Achievement Award

- SWORD SES Logistics
- Tom Price SES
- Exmouth SES and Karratha SES

Emergency Services AFL Match Days

Planning to head along to this year's emergency services-themed AFL match days? It's a great opportunity to celebrate and support the incredible contribution of volunteers across Western Australia.

If you're attending, you're encouraged to **arrive early** to take in the pre-game atmosphere. There will be **activations, displays and opportunities to see emergency services in action**, showcasing the important work volunteers do across the state.

While some volunteers may be involved in on-field activities, these roles are being coordinated separately through DFES and regions.

For those attending as spectators, there's no need to wear your uniform – we suggest you wear your SES hoodie and beanie to show you are part of the orange family! ❤️

Whether you're cheering on the Eagles or Freo, it's a great chance to connect with fellow volunteers and see our emergency services community recognised on the big stage.



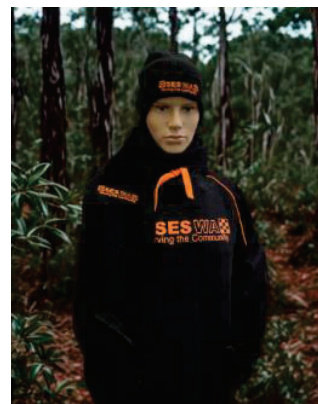
Saturday 18 July: West Coast Eagles 'Nex Gen' -

Highlighting young people in emergency services



Friday 31 July: Fremantle Dockers 'Light and Sirens' match—

Recognising the broader contribution of volunteers



Keep warm at the footy—and show you are part of the orange family!

